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MINUTES OF MEETINGS  
OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
December 3, 10, and 17, 1953

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## THREE HUNDRED EIGHTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 3, 1953

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

H L Rudy, J I Robison, H W Barrows, F Brennwald, H F Brown, D Lois Burnett, J E Chase, E D Dick, J E Edwards, H T Elliott, A A Esteb, J R Ferren, T R Flaiz, L E Froom, E B Hare, W J Harris, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, F B Knight, H W Lowe, T E Lucas, G M Mathews, D A McAdams, L L Moffitt, H A Morrison, C E Moseley, Jr., L R Rasmussen, A H Rulkoetter, F A Soper, J A Stevens, M C Taft, W H Teesdale, J C Thompson, B E Wagner, E R Walde, A L White, W H Williams

## OTHERS PRESENT:

T H Jemison, S A Kaplan, R Ruhling

The meeting was held immediately following the morning worship hour.

MINUTES of meeting of November 25 were approved.

## W M ROBBINS--SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES:

Resolved, That we express to his widow and other relatives who mourn, our sympathy in the death of W.M.Robbins, and our appreciation for his long years of faithful service to the denomination as a minister and administrator.

VOTED, That the Treasurer be requested to arrange for a floral tribute for the funeral of W.M.Robbins.

## CARL SUNDIN--SEMINARY ATTENDANCE:

VOTED, That we grant the request of Carl Sundin for authorization to attend the Seminary winter quarter 1953-54.

## INTER-AMERICA--SEMINARY EXTENSION SCHOOL:

VOTED, That the Theological Seminary be authorized to hold an Extension School in Inter-America, as requested by that Division, during the summer of 1954, the details to be arranged between the Seminary and the Division.

## KOREA REHABILITATION OFFERING--DATE:

VOTED, On recommendation of the subcommittee, that the Korea Rehabilitation Offering be scheduled for March 13, 1954.

## BESSIE WAT--BOULDER SANITARIUM

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the call from the Central Union for Miss Bessie Wat of the Loma Linda Sanitarium to connect with the Boulder Sanitarium as operating room supervisor.

December 3, 1953

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

H.F.Brown to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, December 11,12.

L.E.Froom to Emmanuel Missionary College, December 11-18; to Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal, January 15-31.

Request Southern Publishing Association for I.E.Ihrig to attend publishing institute in Detroit, January 17-23, and Pacific Press for Ivor Johnson of Brookfield to attend same meeting.

John McCartney and N.W.Litchfield to Detroit on auto business.

J.R.Ferren and Howard Weeks to Oakland, California, January 26-28, Western Regional Press Bureau Institute.

W.B.Ochs, Georgia-Cumberland Conference, January 9-12.

R.A.Anderson, extend appointment in Portland, Oregon, one month.

L.R.Rasmussen, Academy Principals' Council, Berrien Springs, Dec. 8,9.

C.E.Moseley to Atlanta, Georgia, South Atlantic Committee meeting, December 21; and to Colored Youth Congress, Atlanta, April 24.

Request C.E.Bradford of Central States Conference to Colored Youth Congress, Atlanta, April 24.

## PAUL COLEMAN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return from the Far Eastern Division for Paul Coleman for health reasons.

## ESTHER BENTON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return from the Southern European Division office for Miss Esther Benton, at her request.

## O E TORKELSON--RELEASED:

VOTED, That O.E.Torkelson be released from the appointment to the Bekwai Training School, in view of the health condition of Mrs. Torkelson.

## N C MABERLY--BEKWAI TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, To invite N.C.Maberly of New Zealand, a recent graduate of the Theological Seminary, to connect with the Northern European Division as a teacher in the Bekwai Training School in West Africa.

## SARAH JOHNSTON--PUERTO RICO:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and Florida Sanitarium to release Miss Sarah Johnston, and to invite her to connect with the Inter-American Division for nursing service at the Bella Vista Hospital in Puerto Rico.

## A J BALKINS, JR.--PENANG MISSION HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Dr. A.J.Balkins, Jr., of Powell, Wyoming, the call from the Far Eastern Division for him to connect with the Penang Mission Hospital for the practice in internal medicine.



THREE HUNDRED NINTH MEETING  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 10, 1953

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

H L Rudy, H T Elliott, Roger Altman, H W Barrows, W H Branson,  
F Brennwald, D Lois Burnett, A A Esteb, J R Ferren, T R Flaiz,  
C B Haynes, Louise Kleuser, F B Knight, H W Lowe, D A McAdams,  
J W McFarland, F R Millard, H A Morrison, C E Moseley, Jr.,  
F D Nichol, W E Phillips, W E Read, J I Robison, A H Rulkoetter,  
F A Soper, J A Stevens, W H Teesdale, J C Thompson, B E Wagner,  
E R Walde, W H Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wesley Amundsen, W H Bergherm, R Ruhling

Prayer by H.W.Lowe.

MINUTES of the meeting of December 3 were approved.

OLIVE DAVIES-- ATLANTIC UNION

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern African Division the call from the Atlantic Union for Miss Olive Davies to connect with the Southern New England Conference for work as a Bible instructor.

IRENE STEVENS--PORTER SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the call from the Central Union for Miss Irene Stevens of the Loma Linda Sanitarium to connect with the Porter Sanitarium as obstetrical supervisor.

ESTHER BENTON--THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Esther Benton, returned missionary, the call from the Theological Seminary for her to serve as a secretary.

C A HOLT--SAN ANTONIO SERVICE CENTER  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To appoint C.A.Holt a member of the San Antonio Service Center Executive Committee.

FURLOUGH POLICY--SAMOA, GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS:

VOTED, To refer to the Committee on Furloughs and Terms of Service, which is to report to the coming General Conference Session, the request from the Australasian Inter-Union Conference that there be included in the Furlough Policy the provision of six months furlough after three years of service for workers in the Samoan, Gilbert and Ellice Islands.

December 10, 1953

## C T HALBURG--TRAVEL EXPENSE:

VOTED, To authorize the travel expense of Dr. C.T.Halburg in connection with his attendance at the Autumn Council to which he was invited by the General Conference Committee.

## APPROPRIATION--BOOKS TO CHURCH LEADERS:

VOTED, That a special fund of \$125.00 be set up for 1954 for the use of L.E.Froom on the regular requisition basis for furnishing suitable books and other literature to church leaders and other influential persons with whom he comes in contact in his work.

## INGATHERING EDITORIAL COMMITTEE--MEETING:

VOTED, That a meeting of the Ingathering Editorial Committee be held in Miami, Florida, February 14, 1954.

## S G STURGES--ASSISTANCE ON MEDICAL EDUCATION:

S.G.Sturges, a junior medical student at the College of Medical Evangelists, has been placed under deferred appointment to mission service.

VOTED, That S.G.Sturges be granted assistance on the cost of his medical education with an advance of \$500 each year for his junior and senior years at the College of Medical Evangelists, this to be amortized in harmony with the policy.

## R L CONE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That a permanent return be authorized for R.L.Cone of the Gold Coast Mission, for family health and educational reasons.

## ROY E BROOKS--SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and Texico Conference the call from the South American Division for Roy E. Brooks to connect with the Division office as an accountant.

## J O WILSON--ISRAEL MISSION:

VOTED, To invite J.O.Wilson, returned missionary, to connect with the Israel Mission as director, on a short term basis.

## A M POTLIN--ISRAEL MISSION:

VOTED, To request the Atlantic Union and Greater New York Conference to release A.M.Potlin, and to invite him to connect with the Israel Mission as a worker.

## R DALLENBACH--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return to Switzerland of R. Dallenbach of the Israel Mission, in view of his serious health condition.

December 10, 1953

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

T.H.Jemison to Southwestern Union Conference for Spirit of Prophecy work, March 1-21.

Request Southern Publishing Association for I.H.Ihrig and Frank Jones to Lake Region Colporteur Institute, Jan. 24-30, Indianapolis.

A.L.White to Central Union Colporteur Institute, Kansas City, Dec. 31-Jan. 2.

K.Lacey of England to the North Pacific and Pacific unions and other stops en route.

C.E.Moseley to Dallas, December 14,15; Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 18,19.

H.W.Lowe to Lake Union Sabbath School Secretaries Council, Jan. 17-20; and to Southwestern Union Sabbath School Institute, March 5,6, Keene, Texas.

Dr. E.N.Dick to Southern, Columbia, Atlantic unions, and Oshawa, Canada, January and February, Medical Cadet Corps inspections.

W.H.Williams to Emmanuel Missionary College Board meeting, January 12.

## J.G.FALLON--TRAVEL EXPENSE:

VOTED, To approve a trip to Washington, D.C., by J.G.Fallon of Pacific Union College for a meeting of a committee engaged in preparation of a syllabus for academy health education and physical fitness, his travel to be at General Conference expense.

## CIVIL DEFENSE--MEETING OF

## WAR SERVICE COMMISSION SECRETARIES:

In view of the need for careful study of the training program to be carried forward in the near future in cooperation with Civil Defense and Red Cross authorities, it was

1.

VOTED, To authorize a meeting in Washington, D.C. at a time in January, 1954 to be arranged, of the Union Conference War Service Commission secretaries of the Atlantic, Columbia, Southern, Lake, Northern, Central, and Southwestern unions.

2. That the officers be requested to appoint a committee to work out a program in connection with Civil Defense activities, for study at the time of the January meeting. Committee named: H.L.Rudy, C.B.Haynes, J.C.Thompson, J.W.McFarland, T.E.Lucas, L.R.Rasmussen.

## N W PAPPASTAMOULIS--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, That a sponsorship as required by the Government be granted for Elder and Mrs. N.W.Pappastamoulis, in order to make it possible for them to locate in Oakland, Calif., for work among the Greek believers.

Adjourned, with prayer by B.E.Wagner.

H.L.Rudy, Chairman

H.T.Elliott, Secretary

Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

## THREE HUNDRED TENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 17, 1953

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

H L Rudy, J I Robison, Roger Altman, H W Barrows, W H Branson,  
 F Brennwald, H F Brown, D Lois Burnett, J E Chase, E D Dick, E W Dunbar,  
 N W Dunn, J R Ferren, W J Harris, C B Haynes, H W Klaser, F B Knight,  
 H W Lowe, G M Mathews, D A McAdams, J W McFarland, L L Moffitt, F D  
 Nichol, W E Phillips, L R Rasmussen, W E Read, K J Reynolds, E E  
 Roenfelt, A H Rulkoetter, L A Skinner, F A Soper, J A Stevens, Carl  
 Sundin, W H Teesdale, J C Thompson, B E Wagner, E R Walde, R M Whitsett,  
 W H Williams

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Wesley Amundsen, T H Jemison, R Ruhling.

Prayer by G.M.Mathews.

MINUTES of the meeting of December 10 were approved.

## A W SPALDING--SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES:

Announcement was made of the death of A.W.Spalding on the afternoon of December 15, and it was

Resolved, That we express to Mrs. A.W.Spalding and the family our sincere sympathy in their sorrow and our appreciation for Elder Spalding's inestimable contribution by pen and voice and example during his nearly sixty years of devoted service to the cause of God.

VOTED, That the Treasurer be requested to arrange for a tribute of flowers for the funeral of A.W.Spalding which is being held at Collegedale, Tenn.

## SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION BUDGET:

On request of the South American Division, it was

VOTED, That the Autumn Council base appropriation of \$1,022,230.00 for 1954 to the South American Division be divided as follows: Section I, \$551,643.72; Section II, \$470,586.28.

## F A MOTE--SALARY RATE:

VOTED, That the adjustment of F.A.Mote's salary rate in harmony with the counsel received from the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, be referred to the officers.

December 17, 1953

## LONDON EVANGELISTIC CENTER--APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, To appropriate an additional £2,250 to the Northern European Division to complete payment of the General Conference share of the cost of the London evangelistic center property.

## EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION--SOUTHERN UNION:

VOTED, To appropriate \$3,000 to the Southern Union from the Emergency Fund, to assist in the rebuilding of the Vicksburg, Miss., church which was damaged in the recent tornado.

NEW YORK EVANGELISTIC CENTER--ACCOMMODATION  
FOR TRANSIENTS:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be requested to negotiate with the Atlantic Union and Greater New York Conference for provision of hotel accommodations for General Conference workers and missionaries en route overseas or returning on furlough, in the new evangelistic center building.

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

The 1953 Autumn Council authorized the appointment of certain committees, and it was therefore

VOTED, To appoint the following committees:

Ministerial Training Advisory.--H.L.Rudy, chairman; G.T.Anderson, R.A. Anderson, V.G.Anderson, Gordon Balharrie, C.L.Bond, W.H.Branson, M.V.Campbell, H.J.Capman, E.E.Cossentine, E.D.Dick, O.B.Edwards, H.T.Elliott, L.H.Hartin, H.C.Hartman, H.C.Klement, W.G.C.Murdoch, D.A.Ochs, W.B.Ochs, L.R.Rasmussen, D.E.Rebok, K.J.Reynolds, F.O.Rittenhouse, J.I.Robison, W.H.Shephard, H.L.Sonnenberg, L.M.Stump, C.L.Torrey, George Vandeman, C.E.Weniger, R.M.Whitsett, W.H.Williams, C.E.Wittschiede, F.H.Yost.

Sustentation Problems.--R.R.Figuhr, chairman; R.H.Adair, W.H.Branson, H.T.Elliott, C.H.Kelly, H.A.Morrison, A.V.Olson, D.E.Rebok, C.L.Torrey.

Workers Service Record.--W.B.Ochs, chairman; R.H.Adair, J.F.Cummins, H.T.Elliott, C.H.Kelly, J.I.Robison, T.E.Unruh.

## PROBLEMS IN BIBLE TRANSLATION:

VOTED, 1. To appoint as a Committee on Problems in Bible Translation, on recommendation of the officers, the following persons: W.E.Read, chairman; L.L.Caviness, O.H.Christensen, A.F.Cormack, R.F.Cottrell, Ronald Drayson, R.L.Hammill, Earle Hilgert, S.H.Horn, J.D.Livingston, R.E.Loasby, A.G. Maxwell, W.G.C.Murdoch, D.F.Neufeld, F.H.Yost.

2. That the Committee on Problems in Bible Translation be requested to prepare the results of their study in mimeographed form as early as possible, and that the material be submitted to the members of the General Conference Committee resident in Washington for approval before publication.

December 17, 1953

## EARLE HILGERT--MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, That Ministerial Credentials for the period expiring July 31, 1954, be issued to Earle Hilgert of the Theological Seminary faculty.

## LIONEL ROTH--INDEBTEDNESS:

VOTED, That the medical appointee loan made to Dr. Lionel Roth, who was at the time of his death under deferred appointment to overseas service, be written off to the account of Missionary Appointees Contingency Expense.

## VISITS TO OVERSEAS DIVISIONS:

VOTED, To approve visits to overseas divisions as follows:

R.A.Anderson and T.R.Flaiz or J.W.McFarland to Havana, two weeks each, early 1954.

B.E.Wagner to Central Europe, February 26 to March 13; extend visit Northern Europe to March 20, 1954.

SARAH JOHNSON<sup>T</sup>--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Sarah Johnson from the appointment to the Bella Vista Hospital in Puerto Rico, in view of unfavorable medical reports.

## DANIEL AUGSBURGER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Daniel Augsburg be released from the appointment to the Southern European Division for evangelistic work, at his own request.

## A F JOHNS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That A.F.Johns be released from the appointment to the Middle East College, at his own request.

## JOHN RIGBY, SR.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That John Rigby, Sr., of New Zealand be released from the call to the British Union, in view of his request that the call be withdrawn.

## MARIEL JEAN DARNELL--CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That the appointment of Miss Mariel Jean Darnell be changed from Kendu to Malamulo in the Southern African Division.

## DONALD SEIDEL--SOLUSI TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, To invite Donald Seidel of Walla Walla College to connect with the Southern African Division as teacher of biology at the Solusi Training School.

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## W N ANDREWS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return for W.N.Andrews at his request and on approval of the Southern African Division.

## SANITARIUM OBJECTIVES COMMITTEE--MEETING POSTPONED:

VOTED, That the meeting of the Sanitarium Objectives Committee be postponed until the spring of 1955, the subcommittee appointed for preliminary work to proceed with its work in the meantime.

## N C MABERLY--FURLOUGH ARRANGEMENTS AND CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, 1. That when furlough becomes due following N.C.Maberly's term of service in West Africa, the furlough be taken in his homeland, in the Australasian Inter-Union Conference territory.

2. That Ministerial License be issued to N.C. Maberly and Missionary License to Mrs. N.C.Maberly.

## MRS. H E EDWARDS--TRAVEL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the expense incurred by Mrs. H.E.Edwards in responding to the invitation of the General Conference to assist in the work of the Health Education Committee meeting in Washington, be borne by the General Conference.

## MEETING MEDICAL INSTITUTION ADMINISTRATORS:

VOTED, To approve the holding of a meeting of denominational sanitarium managers and nursing school administrators December 28 and 29 in Washington, D.C. The members of this group are: W.H.Williams, chairman; H.T.Elliott, John McCartney, managers and nursing school administrators of the medical institutions located east of the Mississippi.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

J.R.Ferren to Emmanuel Missionary College, Dec. 29-31, Agricultural Institute.

Howard Weeks, workshop, Walla Walla College, Jan. 4-8, in connection with other appointments in the North Pacific.

W.J.Harris, Southern Union, Jan. 8-24.

The following to the Pacific Union, Jan. 25-28 (Pacific Press Constituency, Voice of Prophecy Board, Faith for Today Board, CME Board): W.H.Branson, D.E.Rebok, C.L.Torrey, W.B. Ochs, E.E.Cossentine, R.R.Figuhr, T.R.Flair, L.L.Moffitt, H.L.Rudy, W.H.Williams, E.R.Walde, J.E.Chase.

K.J.Reynolds to Southern Missionary College Board meeting, Feb. 10.  
E.W.Dunbar, to Shreveport, La., Conference MW Officers' Council,  
Jan. 15-17; stop off at Collegedale, Tenn., en route home.

H.T.Elliott to Chattanooga, Tenn., December 17.

Adjourned, with prayer by E.E.Roenfelt.

H.L.Rudy, Chairman  
J.I.Robison, Secretary  
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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MINUTES OF MEETINGS  
OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
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## THREE HUNDRED ELEVENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 23, 1953  
3:00 P.M.

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

W B Ochs, J I Robison, Roger Altman, H W Barrows, W H Beaven, H P Bloum,  
W H Branson, H F Brown, D Lois Burnett, J E Chase, E W Dunbar, J E  
Edwards, H T Elliott, J R Ferren, W J Harris, H W Klaser, Louise  
Kleuser, F B Knight, H W Lowe, G M Mathews, D A McAdams, J W McFarland,  
H A Morrison, F D Nichol, W E Phillips, L R Rasmussen, K J Reynolds,  
E E Roenfelt, A H Rulkoetter, W A Scharffenberg, F A Soper, B E Wagner,  
A L White, R M Whitsett

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Wesley Amundsen, T H Jemison, W H Bergherm, R Ruhling.

Prayer by A.H.Rulkoetter.

MINUTES of the meeting of December 17 were approved.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

M.K.Eckenroth to Parkersburg, W.Va., workers' meeting, Feb. 13-16.  
J.E.Edwards to Charleston, W.Va., Jan. 1-3; Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 23,24.  
Home Missionary Department representative to Home Missionary Secretaries  
Council, Camp Reynoldswood, Ill., Jan. 17-20.  
D.A.McAdams to Southwestern Junior College, Colporteur Institute,  
April 2-7.  
K.J.Reynolds to Emmanuel Missionary College Board meeting, Jan. 12,13.  
W.H.Williams and K.J.Reynolds to Detroit, Mich., Jan. 10,11.  
Carl Sundin to Syracuse, N.Y., Dec. 23,24.  
T.H.Jemison to Newark, Ohio, district meeting, April 2,3.  
C.E.Genther to church officers institute, Newark, Ohio, Jan. 9,10.  
Request Review and Herald for J.M.Jackson to Oklahoma Conference,  
Feb. 13-20.  
W.H.Bergherm to Camp Lejeune, N.Car., to contact Chaplain Mole.  
D.Loie Burnett to nursing schools, Southern Union, Jan. 6-24.  
W.H.Branson, H.M.Dept. Advisory Com., Avon Park, Fla., Feb.9-14.  
HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:  
INGATHERING EDITORIAL COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To approve the holding of the Home Missionary Department Advisory  
Committee meeting in Avon Park, Florida, instead of Miami, Feb. 9-13; and the  
meeting of the Ingathering Editorial Committee in Avon Park instead of Miami,  
February 11.

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## FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF EASTERN SANITARIUMS:

VOTED, That H.L.Rudy, F.B.Knight, Mrs. Edyth James, Mrs. Leah M. Griffiee, and Roger Altman be added to the committee of sanitarium administrators meeting in Takoma Park December 28 and 29 to study financial problems of Eastern medical institutions.

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

VOTED, To appoint committees as follows:

Paid Advertisements.--H.L.Rudy, chairman; R.H.Adair, R.A.Anderson, J.R.Ferren, L.E.Lenheim, F.D.Nichol, H.W.Lowe, D.A.Ochs, W.B.Ochs, T.L.Oswald, J.I.Robison, A.H.Rulkoetter, Howard Weeks.

Wage Scale.--R.R.Figuhr, chairman; R.H.Adair, Roger Altman, G.T.Anderson, V.G.Anderson, C.L.Bauer, R.R.Bietz, L.E.Biggs, George W. Bowers, L.F.Bohner, C.W.Bozarth, W.P.Bradley, W.H.Branson, N.F.Brewer, D.Loie Burnett, D.C. Butherus, M.V.Campbell, A.W.Cormack, E.E.Cossentine, J.F.Cummins, E.D.Dick, L.K.Dickson, N.R.Dower, E.W.Dunbar, N.W.Dunn, H.T.Elliott, L.C.Evans, H.P. Evens, G.R.Fattic, T.R.Flaiz, Charles Fleming, Jr., V.E.Garber, T.R.Gardner, E.L.Green, L.T.Hall, A.L.Ham, H.S.Hanson, H.C.Hartman, G.A.Huse, G.E. Hutches, H.T.Johnson, G.E.Jones, C.H.Kelly, H.C.Kephart, F.B.Knight, J.C. Kozel, A.C.Larson, L.E.Lenheim, L.L.Moffitt, W.B.Mohr, H.A.Morrison, C.E. Moseley, Jr., A.C.Nelson, G.B.Nelson, H.S.Nelson, R.W.Nelson, W.A.Nelson, L.H.Netteburg, R.H.Nightingale, D.A.Ochs, W.B.Ochs, A.V.Olson, T.L.Oswald, J.W.Peeke, J.V.Peters, N.C.Peterson, L.R.Rasmussen, W.E.Read, D.E.Rebok, J.J.Reiswig, K.J.Reynolds, H.E.Rice, M.L.Rice, J.I.Robison, E.E.Roenfelt, H.L.Rudy, H.E.Schneider, F.W.Schnepper, C.A.Scriven, H.A.Shepard, H.L.Shull, J.C.Shull, J.D.Smith, L.M.Stump, C.L.Torrey, T.E.Unruh, R.F.Waddell, J.H. Wagner, A.Warren, W.H.Williams, I.J.Woodman. Subcommittee: R.R.Figuhr, chairman; Roger Altman, V.G.Anderson, L.F.Bohner, W.H.Branson, M.V.Campbell, E.E.Cossentine, E.D.Dick, H.T.Elliott, T.R.Flaiz, G.A.Huse, L.E.Lenheim, H.A.Morrison, W.B.Ochs, A.V.Olson, L.R.Rasmussen, J.I.Robison, C.A.Scriven, C.L.Torrey, W.H.Williams.

## R H PIERSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return to R.H.Pierson of Southern Asia, at his request, to become effective when he returns to attend the General Conference Session.

## E A MOON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return to E.A.Moon of the Southern African Division, at his request, to become effective when he returns to attend the General Conference Session.

## NORVAL F PEASE--THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conference to release Norval F. Pease, and to invite him to connect July 1, 1954 with the Theological Seminary faculty in the Practical Theology Department.

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## ROBERT W OLSON--WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the call from the Columbia Union for Robert W. Olson of the Loma Linda Section to connect with Washington Missionary College as a teacher in the Department of Religion.

## L E FROMM--SEMINARY EXTENSION SCHOOL:

VOTED, To grant the request of the Theological Seminary for the services of L.E.Fromm in connection with the Extension School to be held in Trinidad June 27 to August 7, 1954.

## VOLUNTEER SERVICE FOR THE BLIND:

VOTED, To grant the request of the organization known as the Volunteer Service for the Blind, of Philadelphia, Pa., for permission to transcribe My Life Today for free distribution among the blind, subject to obtaining a satisfactory report from the Better Business Bureau of Philadelphia.

## OVERSEAS VISIT:

VOTED, To approve arrangements for E.R.Walde to visit Southern Europe, February 17-24 and March 11-15, and Northern Europe March 25-31--extension of itinerary already authorized.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS--APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That a fund of \$1,000 from the Contingency Fund be set up to implement the action of the Autumn Council concerning Vacation Bible Schools, to meet the initial expense of preparation of literature and fostering of the schools, including some necessary transportation expense in the case of persons not on the denominational pay roll who may be chosen to prepare program material.

## WAR SERVICE COMMISSION SECRETARIES:

VOTED, That the date for the meeting in Washington, D.C., of the Union War Service Commission Secretaries of the territory east of the Rockies, be January 26 and 27, 1954.

## MINISTERIAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

VOTED, 1. That the Ministerial Training Advisory Committee be authorized to meet in Washington, D.C., January 18 and 19, 1954.

2. That J.W.McFarland and G.A.Huse be appointed members of the Ministerial Training Advisory Committee.

## PROMOTION OF HOME NURSING CLASSES--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, 1. To appoint D. Lois Burnett, Eva I. Beeler, Eleanor Baer, Mrs. Helen Austin, Joyce N. Wilson, as a committee on promotion of home nursing classes; and

2. That this committee meet in Oakland, Calif., at a time to be arranged, the employing organizations to meet the expense of the persons attending the meeting.

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## NURSING EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES--MEETING:

VOTED, To approve the plan of holding a meeting May 19 and 20 at the Hotel Whitcomb in San Francisco of such Nursing Education representatives as will otherwise be in attendance at the General Conference Session and who will be coming early to attend the Medical Department meetings prior to the Session. The personnel of this meeting to include directors of schools of nursing, directors of nursing service, pre-nursing instructors of the Seventh-day Adventist colleges, and professors of nursing education.

## LITERATURE SALES RESTRICTIONS--CANADA:

On request of the Canadian Union Conference Committee, it was

VOTED, To approve the following policy in handling cases in Canada where restrictions are placed upon the sale of our denominational literature:

1. Where a colporteur meets with municipal by-laws designed to hinder the distribution of literature, he first attempt to secure exemption from the responsible authorities, and failing that, he counsel with his field secretary and conference committee.

2. Where an appeal to the courts is indicated, the counsel of the Union Publishing and Public Affairs secretaries and the available members of the Union Committee be sought.

3. With the opinions of legal counsel and other pertinent facts in hand, the counsel and approval of the General Conference Committee be secured before any litigation is initiated.

4. That the costs of such legal action as may ensue, if necessary even up to the Supreme Court, be borne in equal proportions by (1) the local conference concerned, (2) the Canadian Union Conference, (3) the Kingsway Publishing Association, and (4) the General Conference.

## CHURCH CLERK'S RECORD BOOK--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the officers be requested to appoint a committee to suggest revisions for the Church Clerk's Record Book in view of the need for printing another edition.

## DR. AND MRS. JOHN HAY--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, To grant the sponsorship required by the Government for Dr. and Mrs. John Hay which will enable them to spend a part of their furlough in the United States.

## ALBERTA PARISH--KENDU MISSION HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite Miss Alberta Parish of Denver, Colo., to connect with the Southern African Division as a nurse at the Kendu Mission Hospital.

## DARLENE LAINCHBURY--KENDU MISSION HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite Miss Darlene Lainchbury of Denver, Colo., to connect with the Southern African Division as a nurse at the Kendu Mission Hospital.

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## A J BALKINS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Dr. A.J.Balkins be released from the appointment to the Penang Mission Hospital, in view of his having received appointment to the Public Health Service.

## GOOD HOPE CLINIC--MEDICAL DEPARTMENT COUNSEL:

VOTED, To approve the plan of the Medical Department to send the requested surgical equipment to the Good Hope Clinic in Lima, Peru, and to counsel the bringing of the patient to the Lahey Clinic in Boston, Mass., by plane if that appears necessary to save his life.

Adjourned, with prayer by A.L.White.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman  
J.I.Robison, Secretary  
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

## THREE HUNDRED TWELFTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

W B Ochs, J I Robison, Roger Altman, H W Barrows, W H Beaven, H P Bloum, W H Branson, F Brennwald, H F Brown, J A Buckwalter, D Lois Burnett, J E Chase, J F Cummins, E D Dick, L K Dickson, E W Dunbar, N W Dunn, J E Edwards, H T Elliott, A A Esteb, C E Guenther, C B Haynes, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, F B Knight, H W Lowe, G M Mathews, J W McFarland, L L Moffitt, H A Morrison, F D Nichol, W E Phillips, E E Roenfelt, H L Rudy, A H Rulkoetter, W A Scharffenberg, F A Soper, Carl Sundin, M C Taft, W H Teesdale, J C Thompson, E R Walde, R M Whitsett, W H Williams

## OTHERS PRESENT:

S Arason, W H Bergherm, T H Jemison, S A Kaplan, R Ruhling.

Prayer by T.H.Jemison.

MINUTES of the meeting of December 23 were approved.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

Ben Glanzer to Rochester, N.Y., opening of evangelistic crusade.  
 L.R.Rasmussen to Lincoln, Nebr., Tri-Union Educational Council, Feb. 8-10.  
 W.H.Bergherm to Newark, Ohio, District Meeting, Jan. 16.  
 C.E.Weniger to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Workers' Meeting, Feb. 23-25.  
 Cecil Coffey to Atlantic Union College, Press Relations Work, Jan. 18-20.  
 Wesley Amundsen to Southern Union, visit self-supporting institutions, Feb. 13-27.  
 John Thompson to Bakersfield, Calif., en route to San Antonio.  
 A.A.Esteb to East Liverpool, Ohio, institute, Jan. 30,31.  
 R.C.Mills, extend itinerary Southern Union, Ingathering promotion, Jan. 1-10.  
 W.B.Ochs, W.H.Williams, J.C.Thompson to meeting of Executive Committee of San Antonio Center, Jan. 21.  
 R.A.Anderson from Portland, Oregon to Washington for Ministerial Training Advisory Committee, and return to Oregon.  
 E.N.Dick to Lake Union for Medical Cadet appointments, Feb. 23-March 2 and April 14-20.  
 H.L.Rudy to Pacific Union College in place of W.B.Ochs, following other appointments on the West Coast, Feb. 2-6.

## HOUSING AND RENT SUBSIDIES:

VOTED, 1. To accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee that effective January 1, 1954, the rent subsidies to General Conference employees living in the Washington area be \$50.00 per month for heads of families who

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have been receiving \$40.00, and \$20.00 per month for single workers who have been receiving \$15.00; and

2. To rescind paragraph 3 of the present policy, originally voted by the General Conference Committee November 7, 1946, and instead to establish the policy that workers living in General Conference owned houses be dealt with on the same basis of subsidy and rent as others renting elsewhere; and

3. That the officers be asked to appoint a committee to give study to the rental rates of property owned by the General Conference in the Washington area.

O G ERICH--RELEASED:

VOTED, That O.G.Erich be released from the appointment to the South China Island Union Mission because it is not possible for him to connect with the field for some months to come.

H W MILLER--SOUTH CHINA ISLAND UNION:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the International Nutrition Research Foundation to arrange for a leave of absence for Dr. H.W.Miller, and to invite him to connect with the South China Island Union Mission for a short term to assist in the financing and establishment of a sanitarium on Taiwan. Arrangements for outfitting and rehabilitation allowances are referred to the Committee on Allowances.

M V LARSON--CENTRAL AMERICAN VOCATIONAL COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and Texas Conference the call from the Inter-American Division for M.V.Larson to connect with the faculty of the Central American Vocational College in Costa Rica.

ISRAEL MISSION--ADMINISTRATION:

VOTED, That the affairs of the Israel Mission be administered by the General Conference officers who shall act as an Executive Committee.

EXCHANGE RATE ALTERATIONS:

VOTED, That as of January 1, 1954, denominational fixed rates of exchange be set as follows: Lebanese pound, US \$0.32; Turkish pound, \$0.25; Iranian Rial, \$0.015.

AARON LEVY AND WIFE--APPROPRIATION TO:

VOTED, That while recognizing that that which Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Levy have done to assist in connection with the work of the Israel Mission has been done entirely on a voluntary basis, and that in consequence they have no claims on the denomination for any remuneration in respect to the service that they have rendered, we grant them the sum of 1,000 Israeli pounds, this sum to be made available to them through J.O.Wilson upon their having vacated Advent House, and having signed a statement to the effect that they recognize that neither the Israel Mission nor the General Conference is in any way obligated to them because of that which they have done in connection with the work in Israel.

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WAR SERVICE COMMISSION SECRETARIES--  
ADDITIONAL PERSONS TO MEET WITH:

VOTED, To request the Atlantic Union and Northeastern Conference to arrange for J.E.Roache to attend the meeting of War Service Commission secretaries to be held in Washington, D.C. January 26 and 27; and to request the Southern Union and South Atlantic Conference to arrange for F.H.Jenkins to attend this meeting also.

MINISTERIAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That L.K.Dickson, W.E.Read, E.E.Roenfelt, Louise Kleuser, T.H. Jemison, and Roger Altman be added to the personnel of the Ministerial Training Advisory Committee; and to appoint the following as a Working Committee: H.L. Rudy, K.J.Reynolds, C.E.Weniger, T.H.Jemison, W.H.Shephard, E.D.Dick, W.B.Ochs.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--EXHIBIT ARRANGEMENTS:

VOTED, To approve the plans submitted by the Committee on General Conference Session Physical Arrangements making changes in assignment of exhibit space.

OVERSEAS VISITS:

VOTED, 1. To approve plans for Dr. J.V.McFarland to connect with the London, England, evangelistic effort during March and April, 1954.

2. To request the Southern European Division to arrange for Dr. J. Nussbaum to visit Finland as requested by the Northern European Division, and Turkey and Syria as requested by the Middle East Division, the time of these visits to be determined by the Division.

MEETING EASTERN SANITARIUM GROUP:

VOTED, To approve the holding of a meeting of the business managers and purchasing agents of denominational sanitariums located east of the Mississippi, at Orlando, Fla., February 16, 1954.

MEDICAL CADET TRAINING CAMP--NAME:

WHEREAS, By recent action of the General Conference Committee in Autumn Council the International Service Commission and the North American War Service Commission are to be united in one commission at the time of the General Conference Session; and

WHEREAS, The medical cadet training camp held annually at Grand Ledge, Mich., will serve for the world field; it was

VOTED, To designate the camp as the Seventh-day Adventist Medical Cadet Training Camp.

CLERK'S RECORD BOOK--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To appoint the Committee on Clerk's Record Book as follows: J.I.Robison, Mary Paul, Freda Teis, Taylor G. Bunch, H.W.Klaser.



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LIQUOR ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS--  
APPRECIATION OF NEW DIRECTIVE:

On September 4, 1953, Major General William E. Bergin, Adjutant General, issued an order authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages on United States army posts. As a result of the vigorous protests that were made against this order to the President of the United States and the Secretary of Defense by this Committee, by other churches, and by temperance organizations, a directive has now been issued, by Roger M. Keyes, Deputy Secretary of Defense, not only repealing the Adjutant General's order, but prohibiting the sale of bottled and packaged liquor on all United States military installations--army, air force, and naval.

VOTED, That we express to the Government officials directly responsible for this directive our sincere appreciation for the valuable service that they have rendered in this matter to this country and particularly to the young men and women in the armed services.

AUDREY ASHBY--TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and Oregon Conference to arrange for Miss Audrey Ashby to work with the Bible Eight Textbook Committee which is to convene in Takoma Park July 5 to August 27, 1954. Her salary, transportation and expenses will be met by the General Conference Textbook Fund.

Adjourned. Prayer by Carl Sundin.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman  
J.I.Robison, Secretary  
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary