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TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 1, 1953

MEMBERS PRESENT:

R R Figuhr, J I Robison, R H Adair, Roger Altman, H W Barrows, H P Bloum, C W Bozarth, W H Branson, N F Brewer, A W Cormack, J F Cummins, E W Dunbar, N W Dunn, A A Esteb, A L Ham, E B Hare, W J Harris, C B Haynes, A W Johnson, H W Klaser, F B Knight, H W Lowe, T E Lucas, D A McAdams, H A Morrison, F D Nichol, W B Ochs, A V Olson, W E Phillips, D E Rebok, K J Reynolds, E E Roenfelt, H L Rudy, A H Rulkoetter, W A Scharffenberg, J A Stevens, W H Teesdale, F S Thompson, C L Torrey, B E Wagner, E R Walde, R M Whitsett, W H Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

S A Kaplan, R Ruhling, H B Weeks

Prayer by J.A.Stevens.

MINUTES of the meeting of September 24 were approved.

FRANCISCO LOPEZ--CALL CANCELED:

VOTED, That the call passed on to the Inter-American Division for Francisco Lopez to connect with the Southeastern California Conference be canceled on request of the Inter-American Division.

J NUSSBAUM--VISIT TO ROME:

VOTED, To request the Southern European Division to arrange for Dr. J. Nussbaum to make a visit to Rome in an endeavor to make contacts which may be helpful to our believers in Colombia.

KOREA--REHABILITATION FUNDS:

In view of the urgent need for rebuilding churches and denominational office buildings and institutions in southern Korea, and the fact that other denominations are proceeding with rehabilitation of their properties, it was

VOTED, That \$200,000 from the Rehabilitation Fund be made available to the Far Eastern Division for rehabilitation of the work in Korea, allocation of the fund to be made in consultation with a special committee to be set up for study of the needs.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--INVITATIONS:

VOTED, That invitations to attend the Autumn Council be extended to Clarence T. Halburg, M.D., M.W.Prince, D.D.S., and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harris.

October 1, 1953

"YOUR STORY HOUR"--COMMITTEE

Request has been made that study be given to the question of integrating "Your Story Hour"--a layman sponsored and conducted radio program for children --into the denominational broadcasting program. On recommendation of the officers it was

VOTED, That the following persons compose a committee, to meet prior to the Autumn Council, to give study to the "Your Story Hour" program: W.B.Ochs, W.H.Branson, C.L.Torrey, E.R. Walde, E.W.Dunbar, L.L.Moffitt, G.E.Hutches, union conference presidents, Ray K.Halstead, Virgil Iles.

SPONSORSHIPS:

VOTED, 1. On recommendation of the Inter-American Division, that open sponsorships be granted as required by the government for Stanley Bull and Nancy Lee Bull; and that the sponsorship for student visa voted September 24 for Brian Stanley Bull be changed to an open sponsorship.

2. That the sponsorship recommended by the Middle East Division as required by the government for a visitor's visa, be granted in behalf of Miss Ruth Tobiassen.

3. That the sponsorship recommended by the Northern European Division be granted for Kenneth Lacey, as required by the government for a student visa.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION FUNDS:

Payments have now been made by the United States War Claims Commission on claims submitted for denominational property damage in the Philippines and for moneys expended on behalf of American citizens who were interned. It was

VOTED, That the \$118,738.76 paid by the War Claims Commission on behalf of maintenance of American citizens interned in the Philippines during the war be credited to the Rehabilitation Account, less \$126.67 expense of processing the claims; and that the \$220,625.73 paid for claims on property damage be credited to the General Conference Corporation.

CENTRAL EUROPE--REHABILITATION:

VOTED, That \$50,000 be appropriated to the Central European Division from the Rehabilitation Fund, to be used for rebuilding churches lost during the war.

CHINA DIVISION RESERVES:

There remains on the books of the General Conference a sum of money to the credit of the China Division, representing appropriations voted by the General Conference for various projects in China.

VOTED, That these funds, amounting to \$150,327.30, be transferred to the general account of China Division Reserves.

October 1, 1953

SEMINARY--BURGLARY LOSS:

Since part of the burglary loss recently sustained by the Theological Seminary consisted of rents collected from Corporation property, the Seminary requests financial assistance on the loss.

VOTED, That \$160.25 be appropriated from the Contingency Fund to apply on the loss.

R J RITCHIE--TRAVEL EXPENSE:

Since the plan to locate Mr. and Mrs. R.J.Ritchie in the United States has not materialized, and their moving to Canada entails additional transportation expense, it was

VOTED, That the General Conference pay from the Contingency Fund the travel expense--clergy fares--of Mr. and Mrs. R.J.Ritchie from New York to their destination in Alberta, Canada.

F J DITTMAR--ASSISTANCE:

F.J.Dittmar, a former missionary in Java, has incurred heavy expense in bringing his sons from Indonesia to America because of their peculiar immigration problem. Since similar expenses in the case of other German internees were paid by the General Conference, it was

VOTED, That financial assistance to the amount of \$506.37 be granted F.J.Dittmar from the Contingency Fund.

MRS. O MONTGOMERY--TRAVEL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the moving expense of Mrs. O.Montgomery from Loma Linda, Calif. to Laredo, Texas, be met from the Contingency Fund.

LONDON TRANSPORTATION OFFICE--OFFICE SPACE:

VOTED, That we request the British Union Conference to arrange for three offices in the New Gallery building for the London Transportation Office of the General Conference.

SERVICEMEN'S CENTER IN SAN ANTONIO:

In order to work out an equitable and satisfactory arrangement for financial responsibility for maintenance and equipment of the Servicemen's Center in San Antonio, Texas, it was

VOTED, That a committee be appointed by the officers to give study to this matter. Committee named: C.L.Torrey, W.H.Williams, J C Thompson, W.B. Ochs, L.C.Evans, H.C.Kephart, N.R.Dower.

SERVICEMEN'S CENTER SAN ANTONIO--EQUIPMENT:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to advance up to \$1,000 for the purchase of additional beds for the Servicemen's Center in San Antonio.

October 1, 1953

HENRY AND HERBERT WHITE--SPECIAL PAYMENTS:

Medical reports have been received on the health situation of Henry and Herbert White, and it was

VOTED, 1. That in view of the favorable medical report the special allowance to Henry White terminate September 30, 1953; and

2. That the allowance of \$150 monthly be continued to Herbert White up to the close of 1953, if further medical check makes such help necessary.

CHICAGO EVANGELISTIC CENTER FUNDS:

The Lake Union and Illinois Conference in counsel with General Conference representatives, after giving careful study to the needs of the Chicago area, have come to the conclusion that more effective soul winning can be planned for in Chicago by locating a number of church centers in various strategic places in the city than by establishing a downtown evangelistic center.

VOTED, That \$240,000 of the China Division funds allocated to the establishment of evangelistic centers in London, New York, and Chicago, be made available for providing church centers in Chicago.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES:

VOTED, That we approve the list of special committees for the 1953 Autumn Council as submitted by the officers, as follows:

Guiding Committee--W.H.Branson, chairman; W.P.Bradley, secretary; Roger Altman, L.K.Dickson, H.T.Elliott, R.R.Figuhr, W.B.Ochs, A.V.Olson, D.E.Rebok, J.I.Robison, H.L.Rudy, C.L.Torrey, W.H.Williams.

Music Committee--C.H.Lauda, chairman; R.R.Bietz, E.W.Dunbar, W.W.Fordham, Ben Glanzer.

Platform Committee--N.F.Brewer, chairman; H.C.Klement, C.E.Moseley, Jr., Merle Mills, G.R.Nash.

Committee on Seating and on Distribution of Materials--G.M.Mathews, chairman; H.P.Bloum, H.F.Brown, W.J.Harris, T.E.Lucas, D.A.McAdams, Francis A. Soper, E.R.Walde.

Offerings and Ushers--J.F.Cummins, chairman; T.R.Gardner, E.L.Green, C.H.Kelly, H.C.Kephart, J.C.Kozel, W.B.Mohr, L.H.Netteburg, H.E.Schneider, F.W.Schnepper, H.A.Shepard.

Publicity--J.R.Ferren, H.Weeks, C.Coffey, Donn Thomas.

Editor of Resolutions--J.I.Robison.

Appointments and Announcements--W.P.Bradley.

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ARTHUR D WETMORE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Arthur D. Wetmore be released from the appointment to service in Southern Africa since medical clearance is not given.

ROBERT SHEARER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That permanent return be authorized for Robert Shearer, M.D., on his own request and on approval of the Southern Asia Division.

GRACE D BERGVALL--INTER-AMERICA:

VOTED, That we request the Pacific Union and Southern California Conference to release Miss Grace D. Bergvall, and that she be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division office for stenographic work.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

D.A.McAdams to Columbus, Ohio, October 3,4, for colporteur rally; to Union Colporteur Institute, Pacific Union, December 27 to January 2.

S.A.Kaplan to Southern New England Conference, Dec. 16-30, to New York Conference, January 6-21, to Indiana Conference January 22-31, to Michigan Conference February 1-15, for Jewish Literature promotion.

T.H.Jemison to Clarksburg, Oct. 30,31; Charleston, Nov. 13-15.

W.J.Harris to Michigan Conference for Sabbath School Workshops, Nov.13-29.

T.E.Lucas to MV Secretaries Council, Chattanooga, Tenn., November 17-19.

A.A.Esteb to Inter-Union Home Missionary Secretaries Council, Nashville, November 3,4.

F.A.Soper to National Writers Club, Denver, Colo., October 21, 22, and Central Union en route.

W.A.Scharffenberg to Greeneville, Tenn., October 2-5.

M.K.Eckenroth to Boston, week-end appointment, October 9,10 (Seminary expense).

W.B.Ochs to Oklahoma Conference, Nov.20-22; to Oakland, Calif., Nov. 28; to La Sierra, December 2-6; to Walla Walla College Dec. 9-13.

E.R.Walde to Miami, Florida, Nov. 17-19.

W.H.Branson, D.E.Rebok, C.L.Torrey, R.R.Figuhr, W.B.Ochs, and T.R.Flaz to Battle Creek, Mich., Oct. 13.

J.W.McFarland to medical secretaries and camp pastors meeting, Pacific Union, Nov. 27 to Dec. 1.

MINISTERIAL TRAINING COMMITTEE--W H SHEPARD:

VOTED, That W.H.Shepard be added to the personnel of the Committee on Ministerial Training.

Adjourned, with prayer by C.B.Haynes.

R.R.Figuhr, Chairman
J.I.Robison, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 8, 1953

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A V Olson, N W Dunn, R H Adair, Roger Altman, H W Barrows, H P Bloum, W H Branson, F Brennwald, N F Brewer, H F Brown, A W Cormack, E D Dick, H T Elliott, J R Ferren, R R Figuhr, T R Flaiz, A L Ham, W J Harris, C B Haynes, G A Huse, A W Johnson, H W Klaser, F B Knight, H W Lowe, T E Lucas, D A McAdams, H A Morrison, F D Nichol, W B Ochs, W E Phillips, D E Rebok, K J Reynolds, E E Roenfelt, H L Rudy, A H Rulkoetter, F A Soper, J C Thompson, C L Torrey, H H Votaw, B E Wagner, R M Whitsett, W H Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

S A Kaplan, R Ruhling.

Prayer by H.H.Votaw.

MINUTES of the meetings of September 30 and October 1 were approved.

AUSTRALASIA--PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE TEACHERS:

A statement from the Australasian Division outlining the basis on which teachers from Pacific Union College will join the staff of Australasian Missionary College for two-year terms was presented for consideration.

VOTED, That the financial arrangement for affiliation between Australasian Missionary College and Pacific Union College as adopted by the Australasian Division and the Pacific Union Conference, be recorded as follows:

1. That the program be given a trial run of four years, from January, 1954 to December, 1957, and that should either college wish to withdraw at the end of the four-year period, it give notice to the other not later than the end of the third year.
2. That two teachers selected by Pacific Union College be recommended for inclusion in the teaching staff of Australasian Missionary College, the one for teacher training, and the other for areas where teaching needs are greatest.
3. That the term of service of these teachers be two years, from January, 1954 to December, 1955, with such adjustments as may be needed to integrate school calendar differences between the two institutions.
4. a. That teachers representing Pacific Union College be given the same classification in Australasian Missionary College as they had when enlisted for the program, and that they be paid at the Australian rate for that classification so long as they are employed in Australia in the affiliation program.
- b. That two-thirds of the regular outfitting and rehabilitation allowance be granted visiting teachers who remain in this field for the full two-year term.

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c. That cost of storage of the teacher's furniture and effects in his home country during his absence in Australia will be met by the Australasian Inter-Union Conference.

d. That assistance with the transfer of personal funds from Australia to the teacher's home country be granted in harmony with the General Conference Exchange Policy.

5. That teachers from Pacific Union College participating in the program shall have "on leave" status from that College, with no break in their service record as affecting seniority or professorial rank.

6. That furnished quarters, either unit homes or apartments, be provided to the visiting teachers adjacent to the Australasian Missionary College Campus, and of such quality as the College is in process of developing for its own teaching families.

OVERSEAS VISITS:

VOTED, That arrangements for overseas visits be approved as follows:

G.M.Mathews to West Africa, February and March, 1954.

E.E.Cossentine to Southern Europe for two months, December 1953 to January 1954.

N.W.Dunn to be released from visit to Southern Africa, December 1953.

H.L.Rudy to be released from visit to Middle East and Southern Asia, November and December 1953.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--ESDA REPRESENTATIVES:

VOTED, That John McCartney, C.D.Forshee, and N.W.Litchfield be appointed to attend the 1954 General Conference Session, as recommended by the ESDA Committee.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--STENOGRAPHIC HELP:

VOTED, 1. That the following be invited to assist with the work in connection with the Autumn Council: Hazel Anderson, Vera Baker, Marilyn Chace, Mildred Dumas, Louise Elliott, Katie Farney, Stella Fleisher, Marilyn Froelich, Ethel Howard, Eva Linscott, Frances Maiden, Marjorie Marsh, Evelyn Mays, Marie Mooney, Dorothy Ninaj, Marion Nyman, Mary Paul, Ena Pillgreen, Grace Sampson, Mary Scott, Gertrude von Tenspolde, Evelyn Wells, Ora Williams.

2. That Evelyn Wells have charge of the stenographic group, with Grace Sampson as assistant.

3. That those appointed to assist with the work of the Autumn Council work in their own offices except as otherwise directed, but that precedence be given to Council calls.

MRS. THELMA SMITH--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That the furlough of Mrs. Thelma Smith be extended in order to permit her attendance at the General Conference Session.

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AUTUMN COUNCIL--INVITATIONS:

VOTED, That W.R.Quittmeyer of Southern Africa and W.Edwin Nelson of South America be invited to attend the Autumn Council as recommended by their respective division committees.

E R WALDE--COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That E.R.Walde be appointed to replace Paul Wickman on the Committee on General Conference Session Arrangements and also the Committee on Mission and Evangelistic Films and Pictures.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION--

AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES:

Resolved, That the Chase National Bank be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of C.L.Torrey, Treasurer, and/or W.H.Williams, Undertreasurer, and/or E.A.Moon, and/or Fred C. Sandford, for the account which is in the name of the Southern African Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money. All prior authorizations for this account are hereby annulled and canceled.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--

SPONSORSHIP FOR DELEGATES:

VOTED, That the sponsorships required by the Government be issued for all regularly appointed alien delegates coming to the General Conference Session, these to be on the basis of granting visitors' visas.

CHARLES COMIOT--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, That the sponsorship required by the Government for student visa be authorized for Charles Comiot, a regularly appointed delegate to the General Conference Session from Southern Europe who is remaining in the United States for study at the Seminary.

DISPLACED PERSONS FUND--APPROPRIATIONS:

VOTED, 1. That the sum of \$2,500, made available to the South American Division from which assistance might be given on a loan basis to displaced persons going direct from Europe to South America and which has not been needed for the purpose designated, be appropriated to Famine Relief Income.

2. That \$20,000 be appropriated from the Relief Fund to the Displaced Persons Fund.

NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION--APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That from the Emergency Fund we appropriate \$6,000 to the Northern European Division to assist the Sierra Leone Training School in West Africa.

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JOHN NEVINS ANDREWS SCHOOL--APPROPRIATION:

Many missionary families living in Takoma Park while attending the Theological Seminary enroll their children in the John Nevins Andrews School. Because of the increased enrollment in the school this year it is necessary to add four classrooms to the building.

VOTED, To appropriate \$5,000 from the Contingency Fund to the Columbia Union Conference to assist in the erection of a four-room addition to the John Nevins Andrews School in Takoma Park.

1954 WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS:

VOTED, To accept the partial report of the Committee on Week of Prayer Readings for 1954, approving topics and selection of writers as follows:

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| 1. "As a Thief in the Night" | W.H.Branson |
| 2. "Let This Mind Be in You" | A.H.Rulkoetter |
| 3. Practical Godliness | F.A.Mote |
| 4. The Challenge of Our World Task | E.E.Roenfelt |
| 5. Giving to God His Own | Roger Altman |
| 6. "Therefore, Be Ye Holy" | Glenn Calkins |
| 7. "For Such a Time as This" | J.J.Aitken |
| 8. Consecration Article | Mrs. E.G.White |
| (Topic and material to be selected by the White Publications Trustees in counsel with A.L.Ham and J.I.Robison) | |

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY PUBLICATIONS--SUBSIDY GRANTS:

On recommendation of the Spirit of Prophecy Promotion Committee it was

VOTED, That appropriations from the Spirit of Prophecy Book Fund be made as follows:

1. \$600 to the South China Island Union to assist in the expense of publication of Gospel Workers in Chinese.

2. \$1,125 to the Southern African Division to be distributed as follows: \$450 for publication of Early Writings in Afrikaans; \$225 for Steps to Christ in Chinyanja; \$225 for Steps to Christ in Runyurwanda; and \$225 for Steps to Christ in Zulu.

3. \$150 to the Northern European Division for the West African Union Mission, to provide 500 sets of the five White Publications Brochures to English-reading teachers.

T H JEMISON--SPIRIT OF PROPHECY PROMOTION COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That T.H.Jemison be appointed a member of the Spirit of Prophecy Promotion Committee to fill the vacancy created by the death of W.E.Nelson.

SUE TAYLOR--AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY:

VOTED, To request the Review and Herald Publishing Association to release Miss Sue Taylor and to invite her to join the office staff of the American Temperance Society.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

A.W. Johnson to Church Officers Council, Salamanca, N.Y., and Union Springs Academy, November 19-21.

H.W. Barrows, H.P. Bloum, W.E. Phillips, to Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Berrien Springs, Mich.; Broadview and Hinsdale, Ill., October 29 to early November, auditing work.

R.M. Whitsett to Chicago October 11, en route to appointment at Union College, October 12-17; to Emmanuel Missionary College, November 13, 14, for Youth Rally.

S.A. Kaplan to Ontario-Quebec Conference, February 16-28, Jewish Literature Promotion.

L.A. Skinner to Quaternary Teachers Institute, Cleveland, Ohio, October 6 to 10, en route home.

D.A. McAdams to Lake Union Publishing Council, Berrien Springs, Mich., November 3-5.

Southern Union request Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Braley to be organist and pianist at Youth Congress, Chattanooga, April 15-17.

Henry F. Brown to Charlestown, W. Va., October 13, and to Brooklyn church, South Baltimore, October 14.

Wesley Amundsen to Wisconsin Conference, October 12-15.

J BYRON PATRICK--RELEASED:

VOTED, That J. Byron Patrick be released from the appointment to West Africa, in view of unfavorable medical reports.

J H LANTRY--RELEASED:

VOTED, That J.H. Lantry be released from the appointment to Southern Africa, since medical clearance is not given.

RICHARD G UBBINK--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Richard G. Ubbink be released from the appointment to the South China Island Union.

WILLIAM WAGNER--BAGHDAD:

VOTED, That the Northern European Division be requested to release William Wagner, M.D., and that he be invited to connect with the Middle East Division for service with the Dar El Salaam Hospital in Baghdad.

S L WILKINSON--REASSIGNMENT:

VOTED, That S.L. Wilkinson, M.D., be released from the appointment to the Penang Mission Hospital and that he be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division for service with the Simla Sanitarium and Hospital in India.

V CHRISTENSEN--ZAMBESI UNION:

VOTED, To grant the request of the Southern African Division for permission to employ Miss V. Christensen in the Zambesi Union on the basis that she is entitled to furlough and other privileges of a foreign missionary.

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E C DUERKSEN--ENGLAND:

VOTED, That E.C.Duerksen, M.D., be authorized to spend an additional three months in England to permit completion of securing British qualifications for service in British Guiana.

A TYSON-FLYN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That permanent return as of December 1, 1953, be granted for A.Tyson-Flyn of the Malamulo Press, on recommendation of the Southern African Division.

MRS. I L ANSLEY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That permanent return be granted for Mrs. I.L.Ansley (nee Gladys Piatt) from the Southern African Division.

RUTH CONARD--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That permanent return be granted for Miss Ruth Conard, on recommendation of the Inter-American Division and at her request.

R A STRICKLAND--SOUTH CHINA ISLAND UNION:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Central California Conference be requested to release R.A.Strickland of the Monterey Bay Academy, and that he be invited to serve as treasurer of the South China Island Union.

JACQUELINE VOTAW--PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conference to release Miss Jacqueline Votaw, and to invite her to connect with the General Conference office for stenographic work in the Publishing Department.

Adjourned, with prayer by H.F.Brown.

A.V.Olson, Chairman
N.W.Dunn, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

3:00 P.M., October 14, 1953

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W B Ochs, W P Bradley, R H Adair, Roger Altman, V G Anderson, H W Barrows, W R Beach, W H Beaven, H P Bloum, C U Bozarth, W H Branson, F Brennwald, N F Brewer, J A Buckwalter, Glenn Calkins, A W Cormack, J F Cummins, L K Dickson, E W Dunbar, N W Dunn, H T Elliott, W P Elliott, A A Esteb, J R Ferren, R R Figuhr, T R Flaiz, L E Froom, G A Huse, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, F B Knight, H W Lowe, G M Mathews, D A McAdams, J L McElhany, L L Moffitt, W E Murray, F D Nichol, D A Ochs, A V Olson, W E Phillips, W E Read, D E Rebok, K J Reynolds, J I Robison, E E Roenfelt, H L Rudy, A H Rulkoetter, C A Scriven, M C Taft, A F Tarr, J C Thompson, C L Torrey, H H Votaw, B E Wagner, E R Walde, A L White

Prayer by V.G.Anderson.

L H BLAND--SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES:

Announcement was made of the death of L.H.Bland on October 10. Elder Bland, who was president of the Northeastern Conference at the time of his death, has served long and faithfully in denominational work.

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to convey to the widow and other relatives of L.H.Bland an expression of sincere sympathy from the General Conference Committee.

MINUTES of the meeting of October 8 were approved.

COMMITTEE ON TEACHER EDUCATION AND SUPPLY:

VOTED, That C.L.Torrey be added to the Committee on Teacher Education and Supply.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--INVITATIONS:

VOTED, That J.W.Turner and J.O.Emmerson be invited to attend the Autumn Council, the latter on recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

H O MARSH--RELEASED:

VOTED, That H.O.Marsh be released from the appointment to Mexico, in view of unfavorable medical report for Mrs. Marsh.

R L KLINGBEIL--FURLOUGH STATUS:

VOTED, That the action of July 23, 1953 granting permanent return to R.L.Klingbeil of the West Indies, be rescinded, and that his status be changed to furlough.

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BRUNO W STEINWEG--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That the furlough status of Bruno W. Steinweg of the Lake Titicaca Mission be changed to permanent return.

R V VINGLAS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That R.V.Vinglas be granted permanent return on recommendation of the South American Division.

JAMES E CHASE--COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That James E. Chase, recently appointed associate secretary of the General Conference Radio Department, be appointed a member of the Radio Department Advisory Committee, the Voice of Prophecy General Board, the Board of Trustees of The Voice of Prophecy, Inc., Faith for Today Operating Board and Board of Trustees of Faith for Today, Inc., and the Latin-American Radio Production Commission.

J W PROVONSHA--MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS:

Dr. J.W.Provonsha was granted ministerial license by action of March 5, 1953, but since he is an ordained minister it was

VOTED, That ministerial credentials for the period ending July 31, 1954 be granted to Dr. J.W.Provonsha, who is under deferred appointment to mission service.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--ARRANGEMENTS:

The Committee on General Conference Session Physical Arrangements presented a report on two items, and it was

VOTED, To approve the plans submitted by the committee on (1) Exhibit Arrangements and (2) Allocation of Hall Space.

D E REBOK--FAR EAST:

VOTED, That D.E.Rebok return from his trip to the Middle East and Southern Asia by way of the Far East.

SPONSORSHIP FORMS:

In granting the sponsorships already voted for Russian Seventh-day Adventists living in China to enable them to come to Brazil, it is necessary to use special affidavits, the sponsoring organization guaranteeing in case of need to support an immigrant over fifty years of age for one year after his arrival in Brazil. This financial assistance will be given on a loan basis.

VOTED, That the two forms prepared by the Treasury--Affidavit for Immigrant to Brazil and Affidavit for Temporary Support--be approved for use in connection with arrangements for the Russian believers in China to enter Brazil as immigrants.

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SPONSORSHIPS:

VOTED, To grant sponsorships as follows:

For Hans Fenz of Italy, for student visa, on recommendation of the Southern European Division.

For Mr. and Mrs. Ormi Aukusti Peltonen of the West Finland Conference, the Northern European Division assuming responsibility, student visa to enable him to attend the Theological Seminary.

For J. van de Merwe of the Natal-Transvaal Conference, recommended by the Southern African Division, student visa for attendance at the Theological Seminary.

ANNELIES VIETZE--TRAINEE PROGRAM:

VOTED, That petition be made for Miss Annelies Vietze of the Central European Division office to come to the United States on the trainee program. The Southern Union agrees to place her where she may gain office experience and to be responsible for her salary and maintenance for the two or three years she may be in America.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--MUSIC COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To appoint J.L. McConaughy to serve on the Music Committee for the Autumn Council, replacing Ben Glanzer who is connected with the effort in Portland, Oregon, at this time.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION DELEGATES--ALLOWANCES:

On recommendation of the officers it was

VOTED, To adopt the following financial provisions for General Conference delegates attending the 1954 General Conference Session in San Francisco:

I. For members of the General Conference Committee resident in North America and heads of associations, commissions and services who may be appointed by the General Conference Committee to represent their particular work at the Session and who may be accompanied by their wives:

1. If traveling by automobile:
 - a. One full first-class railway fare each way
 - b. One Pullman section each way
 - c. 14 days' travel allowance from Washington at \$6.75 daily for the round trip, the allowance in the case of those not located in Washington to be calculated on the basis of 450 miles daily by direct route
 - d. Hotel room rent and \$6.75 daily while in San Francisco, including pre- and post-Session meetings at which attendance is required
 - e. No allowance of any kind for children

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2. If traveling by rail:

- a. One clergy rail fare each way for the husband or one first-class round-trip fare if he does not hold clergy certificate; one first-class round-trip fare for the wife, or one clergy fare each way if she holds clergy certificate
- b. One Pullman section each way

Note: The foregoing allowances are granted provided first-class tickets and Pullman accommodations as specified are actually used.

- c. 8 days' travel allowance for the round trip at \$6.75 daily
- d. Hotel room rent and \$6.75 daily while in San Francisco, including pre- and post-Session meetings at which attendance is required
- e. No allowances of any kind for children

II. For members of the General Conference Committee resident in North America and heads of associations, commissions and services who may be appointed by the General Conference Committee to represent their particular work at the Session and who are unaccompanied by their wives:

- 1. If traveling by automobile: Travel expense in harmony with the usual policy including 14 days' travel allowance at \$4.00 for the round trip. In the case of those not located in Washington, the travel allowance to be calculated on the basis of 450 miles daily by direct route.
- 2. If traveling by rail: Travel expense in harmony with the usual policy.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--
ALLOWANCES TO OFFICE STAFF:

VOTED, That members of the General Conference office staff who may attend the Session be granted allowances as follows:

I. To those who may be sent to the Session for special duties but who are not members of the Committee nor heads of departments to be represented at the Session:

- 1. If traveling by automobile:
 - a. One first-class round-trip rail fare, 1 lower Pullman each way, 14 days' travel allowance for the round trip at \$4.00 daily
 - b. Hotel room in San Francisco at single rate during the time services are required
 - c. Daily allowance of \$4.00 while in San Francisco during the time services are required
- 2. If traveling by train: Same as 1, but with 8 days' travel allowance for the round trip at \$4.00 daily

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II. To those members of the office staff whose services are not required at the Session, but who desire to attend and can arrange a vacation of 3 weeks in order to do so: Cash allowance of \$50.00 with the understanding that at least one week is actually spent at the Session, absence from the office beyond 3 weeks to be without salary.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--

VACATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR OFFICE STAFF:

VOTED, That where it is arranged for office workers not attending the General Conference Session to take their vacation during Session time, 3 weeks be allowed. The regular vacation period of two weeks to apply in all cases where the vacation is not taken during the time of the Session.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--

FURLOUGH WORKERS AND OVERSEAS NATIONAL DELEGATES:

VOTED, To suggest to the overseas divisions (1) that allowances to workers on furlough in North America who are sent as delegates by their divisions be as follows:

- a. If accompanied by wife, 2 round-trip rail clergy fares with Pullman section and daily allowance of \$6.75. If travel is by automobile, daily allowance to be calculated at 450 miles by the most direct route. Hotel and daily allowance while at the Session to be cared for by the General Conference on the same basis as delegates from the General Conference. All travel expense to be met by the division concerned. No allowances of any kind for children.
 - b. If the delegate is alone, regular clergy rail fare under the policy with hotel room at single rate and daily allowance at \$4.00.
2. That the division deal direct in each case of a worker on furlough who is not a delegate to the Session.
 3. That the division concerned make arrangements for the outfitting and travel expense of overseas nationals attending the Session as delegates.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

R.M. Whitsett to Southern Missionary College, November 3-7.
 T.E. Lucas to MV Secretaries Council, South Lancaster, December 11-13.
 E.D. Dick to Battle Creek, Mich.
 L.E. Froom to Montreal.
 George Nelson, H.E. Rice, A.C. Larson, C.E. Weniger, W.H. Williams, T.R. Flaiz, Ralph F. Waddell, H.W. Miller, M.W. Prince, to Battle Creek, Mich., from Washington, D.C.

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J NUSSEBAUM--LONDON:

VOTED, To request the Southern European Division to arrange for Dr. J. Nussbaum to make a visit to London.

Adjourned, with prayer by L.E.Froom.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman
W.P.Bradley, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

11:00 A.M., October 22, 1953

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L K Dickson, W P Bradley, R H Adair, Roger Altman, R A Anderson, V G Anderson, H W Barrows, W R Beach, H P Bloum, L F Bohner, F Brennwald, Glenn Calkins, A W Cormack, J F Cummins, C W Degering, H T Elliott, A A Esteb, R R Figuhr, A L Ham, C B Haynes, A W Johnson, H W Klaser, F B Knight, G M Mathews, J L McElhany, H A Morrison, W E Murray, W A Nelson, F D Nichol, D A Ochs, W B Ochs, A V Olson, W E Phillips, D E Rebok, H E Rice, J I Robison, E E Roenfelt, A H Rulkoetter, J D Smith, A F Tarr, C L Torrey, A L White

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wesley Amundsen, E N Dick, R Ruhling

Prayer by A.W.Johnson.

MINUTES of the meeting of October 14 were approved.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL TRAINING--PERSONNEL:

VOTED, That M.K.Eckenroth, T.G.Bunch, and Andrew Fearing be added to the Committee on Ministerial Training.

PALATKA HOSPITAL PROJECT:

The city officials of Palatka, Florida, propose to build a 50-bed hospital at a cost of \$600,000 or more, and for some time have been negotiating with representatives of the Southern Union and the Florida Sanitarium with a view to leasing this property to the denomination for ninety-nine years to be run as a branch of the Florida Sanitarium. This would include a subsidy of \$25,000 a year from the county to cover the care of critically ill or accident cases on a charity basis.

VOTED, To approve the plan of the Southern Union and Florida Sanitarium to undertake the operation of the proposed Palatka hospital which is to be erected within the next two years.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--INVITATIONS:

VOTED, That Alex Monteith of Mexico and Henry Baerg of South America be invited to attend the Autumn Council.

ANNUITY POLICY--COMMITTEE ON CLARIFICATION:

VOTED, That the General Conference officers be asked to name a committee to make recommendation to the Autumn Council of 1954 looking toward the clarification of the Annuity Policy.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve the following appointments and itineraries:

E.E.Roenfelt and K.J.Reynolds to Walla Walla and La Sierra colleges, Dec. 2-13, faculty visitation.

E.E.Cossentine, E.E.Roenfelt, H.L.Rudy, to Union and Southwestern Junior colleges, Nov. 4-15, faculty visitation.

B.E.Wagner to Colporteur Institute, Nashville, Tenn., October 30-November 2.

W.B.Ochs, H.T.Elliott, T.R.Flaiz, to Madison and S.P.A. Board meetings, Nov. 3,4.

H.L.Rudy to Oklahoma workers meeting, Nov. 16-22.

J.Wayne McFarland to Doctor-Minister Council, Southern California, November 22-27.

W.E.Read to Greater New York Conference Ministerial Association meeting, November 9.

To attend American Public Health meeting in New York City, November 9-13: J.W.McFarland, L.R.Rasmussen, Ed.Fallon of Pacific Union College, Ingrid Johnson of Orlando, Mrs. Winifred Edwards of Emmanuel Missionary College.

R.A.Anderson to visit Los Angeles en route to Portland, Oreg., October 23.

L.K.Dickson to Canadian Union Conference Committee and college board meetings, Oshawa, Ontario, November 3-8.

D J DONESKY--CONGO:

VOTED, To request the Canadian Union and Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference to release D.J.Donesky, and to invite him to fill the need for an evangelist in the Congo, Southern African Division.

STANLEY G STURGES--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Stanley G. Sturges, a medical student at the College of Medical Evangelists, be placed under deferred appointment to overseas mission service.

MARIEL JEAN DARNELL--KENDU:

VOTED, To invite Miss Mariel Jean Darnell of Cottage Grove, Oregon, to respond to the call of the Southern African Division for a nurse to serve at the Kendu Mission Hospital in Kenya Colony, East Africa.

D JEANNE ANDREWS--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Dr. D.Jeanne Andrews from the appointment to the Karachi Hospital.

A V LARSON--SUSTENTATION:

VOTED, To recommend A.V.Larson to the Sustentation Committee for temporary sustentation.

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O A SANGHAGEN--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, To grant the open sponsorship required by the Government in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Oskar Alvar Sanghagen to permit them to enter the United States as students, financial responsibility being assumed by the Northern European Division.

Adjourned, with prayer by W.E.Murray.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman
W.P.Bradley, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary