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THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 4, 1954

MEMBERS PRESENT:

R R Figuhr, J I Robison, R H Adair, Roger Altman, W H Beaven, W A Benjamin, C W Bozarth, W H Branson, N F Brewer, H F Brown, D Lois Burnett, E D Dick, L K Dickson, N W Dunn, H T Elliott, A L Ham, W J Harris, C B Haynes, A W Johnson, H W Klaser, F B Knight, H W Lowe, D A McAdams, F D Nichol, W B Ochs, W E Phillips, L R Rasmussen, D E Rebok, K J Reynolds, A H Rulkoetter, W A Scharffenberg, J A Stevens, Carl Sundin, M C Taft, W H Teesdale, J C Thompson, C L Torrey

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wesley Amundsen, Cecil Coffey, T H Jemison, R Ruhling

Prayer by J.C. Thompson.

MINUTES of the meeting of January 28 were approved.

G M SCHULER--PACIFIC PRESS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and Southwestern Junior College the call from the Pacific Press Publishing Association for G.M.Schuler to connect with the Mountain View plant.

SECOND ADVENT LEAFLET:

VOTED, 1. That a four-page leaflet on the subject of the Second Advent be prepared for general distribution to the public on June 5 by all our churches in North America, the expense to be shared by the General Conference, union and local conferences and churches on the same general basis as voted by the Committee in the case of the Look magazine reprint.

2. That the Home Missionary Department be requested to handle the promotion and to plan for the circulation of the leaflet.

3. That the Review and Herald Publishing Association be asked to publish the leaflet.

4. That the following committee prepare the manuscript, with power to act: L.K.Dickson, T.L.Oswald, R.R.Figuhr, J.I.Robison, Roger Altman.

CME--COMMITTEE ON SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS:

VOTED, To request the College of Medical Evangelists Board to arrange for the committee, appointed on recommendation of the Autumn Council, on maintenance of spiritual emphasis and denominational objectives in connect/with the medical college, to report to the 1954 Autumn Council and the Board in joint session.

ITALIAN UNION MISSION--APPROPRIATION:

The Italian Union Mission has incurred heavy expense in securing legal counsel in the endeavor to secure religious liberty for the denomination in Italy. The undertaking has proved helpful.

VOTED, To appropriate \$643.00 from the Contingency Fund to the Southern European Division for the Italian Union Mission, to meet one half the reported expense of litigation in religious liberty matters.

SPONSORSHIPS:

VOTED, To grant sponsorships as required by the Government, as follows:

G.O.Adams and family, requested by the Southern African Division. Dermival Stockler de Lima and family, requested by South American Division. Geraldo Gomes de Oliveira and family, """""""""""

WAYNE N ANDREWS--SETTLEMENT:

VOTED, That financial settlement be made with Wayne N. Andrews, permanently returned from Southern Africa and planning to continue his studies at a university, granting him six months' salary as from February 1, 1954, with the assurance that the General Conference will assist him in finding employment at the close of his university work.

WAYNE N ANDREWS--CREDENTLAIS:

VOTED, That Ministerial Credentials expiring July 31, 1954, be granted to Wayne N. Andrews.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION -- STANDING COMMITTEES:

VOTED, That the following functioning committees for the 1954 General Conference Session are hereby appointed:

Platform.--N.F.Brewer, chairman; T.G.Bunch, H.J.Capman, L.E.Froom, A.L.Ham, C.E.Moseley, Jr., G.R.Nash, R.H.Nightingale, R.M.Whitsett, F.H.Yost.

Music.--E.W.Dunbar, chairman; R.R.Bietz, Bradford Braley(organist), L.K.Dickson, Ben Glanzer, Charles Keymer, C.H.Lauda, F.L.Peterson, J.W.Rhodes, Ray Turner, Mrs. Minnie Iverson-Wood (if she is attending Session).

Visual Education .-- L.A. Skinner, director; E.W. Dunbar, T.E. Lucas.

Distribution of Materials.--G.M.Mathews, chairman; B.E.Wagner, vice-chairman; Wesley Amundsen, O.A.Blake, L.F.Bohner, H.F.Brown, J.E.Edwards, L.S.Follette, T.R.Gardner, R.Gerber, E.L.Green, C.E.Guenther, T.H.Jemison, C.H.Kelly, H.C.Kephart, H.W.Klaser, J.C.Kozel, G.A.Lindsay, T.E.Lucas, D.A.McAdams, W.B.Mohr, E.A.Moon, C.C.Morris, L.H.Netteburg, W.L.Pascoe, Otto Schildhauer, H.E.Schneider, F.W.Schnepper, H.A.Shepard, Francis Soper, A.Warren, P.L. Williams.

Ushering and Offerings.--J.F.Cummins, chairman; A.A.Esteb, T.R.Gardner, E.L. Green, C.H.Kelly, H.C.Kephart, J.C.Kozel, G.M.Mathews, D.A.McAdams, W.B.Mohr, L.H.Netteburg, H.E.Schneider, F.W.Schnepper, H.A.Shepard.

Exhibits.--S.Arason, chairman; B.J.Kohler, R.E.Osborn.

Radio-Television Arrangements.--E.R.Walde, chairman; W.H.Beaven, J.E.Chase, Cecil Coffey, W.A.Fagal, J.R.Ferren, F.E.Froom, Wayne Hooper, Orville Iverson, B.O.Maxson, W.B.Ochs, Leston Post, Lloyd Reile, H.M.S.Richards, H.L.Rudy, Robert Seamount, Donn Thomas, J.L.Tucker, G.E.Vandeman, R.M.Whitsett, W.H. Williams.

Steering.--W.H.Branson, chairman; D.E.Rebok, secretary; R.H.Adair, Roger Altman, C.W.Bozarth, W.P.Bradley, N.F.Brewer, A.W.Cormack, J.F.Cummins, L.K.Dickson, N.W.Dunn, H.T.Elliott, R.R.Figuhr, F.B.Knight, W.B.Ochs, A.V.Olson, J.I. Robison, E.E.Roenfelt, H.L.Rudy, C.L.Torrey, W.H.Williams.

Housing, Reception, Information and Location.--H.H.Hicks, chairman; A.G. Munson, vice-chairman; R.H.Adair, F.L.Bland, C.W.Bozarth, J.F.Cummins, H.T.Elliott, W.J.Harris, George Huse, F.B.Knight, L.L.Moffitt, C.E.Moseley, Jr., F.T.Oakes, R.E.Osborn, E.E.Roenfelt, Carl Sundin, Owen Troy, J.H.Wagner.

Decorations for Halls and Platform.--H.L.Rudy, chairman; R.E.Osborn, secretary, Roger Altman, S.Arason, Mrs. W.H.Branson, J.F.Cummins, L.K.Dickson, Mrs. L.K. Dickson, E.W.Dunbar, H.T.Elliott, E.B.Hare, Mrs. T.E.Lucas, D.A.Mc.dams, Mrs. H.L.Rudy, L.A.Skinner, Mrs. L.A.Skinner, Howard Weeks; three men to be chosen by H.H.Hicks from among the local area men.

Transportation.--F.B.Knight, chairman; H.G.Childs, W.C.Raley, E.W.Roenfelt, C.L.Torrey.

Messengers.--I.V.Counsell, captain.

Information Desk .-- To be supplied from the local area workers.

Convention Hall Post Office .-- To be supplied from the local area workers.

Announcements by Screen. -- N. M. Dunn.

Arrangements and Announcements for Committees .-- W.P.Bradley.

Watchmen.--A.F.Folger, captain; J.P.Finch; four to be provided by the Pacific Union.

First Aid Service and Nursery .-- Pacific Union Conference Medical Department to arrange.

VOTED, To present to the General Conference Session the following Suggestions as to personnel of the Standing Committees for the Session:

Constitution and By-Laws.--A.V.Olson, chairman; E.E.Roenfelt, secretary; R.H.Adair, G.J.Appel, V.T.Armstrong, C.L.Bauer, W.R.Beach, W.H.Branson, Glenn Calkins, L.K.Dickson, H.T.Elliott, F.A.Mote, Wilhelm Mueller, W.T.Murray, W.A.Nelson, W.B.Ochs, R.H.Pierson, D.E.Rebok, J.I.Robison, A.F.Tarr, C.L.Torrey, R.S.Watts.

Credentials and Licenses.--W.E.Read, chairman; J.I.Robison, secretary; W.E.Battye, F.G.Clifford, A.W.Cormack, E.D.Dick, N.W.Dunn, L.C.Evans, J.L.McElhany, L.E.Lenheim, A.H.Roth.

Distribution of Labor.--H.L.Rudy, chairman; H.T.Elliott, secretary; Roger Altman, R.A.Anderson, V.G.Anderson, G.J.Appel, V.T.Armstrong, C.L.Bauer, W.R.Beach, W.P.Bradley, W.H.Branson, N.F.Brewer, J.A.Buckwalter, Glenn Calkins, M.V.Campbell, A.W.Cormack, E.E.Cossentine, C.H.Davis, L.K.Dickson, E.W.Dunbar, N.W.Dunn, W.P.Elliott, L.C.Evans, R.R.Figuhr, T.R.Flaiz, L.E.Froom, A.L.Ham, G.A.Huse, A.W.Johnson, L.E.Lenheim, E.J.Lorntz, J.L.McElhany, L.L.Moffitt, C.E.Moseley, Jr., F.A.Mote, Wilhelm Mueller, W.E.Murray, W.A.Nelson, D.A.Ochs, W.B.Ochs, A.V.Olson, T.L.Oswald, R.H.Pierson, W.E.Read, D.E.Rebok, M.L.Rice, J.I.Robison, E.E.Roenfelt, W.A.Scharffenberg, C.A.Scriven, J.D.Smith, A.F.Tarr, E.R.Walde, R.S.Watts; and two members from each Division(secretaries of divisions and 1 union president from each division).

Finance.--C.L.Torrey, chairman; Roger Altman, secretary; R.H.Adair, J.J. Aitken, K.F.Ambs, C.V.Anderson, G.T.Anderson, R.A.Anderson, G.J.Appel, V.T. Armstrong, W.W.Armstrong,

R.C.Baker, Jose Baracat, H.W.Barrows, W.E.Battye, C.L.Bauer, W.R.Beach, L.Beer, W.A.Benjamin, R.R.Bietz, O.A.Blake, F.L.Bland, H.P.Bloum, L.F.Bohner, C.L.Bond, R.J.Borrowdale, G.W.Bowers, C.W.Bozarth, W.P.Bradley, W.H.Branson, F.Brennwald, N.F.Brewer, C.M.Bunker, D.C.Butherus,

Glenn Calkins, M.V.Campbell, Theodore Carcich, P.W.Christian, C. Christoforides, C.J.Coon, A.W.Cormack, E.E.Cossentine, J.F.Cummins,

C.W.Degering, L.K.Dickson, N.R.Dower, E.W.Dunbar, N.W.Dunn,

H.T.Elliott, W.P.Elliott, W.D.Eva, I.M.Evans, L.C.Evans, H.P.Evens,

R.R.Figuhr, T.R.Flaiz, W.W.Fordham,

T.R.Gardner, R.Gerber, J.O.Gibson, Otto Gmehling, E.L.Green, C.E.Guild,

L.Hall, L.B.Halliwell, A.L.Ham, Friedrich Hambrock, Clyde Harris, H.C.Hartman, H.H.Hicks, M.D.Howard, James Howarth, E.S.Humann, G.A.Huse, G.E.Hutches,

D.S. Johnson, H.T. Johnson, G.E. Jones,

C.H.Kelly, H.C.Kephart, H.W.Klaser, J.C.Kozel, F.B.Knight,

A.C.Larson, C.H.Lauda, L.E.Lenheim, G.A.Lindsay, M.E.Loewen,

W.E.Macpherson, T.D.Manullang, C.G.Maracle, A.P.McDow, J.L.McElhany, F.R.Millard, M.L.Mills, A.E.Mobley, W.B.Mohr, L.L.Moffitt, E.A.Moon, C.C. Morris, H.A.Morrison, C.E.Moseley, Jr., F.A.Mote, H.Muderspach, Wilhelm Mueller, W.G.C.Murdoch, W.E.Murray,

C.J.Nagele, G.B.Nelson, H.S.Nelson, R.W.Nelson, W.A.Nelson, L.H.Netteburg, R.H.Nightingale,

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W.A.Scharffenberg, Otto Schildhauer, B.L.Schlotthauer, H.E.Schneider, F.W.Schnepper, C.A.Scriven, H.A.Shepard, W.H.Shephard, J.C.Shull, R.A. Smithwick, D.Sibley, H.D.Singleton, J.D.Smith, A.W.Staples, L.M.Stump, Carl Sundin,

A.F.Tarr, W.H.Teesdale,

E.R.Walde, M.C.Warren, R.S.Watts, J.E.Weaver, H.White, R.M.Wilcox, P.L.Williams, W.H.Williams, K.A.Wright.

Nominations .-- 1. The membership of the nominating committee shall consist of:

One member for each twelve thousand church members, or major fraction thereof, computed by divisions on the basis of the membership at the close of 1953; provided, however, that no division shall have less than two members on the nominating committee on the basis of church membership; provided also that each unattached union shall have at least one member.

2. These members shall be chosen as follows:

a. Each division delegation, including the North American Division, acting as a unit shall select the members to which it is entitled on the basis of church membership. The General Conference officers residing in Washington, together with the delegations of the unattached unions, shall function as the division delegation in the matter of selecting members to represent the unattached unions.

b. Delegates at large will join the delegations from the divisions in which they are, or were, last employed.

<u>Plans.--R.F.Figuhr</u>, chairman; W.P.Bradley, secretary; General Conference officers; union and local conference presidents who may be present from the world field; General Conference department secretaries and associates; secretaries and associate secretaries of General Conference bureaus and commissions; North American union department secretaries and overseas division department secretaries who may be present; overseas division secretaries and treasurers; heads of publishing houses and sanitariums, and college presidents (including those present from overseas); nurses from overseas attending the session as delegates. J.A.

Seating of Additional Delegates. -- L.K. Dickson, chairman; A.W. Cormack, secretary; J.A. Buckwalter, W.P. Elliott.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--ALLOWANCES TO OFFICE STAFF:

VOTED, That the Committee action of October 14, recorded on page 1291, be altered to bring it into harmony with the arrangement which is in effect in the union conferences in North America. It would then read as follows:

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 \$85.00 (the equivalent of one cent a mile and \$25.00 which is allowed by the unions) 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; and that \$85.00 be the maximum grant in cases where both husband and wife are in denominational employ and both attend the Session on a vacation basis.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--REVISED SCHEDULE PRE-SESSION MEETINGS:

VOTED, To adopt the following revised schedule of pre-session meetings:

 General Conference Officers Council - Home and Overseas Monday, May 10 (10:00 A.M.) - Sunday, May 16 Corinthian Room in Whitcomb Hotel

- 2. Administrative Council Home and Overseas Monday, May 17 (9:00 A.M.) - Wednesday, May 19 Polk Hall in Civic Auditorium
- 3. Tuesday, May 18 to Thursday, May 20 Three Days Home Missionary Council - Room 301 *
- 4. Wednesday, May 19 and Thursday, May 20 Two Days
 - a. Press Relations Council Room 404 *
 - b. Publishing Council Room 403 *
 - c. Nursing Education Council Room in Hotel Whitcomb
- 5. Thursday, May 20 (9:00 A.M.) Sunday, May 23 Four Days Ministerial Association Meeting - place to be arranged
- 6. Friday, May 21 and Sunday, May 23 Two Days
 - a. Sabbath School Council Room 301 *
 - b. MV Council Room 409 *
 - c. Medical Council Room 403 *
 - d. Colored Department Council Room 404 *
- 7. Monday, May 24 One Day
 - a. Radio and Television Council Polk Hall *
 - b. Religious Liberty Council Room 404 *
 - c. Temperance Council Room 301 *
 - d. North American War Service Commission Forenoon Room 403 * Council on Industrial Relations - Afternoon - Room 403 *
 - e. International Service Commission Forencon Room 409 *
 - f. Educational Council 3:30-5:30 p.m. Room 409***

* Rooms in Civic Auditorium.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL--PERSONNEL:

The personnel of the Administrative Council which is to meet May 17 to 19 is as follows: Home and Overseas General Conference officers, union presidents and secretary-treasurers, local conference presidents and secretarytreasurers, college presidents and business managers, sanitarium directors, medical superintendents and business managers, publishing house managers and treasurers, representatives of ESDA, Home Study, Theological Seminary, and College of Medical Evangelists.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION -- INVITATIONS.

VOTED, That in addition to those members of the Executive Committee resident in North America, and inclusive of former actions respecting individual attendance, the following be authorized to attend the General Conference Session:

SCHEDULE 1: Persons not in General Conference employ, to be recommended to the Session as delegates at large, expense to be met by the General Conference in harmony with the usual policy, and further provided:

a. That where the wife is specifically included in the invitation, financial provision for husband and wife shall be the same as for delegates from the General Conference, as set forth in these minutes, pages 1289 and 1290.

b. That where the wife is not specifically invited but accompanies her husband, she shall receive nothing for travel but the husband shall be granted a double hotel room and \$6.75 daily allowance while in San Francisco for the Session.

The List: W.E.Abernathy, B.W.Abney, E.M.Adams, W.L.Adams, W.M.Adams, B.L.Anderson, Mrs. W.H.Anderson, M.L.Andreasen, Mrs. E.E.Andross, J.L.Brown, J.R.Campbell, M.N.Campbell, L.L.Caviness, H.G.Childs, Mrs. L.H.Christian, Claude Conard, Roy F. Cottrell, J.G.Dasent, E.N.Dick, C.T.Everson, W.A.Fagal, S.L.Frost, J.A.P.Green, L.Halswick, L.A.Hansen, G.T.Harding, M.D., Mr, and Mrs. Clyde Harris, Gus Hoehn, M.D., B.P.Hoffman, W.B.Holden, M.D., W.H. Holden, Mrs. W.E.Howell, C.S.Longacre, Meade MacGuire, Eduard Magi, J.H. McEachern, A.Minck, Mrs. O.Montgomery, Mrs. W.E.Nelson, John Oss, Miss Sarah Peck, G.E.Peters, Arnold Pflugrad, G.McCready Price, W.C.Raley, G.A.Roberts, D.E.Robinson, Mrs. H.E.Rogers, W.A.Ruble, R.Ruhling, H.F.Schuberth, Mrs. F.A. Stahl, A.W.Truman, M.J.W.Turner, W.G.Turner, H.W.Vollmer, M.D., C.E.Weaks, S.A.Wellman, S.E.Wight, Mrs. F.M.Wilcox, B.G.Wilkinson. E.M. melaen L.H wood F.W. Detamere Barland Millet

SCHEDULE 2: Persons not employed by the General Conference, attending the Session on a non-delegate basis, expense to be met by the General Conference as provided in Schedule 1: List.--J.N.Anderson, Mrs. C.C.Crisler, Abbie Dunn, A.V.Larson, Milton Lee, H.H.Morse, Mrs. Thelma Smith, Mrs. Theodora Wangerin. Seventh-day Adventist Service Chaplains who may be able to attend will be welcomed, and provided with hotel room and daily allowance of \$4.00 while in San Francisco for the Session.

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SCHEDULE 3: Persons employed by the General Conference or the Theological Seminary, to be recommended to the Session as delegates at large; it being understood that the allowances for delegates from the General Conference, as set forth in these minutes, pages 1289 and 1290, shall apply, and that the officers shall fix the time authorized to be spent in San Francisco at denominational expense: List.--Wesley Amundsen, S.Arason, W.H.Bergherm, E.C.Christie, D.A.Cone, M.K.Eckenroth, C.D.Forshee, Ben Glanzer, Earle Hilgert, S.H.Horn, T.H.Jemison, S.A.Kaplan, B.J.Kohler, R.E.Loasby, John Mc^Cartney, Bessie Mount, W.G.C.Murdoch, V.L.Sanders, Daniel Walther, C.E.Weniger, F.H.Yost. H.B. Muther, F.H. Kely, J.M. Matte

SCHEDULE 4: Persons employed by the General Conference, attending the Session on a non-delegate basis, the officers to fix the time authorized to be spent in San Francisco at denominational expense. Financial allowances shall be as provided for the office staff and set forth in these minutes on page 1290 except that:

a. Where the spouse is also authorized to attend the Session, the total allowance for both husband and wife shall in no case exceed the provisions for General Conference Committee members as set forth in these minutes on pages 1289 and 1290, regardless of the employment status of either spouse.

b. An accompanying spouse not provided for under paragraph "a" shall receive no financial assistance, except that if in General Conference employ and attending on a vacation basis, a flat allowance of \$25.00 shall be granted.

The List.--Minnie Abray, Mrs. R.H.Adair, Mrs. Hazel Anderson, Mrs. Vera Baker, Merilyn Chace, Cecil Coffey, I.V.Counsell, Mildred Dumas, Mrs. Louise Elliott, Grace Evans, Katie Farney, John P. Finch, A.F.Folger, Mrs. Marilyn Froelich, Clara Gilbert, Carol Hetzell, Ethel Howard, Evelyn Mays-Johnson, Mildred Johnson, Corinne Kerbs, Pauline Klady, Mrs. Elaine Larkin, Eva Linscott, N.W.Litchfield, Mrs. Leona Long, Frances Maiden, Mrs. Marjorie Marsh, Mrs. Ruth McAdams, Louise Meyer, Marie Mooney, Dorothy Ninaj, Marion Nyman, Mary Ogle, Hazel Olson, Mary Paul, Mrs. Ena Pillgreen, Mrs. Leona Running, Carol Russ, Mrs. Grace Sampson, Mrs. Mary Scott, Mrs. Ruth Seitz, Juanita Slack, Verna Slate, Helen Smith, Mrs. Eunice Soper, Minnie Truitt, Mintie Truitt, Maybelle Vandermark, Howard Weeks, Thelma Wellman, Evelyn Wells, Ora Williams, Mrs. Arabella Williams, Mrs. Naomi Wilmot. Mrs. Caffey, ms. Wa.Schurffenberg Barbura Suttor

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION -- INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

VOTED, That we suggest to the union conferences of North America and certain general institutions that they authorize representatives to the General Conference Session as follows, with the thought that these persons will probably be seated as delegates at large: Atlantic Union, 6; Canadian Union, 6; Central Union, 6; Columbia Union, 3; Lake Union, 6; Northern Union, for Union College, 2; North Pacific Union, 7; Pacific Union, 16; Southern Union, 7; Southwestern Union, 2; Washington Sanitarium, 3; Oakwood College, 3; Riverside Sanitarium, 2; College of Medical Evangelists (including Loma Linda and White Memorial), 10; Review and Herald, 8; Pacific Press, 8; Southern Publishing Association, 7; Voice of Prophecy, 3; Faith for Today, 2; Christian Record, 1.

C H WATSON--SESSION:

VOTED, That Elder and Mrs. C.H.Watson of Australia be invited to attend the General Conference Session at our expense.

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE--MEETINGS IN SAN FRANCISCO:

VOTED, To authorize the holding of meetings of the General Conference Committee in San Francisco, California, between May 7 and June 7, 1954, as may be found to be necessary.

CIGARETTE FILM:

VOTED, To approve the plan of the American Temperance Society to collaborate in the production of a film on the cigarette question, and that up to \$500.00 be provided from the Contingency Fund for meeting transportation expense in connection with a meeting in New Orleans of several prominent medical men for a discussion of the project.

W H BERGHERM--PUERTO RICO:

VOTED, To approve W.H.Bergherm's visit to Puerto Rico February 3 to assist Adventist servicemen facing court martial.

SCHOOLS OF NUTRITION:

VOTED, Upon recommendation of the officers, that we approve the plan submitted by the Medical Department for conducting Schools of Nutrition in various denominational institutions and in the conferences in the Eastern states with the help of Dr. and Mrs. H.W.Vollmer, it being understood that the travel, salary, and other expenses will be borne by the institutions or conferences where the schools are conducted.

E D CLIFFORD--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return for E.D.Clifford on his request and on recommendation of the South American Division.

J W PROVONSHA--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To approve the transfer of appointment of the Doctors Provonsha from Indo-China to Okinawa, as requested by the Far Eastern Division.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

E.W.Dunbar, MV Officers Institute, Syracuse, N.Y., February 27. R.L.Benton to Anchorage, Alaska, to assist servicemen facing court martial, early February.

H.W.Barrows, F.Brennwald, to Nashville, Tenn., for auditing. A.W.Johnson, Wisconsin Academy, commencement, May 16, en route to San Francisco.

L.R.Rasmussen, stop in Chicago en route to Lincoln, Nebr., textbook business.

T.H.Jemison, Lincoln, Nebr., Union College Week of Prayer, Oct. 8-15. E.R.Walde, stopover at Berrien Springs, en route home from California.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Hamer to Sandoval, N. Mex., from National City, Calif.

Invite W.A.Howe and Eugene Armour to Grand Ledge, Mich., June 29-July 13, to serve on camp staff.

Carl Sundin to Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 5; Syracuse, N.Y., Feb. 6-8, Workers meeting.

H.T.Elliott, release from appointment to Home Missionary Advisory Council. Dr. J.W.McFarland, postgraduate assembly and other appointments, Feb. 20-

26; also to Nutrition and Food Workshop in La Sierra, June 7-10.

W.B.Ochs, C.L.Torrey, W.H.Williams, H.T.Elliott, T.R.Flaiz, to institutional board meetings, Nashville, Madison, Oakwood, and Riverside.

E.E.Cossentine, K.J.Reynolds, to Oakwood, Riverside, and Madison board meetings, Feb. 19-23.

C.E.Moseley to Riverside and Oakwood board meetings, Feb. 19-22.

W.H.Beaven to New Orleans on cigarette film project, time to be arranged; to Northern Union, March 10-20, following appointment at Union College.

Dr. William Taylor to Chicago, Feb. 8-10, Kellogg Foundation.

Dr. R.F.Waddell to New York from Los Angeles.

MUSIC COMMITTEE--MEETING:

VOTED, To authorize the General Conference Session Music Committee to meet in Takoma Park during the month of March to lay plans for the music for the Session.

Adjourned, with prayer by J.A.Stevens.

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

Correction .-- On page 1427, Transportation Committee member is W.H.Raley, not W.C.Raley.

THREE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 11, 1954

MEMBERS PRESENT:

R R Figuhr, E E Roenfelt, R H Adair, Roger Altman, H W Barrows, W H Beaven, N F Brewer, J E Chase, E D Dick, N W Dunn, H T Elliott, A L Ham, W J Harris, C B Haynes, A W Johnson, H W Klaser, F B Knight, H W Lowe, D A McAdams, W E Read, H L Rudy, A H Rulkoetter, F A Soper, J A Stevens, C L Torrey, E R Walde, W H Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wesley Amundsen, W H Bergherm, Ben Glanzer, T H Jemison, S A Kaplan, R Ruhling, H B Weeks.

Prayer by E.H.Walde.

MINUTES of the meeting of February 4 were approved.

MANUEL NESTARES -- RADIO COMMISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to the South American Division the call from the Latin-American Radio Commission for Manuel Nestares of Uruguay to connect with the Commission as associate speaker for the Spanish Voice of Prophecy broadcasts.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--CREDENTIALS TO DELEGATES:

VOTED, That the Secretary be authorized to issue credentials to all duly-appointed delegates to the General Conference Session.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION -- EXHIBIT BOOTHS:

VOTED, To approve the recommendation of the Committee on Physical Arrangements for the General Conference Session which makes an adjustment in the order of assignment of exhibit booths on the Grove Street side of the second floor of the Civic Auditorium, and to refer to the Committee on Physical Arrangements any further adjustments that may need to be made on assignment of booths.

WAGE SCALE--AMENDMENT:

VOTED, That the Wage Scale maximum rates be amended as follows:

Principal of Intermediate School (Man) \$60.00 Dean of Boys, Academy 60.00

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BIBLE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE--PERSONNEL:

VOTED, 1. To request the Lake Union and Michigan Conference to arrange for W.J.Wilkinson to serve on the Bible Eight Textbook Committee which is to meet in Washington, D.C., July 5 to August 27, 1954, salary, transportation and entertainment expense to be met by the General Conference.

2. To request the Columbia Union and New Jersey Conference to arrange for Miss Alice M. Slick to serve on the Bible Eight Textbook Committee which is to meet in Washington, D.C., July 5 to August 27, salary, transportation and entertainment expense to be met by the General Conference.

CHRISTINE KRUGER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return for Miss Christine Kruger, at her request and on recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

N O DAHLSTEN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Southern Asia Division and his own request, that N.O.Dahlsten be granted permanent return.

THYRA SANDBERG--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return for Miss Thyra Sandberg in harmony with her plan to retire from mission service in Southern Asia at the time of her furlough.

BETTY JUNE GIBSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return for Betty June Gibson, daughter of R.E. Gibson of Inter-America.

GRACE ROBINSON--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To grant one month's extension of furlough to Miss Grace Robinson of Southern Africa, to make it possible for her to complete her studies as authorized by the Division.

STANLEY W JOHNSON--MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Pacific Union College to release Stanley W. Johnson and to invite him to connect with the Middle East Division as Bible teacher for the Middle East College.

CLARENCE M DONALDSON--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Dr. Clarence M. Donaldson of Santa Ana, Calif., the invitation from the Inter-American Division for him to connect with the Bella Vista Hospital in Puerto Rico.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

A.W. Johnson to attend hearing before Supreme Court of Ohio, March 9.

C.E.Moseley, revival meetings, Lake Region Conference, March 27 to April 11.

H.F.Brown, Southwestern Union, March 26-April 10; Northern Union, April 13-25.

G.E.Peters to Oakwood for dedication services, Feb. 20,21.

James E. Chase, a Tri-Conference Youth Rally, Pittsfield, Mass., and other radio station appointments, March 10-14; also approval of station contacts in San Francisco en route from Voice of Prophecy Board meeting.

Carl Sundin, Atlantic Union College, Feb. 12-15.

Dr. J.Wayne McFarland, CME Alumni Chapter of New England, at New England Sanitarium, Feb. 14.

F.H.Yost for commencement or baccalaureate services at Monterey Bay Academy, May 22; and CME, June 5.

E.W.Dunbar to Colored Youth Congress for Southern Union at Atlanta, April 23-25.

MILTON LEE--REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE:

VOTED, That Milton Lee be given a rehabilitation allowance of 85% of \$200.00, to compensate for the loss of his library in China.

Adjourned. Prayer by T.H.Jemison.

R.R.Figuhr, Chairman E.E.Roenfelt, Secretary Mary Paul, Recording Secretary ****

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THREE HUNDRED NINETEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 18, 1954

MEMBERS PRESENT:

H L Rudy, N W Dunn, R H Adair, Roger Altman, W H Beaven, W A Benjamin, F Brennwald, N F Brewer, J E Chase, E D Dick, J E Edwards, H T Elliott, R R Figuhr, T R Flaiz, C E Guenther, E B Hare, C B Haynes, G A Huse, A W Johnson, H W Klaser, F B Knight, H W Lowe, D A McAdams, J W Mc^Farland, F D Nichol, T L Oswald, W E Read, D E Rebok, E E Roenfelt, A H Rulkoetter, F A Soper, J A Stevens, W H Teesdale, J C Thompson, C L Torrey, H H Votaw, W H Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wesley Amundsen, W H Bergherm, R Ruhling.

Prayer by W.H.Beaven.

MINUTES of the meeting of February 11 were approved.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY--\$500:

VOTED, To appropriate \$500 from such funds as have been allocated to the National Council of Churches, Foreign Missions Division, to the Joint Committee on Religious Liberty of the NCCC for the year 1954.

SEMINARY--APPROPRIATION \$1,620:

VOTED, To appropriate \$1,620 from the Contingency Fund to the Theological Seminary to cover the increased rent subsidy allowance to the staff.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--ACCOUNT IN SAN FRANCISCO BANK:

Resolved, That we authorize the opening of a deposit account in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in the Bank of America, Ninth and Market Street Branch, San Francisco, California, and that the said bank be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of W.H.Williams, Undertreasurer, and/or R.H.Adair, Assistant Treasurer, and/or E.C.Christie, Cashier, on checks drawn against this account.

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS--BUILDING FUND ADVANCE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to advance \$230,000 to the CME Building Fund, this to be a charge against the 1955 Budget appropriation.

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MISSIONS EXTENSION OFFERING:

VOTED, That for 1954 the Missions Extension Offering be handled as follows:

1. That the basic goal be \$100,000.

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

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

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

SECOND ADVENT LEAFLET--DIVISION OF EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the production expense --\$6.75 per thousand--of the Second Advent leaflet being prepared for distribution on June 5, be shared as follows: General Conference, \$0.75; union conference, \$1.00; local conference, \$2.50; church, \$2.50.

VARNER J JOHNS--SEMINARY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conference the request from the Theological Seminary Board for the services of Varner J. Johns, inviting him to teach during the summer quarter.

W H RALEY--DELEGATE AT LARGE:

VOTED, That W.H.Raley be invited to attend the General Conference Session as a delegate at large (under Schedule 3, p. 1432).

B J KOHLER--MESSENGER SERVICE:

VOTED, That B.J.Kohler be appointed a captain of the messenger service for the General Conference Session, to work with I.V.Counsell.

T E LUCAS--SESSION COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That T.E.Lucas be appointed vice-chairman of the Committee on Ushering and Offerings for the General Conference Session.

EDITORIAL COUNCIL ARRANGEMENTS:

VOTED, That the Editorial Council, authorized by the 1953 Autumn Council to be held in connection with the General Conference Session, be held during the Session at the department hour--5:00 P.M.--on May 26 and 30 and June 1 and 3.

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SPONSORSHIPS:

VOTED, To grant sponsorships as required by the United States Government, as follows:

C.J.Jensen and family, on request of the Southern Asia Division. S.C.Greive and wife, on request of the Australasian Division.

BETTY VAN TASSLE--WASHINGTON SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and East Pennsylvania Conference the call from the Washington Sanitarium for Miss Betty Van Tassle of the Philadelphia Academy to serve as receptionist at the medical desk.

RUTH TOBIASSEN--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To extend the furlough of Miss Ruth Tobiassen until June 15, as recommended by the Middle East Division.

E A CRANE--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That three months' extension of furlough be granted to E.A.Crane, on recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

EDEN SMITH--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return for Dr. Eden Smith because of the health requirements of Mrs. Smith, on recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

ROBERT HASSO--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return for Robert Hasso, in view of his plans to continue his education in America, as recommended by the Middle East Division.

F L ARTRESS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Dr. F.L.Artress of Ethiopia, on recommendation of the Northern European Division.

NEVA SANDBORN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return for Miss Neva Sandborn for health reasons and on recommendation of the South American Division.

DONALD I PETERSON--NIGERIA:

VOTED, To pass on to Dr. Donald I. Peterson of Buckley, Wash., the call from the Northern European Division for a doctor to connect with the Ile-Ife Hospital in Nigeria.

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ROY S CORNELL--ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, To pass on to Dr. Roy S. Cornell of Pasco, Wash., the call from the Northern European Division for a doctor to connect with the Zauditu Memorial Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

W H WILLIAMS--EUROPE:

VOTED, To authorize W.H.Williams to visit Central and Southern Europe in late March or as may be arranged.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

R.L.Odom to visit Washington, D.C., on editorial work.

Mrs. Arabella Williams, extension of trip in Northern Union from 2 weeks in Minnesota to $3\frac{1}{2}$ weeks in Northern Union; also to Cortland, N.Y., Feb.24-27.

Carl Guenther, Southern Missionary College for Field Day, etc., Mar. 7-10. A.L.White, Northern New England Workers' meeting, Mar. 17,18; Grand River church, Detroit, Mich., April 9-11.

F.H.Yost, Emmanuel Missionary College, Week of Prayer, April 9-17.

D.A.McAdams, Southern Missionary College colporteur institute, Mar. 19-24.

B.E.Wagner, Canadian Union College, April 12-20; Oshawa Missionary College, April 23-26--colporteur institutes.

L.K.Dickson, New York Conference for church appointments, Feb.26-Mar.7. J.E.Edwards, Carolina Conference Laymen's meeting, Mar. 26,27.

T.R.Flaiz, Boulder-Porter Sanitarium boards, March 2, at Boulder, Colo. Eric B. Hare and Miss Louise Meyer, Child Evangelism Institute at the Berea church in Boston, April 9-11.

W H BERGHERM--ITINERARY:

VOTED, To approve the following itinerary for W.H.Bergherm: San Antonio, Texas, March 26,27; Mexico, April 1-18 (to include Mexico Medical Cadet Training Camp, April 8-18).

Adjourned. Prayer by J.E.Edwards.

H.L.Rudy, Chairman N.W.Dunn, Secretary Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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THREE HUNDRED TWENTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 25, 1954

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L K Dickson, W P Bradley, R H Adair, W H Beaven, W A Benjamin, W H Branson, N F Brewer, E E Cossentine, E D Dick, E W Dunbar, N W Dunn, J E Edwards, J R Ferren, R R Figuhr, C E Guenther, W J Harris, C B Haynes, G A Huse, A W Johnson, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, F B Knight, H W Lowe, D A McAdams, L L Moffitt, H A Morrison, C E Moseley, F D Nichol, T L Oswald, L R Rasmussen, K J Reynolds, J I Robison, H L Rudy, A H Rulkoetter, F A Soper, J A Stevens, W H Teesdale, J C Thompson, C L Torrey, W H Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

W H Bergherm, R Ruhling.

Prayer by E.D.Dick.

MINUTES of meeting of February 18 were approved.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--SPEAKERS AND TOPICS:

VOTED, To approve the list of speakers for the General Conference Session and their subjects, as recommended by the officers, as follows:

Devotional - 8:30 A.M.

May 25, Tuesday	R.R.Figuhr	"I Will Come Again"
May 26, Wednesday	H.M.S.Richards	"The Gospel of Grace"
May 27, Thursday	T.G.Bunch	"Righteousness by Faith"
May 28, Friday	W.E.Read	"The Holy Spirit"
May 30, Sunday	V.G.Anderson	"Lift Up Your Eyes and Look"
May 31, Monday	R.A.Anderson	"The Health Message"
June 1, Tuesday	W.H.Branson	"A Prophetic Message"
June 2, Wednesday	W.G.C.Murdoch	"The Hope of the Resurrection"
June 3, Thursday	L.K.Dickson	"The Final Preparation"
June 4, Friday	C.E.Moseley, Jr.	"The Home of the Saved"

Friday Evenings

May 28	F.W.Detamore
June 4	G.E.Vandeman

Sabbaths

May 29 - A.M. Cow Palace General Conference President Civic Auditorium G.E.Vandeman

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June 5 - A.M. Cow Palace Auditorium	A.S.Maxwell H.M.S.Richards	"Behold, Thy King Cometh"
June 5 - P.M. Cow Palace	V 1	Second Advent of Christ"
	F.D.Nichol	"Why Christ Must Come"
	E.E.Cleveland	"The Time Is At Hand"
	L.K.Dickson	"What Will Happen When Christ
		Comes"
	W.B.Ochs	"The Better World Beyond"

TAKOMA PARK CHURCH--\$500:

VOTED, That an allowance of \$500 be made to the Takoma Park church from the Autumn Council fund, for the use of the church during the 1953 Autumn Council.

AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY--\$16,413.11:

VOTED, That an appropriation of \$16,413.11 from the Contingency Fund be granted the American Temperance Society to clear its account with the Pacific Press Publishing Association for the publication of Listen magazine, etc.

EXCHANGE RATE--BOLIVIA:

VOTED, That as of February 1, 1954, the fixed rate of exchange for the Boliviano be \$0.00125.

J A STEVENS--COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

VOTED, That J.A.Stevens be added to the personnel of the Committee on Plans to be suggested to the Session.

WILLIAM JOHNSON--PLAINVIEW ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Loma Linda Food Company the call from the Northern Union for William Johnson of the Mount Vernon branch to connect with the South Dakota Conference as farm manager of the Plainview Academy.

MRS. FLORENCE ROBINSON--REVIEW AND HERALD:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Washington Missionary College the call from the Review and Herald Publishing Association for Mrs. Florence Robinson of the College Press.

W H BERGHERM--VISIT PANAMA AND PUERTO RICO:

VOTED, That W.H.Bergherm be authorized to visit Panama and Puerto Rico should it become necessary to make this trip to assist our servicemen.

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R M MILNE--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release R.M.Milne of Thailand from the appointment to service in the Hong Kong-Macao Mission.

WARREN ZORK--LIUMBA HILL MISSION:

VOTED, To request the Central Union and Missouri Conference to release Warren Zork, and to invite him to connect with the Southern African Division and the Liumba Hill Mission in Northern Rhodesia.

W W POHLE--HONG KONG-MACAO:

VOTED, That W.W.Pohle's appointment be transferred from the Belgian Congo to the Hong Kong-Macao Mission for service as pastor-evangelist.

NEIL THRASHER--BANGKOK SANITARIUM:

VOTED, That Dr. Neil Thrasher, just completing army service, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as radiologist for the Bangkok Sanitarium.

I C WOODWARD--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That permanent return be granted I.C.Woodward for educational reasons and on recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

HEINRICH FUSS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return from Mexico to the United States for Heinrich Fuss, son of Max Fuss.

T S BRASH--AUSTRALASIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division the call from the Australasian Inter-Union Conference for T.S.Brash of Scotland to connect with the West Australian Conference, travel expense to be cared for by the Northern European Division.

N E BOLST--AUSTRALASIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Asia Division the call from the Australasian Inter-Union Conference for N.E.Bolst, now on leave of absence in Australia, to connect with the work in that field. Australasia is not responsible for the transfer expense and accepts no obligation to provide furlough or leave-of-absence privileges.

S ROBERT NYSTROM--PUERTO RICO:

VOTED, To invite Dr. S.Robert Nystrom of Santa Ana, California, to connect with the Bella Vista Hospital in Puerto Rico as radiologist, in harmony with the call from the Inter-American Division.

BARBARA JEAN McDONALD--BELEM HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite Miss Barbara Jean McDonald of Pacific Union College to respond to the call from the South American Division for a supervisor of nurses for the Belem Hospital in Brazil.

W H RALEY--INSURANCE DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, To invite W.H.Raley of the San Francisco Transportation Office to connect with the Insurance Department of the General Conference.

D A CONE--NEW YORK TRANSPORTATION OFFICE:

VOTED, To invite D.A.Cone of the Insurance Department to connect with the New York Transportation Office as Eastern Transportation Agent.

J G SLATE--SAN FRANCISCO TRANSPORTATION OFFICE:

VOTED, To invite J.G.Slate of the New York Transportation Office to connect with the San Francisco Transportation Office as Western Transportation Agent.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

W.J.Harris and Miss Louise Meyer, Bangor, Maine, Northern New England Conference Child Evangelism Council, April 10-13.

F.L.Jones, request Southern Publishing Association for <u>Message</u> promotion, Pacific Union Conference, April 24-May 8.

F.A.Soper, Southern Union, March 4-30; return via St. Louis and Chicago, Listen interests.

Howard Weeks, Albany, N.Y., March 5-14, press work in spearhead evangelistic meetings.

M.C.Taft, Battle Creek, Mich., Corporation business.

Carl Sundin, Union College, March 5-7; Kansas Conference, March 8-11.

D.E.Rebok, Workers' Meeting, Lansing, Mich., April 17-19.

G.A.Huse, Emmanuel Missionary College, colporteur institute, March 19-21. J.F.Cummins and V.L.Sanders to Chicago, investment and insurance business respectively.

A.H.Rulkoetter, Union College Academy baccalaureate, May 15. John McCartney to Chicago.

EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCE:

VOTED, That the recommendation on educational allowance adopted by the 1953 Autumn Council (page 1319) be referred to the 1954 Autumn Council for reconsideration; and that we recommend to organizations in North America who have not put the plan into operation that they defer action until after the 1954 Autumn Council.

RICHARD LUKENS--FLORIDA SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the call from the Southern Union for Dr. Richard Lukens to connect with the Florida Sanitarium.

Adjourned, with prayer by A.H.Rulkoetter.

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