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FORTY-FIFTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 2, 1954

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W B Ochs, H T Elliott, R H Adair, Wesley Amundsen, H W Barrows, W A Benjamin, O A Blake, H P Bloum, C W Bozarth, F Brennwald, J A Buckwalter, J E Chase, E D Dick, J E Edwards, A A Esteb, L E Froom, C E Guenther, A L Ham, W J Harris, A W Johnson, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, H W Lowe, G M Mathews, J McCartney, H A Morrison, H S Nelson, T L Oswald, F L Peterson, W E Phillips, W E Read, D E Rebok, E E Roenfelt, A H Rulkoetter, W A Scharffenberg, Walter Schubert, F A Soper, J C Thompson, G E Vandeman, B E Wagner, Howard Weeks, W H Williams, F H Yost

OTHERS PRESENT:

T H Jemison, S A Kaplan, R Ruhling.

Prayer by F.H.Yost.

MINUTES of the meeting of November 24 were approved.

PROPHETIC FAITH OF OUR FATHERS--DISTRIBUTION:

VOTED, To adopt the following recommendation of a committee on distribution of Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers:

WHEREAS, The discussion in various religious circles concerning the second coming of Christ, following the remarkable addresses at the World Council Assembly, has turned the eyes of the religious world to the teachings of the Bible on eschatology, and

WHEREAS, The reading of the earlier volumes of Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers by many churchmen and educators has fostered this conviction and has changed the attitude of many from hostility to respect and appreciation for the contribution Seventh-day Adventists are making toward a better understanding of the second advent, and

WHEREAS, Volume IV of Prophetic Faith is now available, which introduces the Great Second Advent Movement as the climax of the prophetic exposition of the centuries, and is now being asked for by many of these leaders,--by editors for review, also by libraries and scholars who made available material which has been incorporated in the four-volume set,--thus affording an unprecedented opportunity to get this work on prophetic interpretation before these influential men; therefore

We recommend, That the sum of \$2,000 be appropriated from the General Conference Contingency Fund to enable the placing of sets, or copies of Prophetic Faith in the hands of key religious leaders in various lands and of editors of various religious journals, for review, also to libraries and scholars who have made material contributions toward this work. In this way

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we can capitalize upon the current interest in prophecy, and also augment the voluntary contributions of friends to this project, and thus insure greater returns from the investment the denomination has made in these volumes.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY--TEACHERS:

VOTED, To accede to the request of the Theological Seminary that L.E. Froom, A.W.Johnson, J.W.McFarland, and F.H.Yost be authorized to teach at the Seminary during the Winter Term beginning December 1, 1954.

LAYMEN'S CONGRESSES--EXPENSE AND PLANS: ,

VOTED, To adopt the recommendations of the Committee on Pooling and Plans for the North American Laymen's Congresses authorized for 1955, as follows:

We recommend, 1. That the time and place for each laymen's congress be as follows:

- a. Central Congress, Kansas City, Mo., June 21-25.
- b. Western Congress, Gladstone Park, Oregon, August 2-6.
- c. Eastern Congress, Grand Ledge, Mich., August 30 to September 3.

2. That these be the guiding principles in the pooling of transportation expenses of delegates to the three laymen's congresses:

- a. The travel expenses to be based on round trip auto mileage with payment of $1\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per mile per delegate with a maximum of 6¢ per mile per car.
- b. The pooling quota is arrived at by taking the total car mileage from the farthest church in each conference to the place where the sectional congress will be held, and getting the actual average for those churches, then setting up a zoning arrangement.
- c. The church pays to the conference the amount specified in the zoning plan and the conference then pays to the General Conference the difference between the zoning quota and the actual. Zone 3 will receive from the general pool the difference between the actual average of the section and the zoning rate.
- d. The organization to handle the pooling expenses will be the local conference officers with the Home Missionary secretary in each field, in co-operation with the General Conference Pooling and Planning Committee on the North American Laymen's Congresses.

3. That O.A.Blake be designated treasurer for these three Congresses.

4. That all pooling quotas for the Central section should be in the hands of the conference treasurer by May 15, and by May 30 that portion which comes to the General Conference should be sent to O.A.Blake; and the pooling quotas from the Eastern and Western sections be in the hands of the conference treasurer by June 15 and by June 30 the General Conference portion be in the hands of the Congress treasurer.

5. That a special appropriation of \$1.00 for each delegate be made by the General Conference to the Central, Northern, Southwestern and Southern

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unions and to the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference to partially defray additional housing expenses on the part of delegates coming to Kansas City.

6. That a maximum of three delegates from each of the following missions--Alaska, Hawaii, Bermuda, and Newfoundland, receive the transportation expense as cited in section 7.

7. That the transportation expenses of these delegates from the four missions named in recommendation 6, be shared by the General Conference and the union of each mission on a fifty-fifty basis beyond the pooling arrangements set up for Zone 3.

8. That for the use of their camp grounds, including utilities, for the period of the laymen's congresses, the Oregon and Michigan conferences be paid \$500 each.

9. Suggestive nightly accommodation charge at Grand Ledge and Gladstone Park: (1) Cabins - \$1.50 per person; (2) tents - \$1.00 per person.

10. Suggestive meal ticket charge for Grand Ledge and Gladstone Park: \$8.50 for fourteen meals beginning with Tuesday night and ending Sunday morning, with the understanding that there be no refund for the unused portion of the ticket.

WARREN L. JOHNS--COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and Michigan conferences the call from the College of Medical Evangelists for Warren L. Johns to connect with the Los Angeles office of the Public Relations Department of the College.

OVERSEAS VISITS:

VOTED, To approve arrangements for overseas visits as follows:

N.W. Dunn, extend itinerary in South America to February 18, 1955.

W.R. Beach, to attend Northern European Division meetings in Great Britain, about January 11, 1955, en route home from India.

W.E. Read, extend itinerary in Inter-America two weeks.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

O.A. Blake, A.L. Ham, and W.H. Williams, to Huntsville, Ala., for meeting of Oakwood College local board, December 21.

W.J. Harris, special meetings at Oshawa, Ontario, weekend December 18.

W.J. Harris, Pacific Union during January and part of February, 1955.

W.E. Ochs, Kentucky-Tennessee Workers' Meetings, January 2 and 3.

F.L. Peterson, Cleveland, December 11.

H.T. Elliott, Southern Publishing Association and Madison College boards, December 8 and 9.

W.A. Scharffenberg, Temperance Council, South Lancaster, December 6 and 7.

E.R. Walde, extend trip from southern California to contact Elder Libby at Sacramento, and Elder Carl Becker.

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J.C.Thompson, Central Union, ten days, beginning December 9.
G.E.Vandeman, Burlington, Iowa and Houston, Texas in connection with trip to Denver already authorized.

W.H.Branson, board meetings of Southern Publishing Association and Madison College, December 8 and 9 at Nashville, also in month of February; to the West Coast for College of Medical Evangelist meetings in January.

J.Wayne McFarland, Porter Sanitarium en route to or from West Coast meetings, January 25-27.

A.W.Johnson, Committee on Religion in American Life, New York City, January 13.

BOTSCHAFTER--CONTINUED PUBLICATION:

VOTED, That we approve the continuance of the publication of Botschafter and that the financing of the publication be referred to the Home Foreign Work Committee for study.

COMMITTEE MEETING ON WEST COAST:

VOTED, To authorize a meeting of the committee on radio and television work to be held in Glendale, Calif., on January 21, 1955. (Committee personnel: W.B.Ochs, C.L.Bauer, W.R.Beach, R.R.Bietz, O.A.Blake, E.L.Branson, H.T.Elliott, R.R.Figuhr, I.E.Gillis, L.E.Lenheim, C.L.Torrey, E.R.Walde.)

C L WYMAN--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release C.L.Wyman from the appointment to service in Burma.

ROY YEATTS--AUSTRALASIA:

VOTED, To pass on to Dr. Roy Yeatts of Hardin, Mont., the invitation from the Australasian Inter-Union Conference for him to connect with the work in New Guinea for service in one of the leper colonies. It is understood that in view of his age and the fact that he has personal financial resources sufficient to support himself and wife should the time come when because of old age or disability he cannot continue service, this call is being placed on condition that he will not apply for sustentation benefits unless he should qualify by length of service according to the policy.

OLLA GILHAM--IKIZU TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union and Texico Conference to release Miss Olla Gilham, and to invite her to connect with the Southern African Division as girls' worker for the Ikizu Training School in East Africa.

M B ELLISTON--EAST BRAZIL UNION:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and Carolina Conference to release M.B.Elliston and to invite him to connect with the South American Division as home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the East Brazil Union.

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SYBIL I JUDD--GIFFARD MISSION HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite Miss Sybil I. Judd of Riverside, Calif., to connect with the Southern Asia Division as a nurse at the Giffard Mission Hospital at Nuzvid, India.

EVA DICKERSON--PENANG MISSION HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To change the assignment of Miss Eva Dickerson from Indonesia to Malaya, inviting her to serve in the Penang Mission Hospital.

KAI PIHL--LONDON:

VOTED, To authorize Dr. Kai Pihl, under appointment to Penang, to proceed to London to study and sit for the examinations required for practice in British territories, on his way to the Far East.

Adjourned to 8:30 A.M. December 3. Prayer by D.E.Rebok.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman
H.T.Elliott, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

FORTY SIXTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 9, 1954

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W B Ochs, E E Roenfelt, R H Adair, Roger Altman, H W Barrows, W A Benjamin, F Brennwald, H F Brown, J A Buckwalter, G W Chambers, J E Chase, E D Dick, J E Edwards, A A Esteb, L E Froom, C E Guenther, A L Ham, W J Harris, W A Higgins, G A Huse, A W Johnson, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, E J Lorntz, H W Lowe, G M Mathews, J W McFarland, L L Moffitt, H A Morrison, C E Moseley, F L Peterson, W E Phillips, J I Robison, Walter Schubert, L A Skinner, Donn Thomas, J C Thompson, E R Walde, Howard Weeks, W H Williams, F H Yost.

OTHERS PRESENT:

T H Jemison, S A Kaplan, R Ruhling.

Prayer by E.J.Lorntz.

MINUTES of the meeting of December 2 were approved.

MRS. ETHEL HANNUM--CME:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and La Sierra College the call from the College of Medical Evangelists for Mrs. Ethel Hannum to serve as secretary to G.T.Anderson.

MEETINGS OF EDUCATORS 1955:

VOTED, To authorize the dates and places of meetings already authorized to be held in the summer of 1955, as follows:

College Administrators, Boulder, Colorado, July 22-28.

College Teaching Section meetings, Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Mass., August 29 to September 3.

J D HENRIKSEN--MEDICAL SECRETARY NORTHERN EUROPE:

VOTED, In harmony with the recommendation of the Northern European Division, that J.D.Henriksen, M.D., be appointed medical secretary for the Division.

E B RUDGE--MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION SECRETARY
NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION:

VOTED, That E.B.Rudge be appointed Ministerial Association secretary for the Northern European Division, as recommended by the Division.

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COMMITTEES:

VOTED, To request the officers to select personnel of two committees, as follows: Study Hypnosis in Medical Practice; Health Evangelism.

E N DICK--CANCEL APPOINTMENT HAWAII:

VOTED, To cancel E.N.Dick's appointment to Hawaii, inasmuch as it has been decided not to conduct the Medical Cadet training course there at this time.

DONALD HAYNES--SUSTENTATION:

Inasmuch as a place of denominational service has not been found for Donald Haynes, on his suggestion it was

VOTED, To approve the termination of Donald Haynes' employment as a salaried worker, and to refer his case to the Sustentation Committee.

THIRTEENTH SABBATH--FOURTH QUARTER 1955:

VOTED, To counsel the Sabbath School Department to plan to receive the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for the fourth quarter of 1955 on December 24 rather than the last Sabbath of the quarter, there being fourteen Sabbaths in that quarter.

COMMITTEE ON SANITARIUMS:

VOTED, (1) That T.R.Flaiz be appointed vice-chairman, and (2) that R.A. Hare, M.D., H.E.James, M.D., J.L.McConaughy, Mervyn Hardinge, M.D., Ruth Little, Ph.D., C.L.Torrey, and O.A.Blake be added to the personnel of the Committee on the Place of Sanitariums in Our Denominational Program.

FILM AND AGENCY COMMITTEE--ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL:

VOTED, That C.A.Scriven, J.D.Smith, and V.G.Anderson be added to the personnel of the Committee on Film and Agency.

APPROPRIATION TO SCIUM:

VOTED, That an appropriation be made from Reconstruction Base--Orient, to the South China Island Union Mission in the amount of \$17,446.24 (H\$104,677.43) to care for increased cost of foreign homes.

H C CAMPBELL--SPECIAL GRANT:

VOTED, That a special grant of \$242.68 be made to H.C.Campbell to assist in meeting his recent heavy medical expense.

BIBLE DOCTRINES MS--READING COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To appoint the following committee to read the manuscript on Bible Doctrines in preparation as a textbook for denominational elementary schools: G.M.Mathews, chairman; L.E.Froom, E.J.Lorntz, C.E.Moseley, A.V.Olson.

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ETHEL JOHNSON--EDITOR BIBLE DOCTRINES TEXTBOOK:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union to grant Miss Ethel Johnson two months' leave of absence, and to invite her to serve as editor of the Bible Doctrines textbook, her salary for this period to be met by the General Conference from the Textbook Fund; and that it be arranged for her to meet with the Bible Doctrines MS Reading Committee.

WADIE FARAG--HOME MISSIONARY SECRETARY
MIDDLE EAST DIVISION:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Middle East Division, that Wadie Farag be appointed home missionary secretary of the Division.

A G ZYTKOSKEE--RADIO SECRETARY
MIDDLE EAST DIVISION:

VOTED, As recommended by the Middle East Division, that A.G. Zytoskee be appointed radio secretary of the Division.

BRAULIO PEREZ--MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION SECRETARY
SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To request the Voice of Prophecy Board to release Braulio Perez, and to appoint him Ministerial Association secretary of the South American Division, in harmony with the recommendation of the Division.

CARROL S SMALL--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Dr. Carrol S. Small from the appointment to service with the Vellore Christian Medical College in India.

GORDON G HADLEY--VELLORE CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the College of Medical Evangelists to release Dr. Gordon G. Hadley on a leave of absence basis, and to invite him to connect with the Vellore Christian Medical College as pathologist on the basis of his remaining there until the end of June, 1956.

R V JUTZY--REASSIGNMENT:

VOTED, That Dr. R.V. Jutzy's appointment to medical mission service be changed from Okinawa to the Manila Sanitarium in the Far Eastern Division.

L C FOLKES--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Dr. L.C. Folkles, under deferred appointment, from the call to Japan.

BRIAN JACQUES--REASSIGNMENT:

VOTED, To assign Brian Jacques to mission service in East Pakistan, since visa for him to serve in Burma has been denied.

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RAE ANNA BROWN--LIBYA:

VOTED, To invite Miss Rae Anna Brown of Simi, California, to respond to the invitation from the Middle East Division for a nurse to connect with the medical work in Libya.

N M MERKEL--BOLIVIA MISSION:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and Upper Columbia Conference to release N.M.Merkel, and to invite him to connect with the South American Division as president of the Bolivia Mission in the Inca Union.

JEAN CATHERINE SCHUIL--SOLUSI MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Jean Catherine Schuil of London, England, the call from the Southern African Division for her to return to Africa as teacher of English at the Solusi Training School.

PERCY PAUL--IRAN:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and Wisconsin Conference to release Percy Paul, and to invite him to connect with the Middle East Division for teaching in Iran.

M L SAMPLE--JULIACA:

VOTED, To request the Northern Union and South Dakota conferences to release M.L.Sample, and to invite him to connect with the South American Division as Bible teacher for the Lake Titicaca Training School in Peru, counseling the South American Division that he be given some time for study of the Spanish language.

D T HAWLEY--UPPER BURMA:

VOTED, To request the Central Union and Nebraska Conference to release D.T.Hawley, and to invite him to serve as evangelist in Upper Burma in the Southern Asia Division.

T W CANTRELL--LIBERIA:

VOTED, To pass on to T.W.Cantrell of Los Angeles, Calif., the invitation from the Northern European Division for him to connect with the West African Union for teaching and medical service in Liberia.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

W.B.Ochs, Charlotte, N.Car., December 13.
G.W.Chambers, San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 24-30 (Government expense).
C.E.Moseley, revival week, Lillington, N.Car., time to be arranged.
Joyce Wilson, Boston to Washington, for study of School Health Bulletin program, Dec. 22,23.

O.A.Blake, Nashville, Southern Publishing Association board, Dec. 9.

Adjourned. Prayer by W.J.Harris.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman; E.E.Roenfelt, Secretary; Mary Paul, Rec.^{Sec.}

FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 16, 1954

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A L Ham, E E Roenfelt, Roger Altman, Wesley Amundsen, H W Barrows, W H Beaven, O A Blake, F Brennwald, H F Brown, J A Buckwalter, G W Chambers, J E Chase, A W Cormack, E D Dick, E W Dunbar, J E Edwards, A A Esteb, L E Froom, C E Guenther, W J Harris, W A Higgins, G A Huse, A W Johnson, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, E J Lorntz, H W Lowe, J W McFarland, L L Moffitt, H S Nelson, W B Ochs, T L Oswald, J I Robison, A H Rulkoetter, Walter Schubert, F A Soper, Donn Thomas, E R Walde, Howard Weeks, A L White, W H Williams, F H Yost

OTHERS PRESENT:

T H Jemison, S A Kaplan, C H Kelly, R Ruhling.

Prayer by L.L.Moffitt.

MINUTES of the meeting of December 9 were approved.

EPHESUS CHURCH PROPERTY:

In response to the Columbia Union's request for counsel, it was

VOTED, To counsel that the offer of \$70,000 for the Ephesus church property located at 6th and N Streets in Washington, D.C., be accepted, it being understood that when the church is ready to build, plans for financing and building will be submitted to the General Conference for approval.

PAUL AMOROSO--PACIFIC PRESS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College the call from the Pacific Press Publishing Association for Paul Amoroso to connect with the Mountain View office.

BIBLE DOCTRINES TEXTBOOK--READING COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To approve the appointment of A.H.Rulkoetter to serve in place of L.E.Froom as a member of the committee to read the MS of the Bible Doctrines textbook for elementary schools.

LILIAN MARAIS--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Lilian Marais from the appointment to service in Southern Africa.

ESTHER AMBS--HELDERBERG COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College to release Miss Esther Ambs, and to invite her to connect with the Southern

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African Division as head of the Home Economics Department of Helderberg College.

A O MAZAT--YOUNGBERG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite Dr. A.O.Mazat of Wichita, Kans., to respond to the call of the Far Eastern Division for a doctor to connect with Youngberg Memorial Hospital in Singapore, with the understanding that before proceeding to Singapore he will secure the necessary British qualifications.

G M TOLHURST--OKINAWA:

VOTED, To pass on to Dr. G.M.Tolhurst of Cleveland, Ga., the invitation from the Far Eastern Division for a doctor to continue the medical work on Okinawa.

B A ALBERT--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release B.A.Albert of the Southern Asia Division from the appointment to service in Fiji, as recommended by the Australasian Inter- Union Conference.

J L SPROUT--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return for J.L.Sprout of the French Cameroon Training School, for health reasons, as recommended by the Southern European Division.

E G McDOWELL--EDUCATION SECRETARY AUSTRALASIA:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, that E.G.McDowell be appointed Educational Department secretary of the Conference.

W H HURLLOW--SUSTENTATION AND FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To approve the arrangement that has been made for W.H.Hurlow to receive his sustentation support from the Southern African Division, and to record our understanding that the children of W.H.Hurlow are not entitled to furlough privileges.

LOUISE WILKINS--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Louise Wilkins from the appointment to medical missionary service in Peru.

HYPNOSIS IN MEDICINE--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To approve the appointment of A.V.Olson, T.R.Flaiiz, J.W.McFarland, A.L.White, and Roger Altman to serve as the committee to study the question of the use of hypnosis in medicine.

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HEALTH EVANGELISM--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To approve the appointment of A.L.Ham, J.W.McFarland, D.Loie Burnett, E.W.Dunbar, H.T.Elliott, G.E.Vandeman, and T.R.Flaiz as the Committee on Health Evangelism, this committee to report to the Medical Department Advisory Committee.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries, as follows:

C.E.Moseley, Oakwood College Board meeting, December 21.

War Service Commission requests for workers to serve on the staff of the National Medical Cadet Corps Camp, Grand Ledge, Mich., June 28 to July 12, at expense of employing organizations, as follows:

1. Kenneth Christensen of Central Union
2. Clark Smith and J.F.Knipschild of Pacific Union
3. Carl Jorgensen of Northern Union
4. Russell Dahlbeck of Southern Union
5. Carl Blackburn of Southwestern Union
6. Delmer Lovejoy of Lake Union
7. Claris Way of North Pacific Union

S.A.Kaplan to Union Colporteur Institute, Berrien Springs, Mich., and other appointments en route--Newark, Providence, Dayton, Madison (Ind.), and Chicago--Dec. 19-31.

F.L.Peterson to Orlando, Fla., January 9, 1955.

W.H.Beaven to Southern New England Conference for temperance appointments, January 15-23.

Mildred Johnson to Little Rock, Ark., MW Council, January 7-9.

T.E.Lucas to Michigan and Lake Region conferences, MW Officers' Institutes, January 7-16.

L.A.Skinner to Wisconsin, MW Institutes, January 28-30 (en route returning from trip to Canada).

E.L.Minchin to Emmanuel Missionary College for Youth Rally, May 13, 14.

Adjourned. Prayer by Roger Altman.

A.L.Ham, Chairman
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETINGS
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FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 23, 1954

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W B Ochs, J I Robison, Roger Altman, Wesley Amundsen, H W Barrows,
W H Beaven, W H Bergherm, C W Bozarth, F Brennwald, H F Brown, J A
Buckwalter, G W Chambers, J E Chase, J E Edwards, C E Guenther, A L
Ham, W J Harris, G A Huse, A W Johnson, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser,
E J Lorntz, H W Lowe, G M Mathews, J W McFarland, H A Morrison,
H S Nelson, T L Oswald, F L Peterson, W E Phillips, A H Rulkoetter,
W A Scharffenberg, Walter Schubert, L A Skinner, F A Soper, J C
Thompson, B E Wagner, E R Walde, Howard Weeks, A L White, W H Williams.

OTHERS PRESENT:

H K Halladay, T H Jemison.

Prayer by J.W.McFarland.

MINUTES of the meeting of December 16 were approved.

J L McCONAUGHEY--SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES:

Resolved, That a message of condolence be sent to Mrs. J.L.McConaughey and her children, expressing our sympathy in their sorrow and our feeling of deep loss in the passing of Elder McConaughey on December 21.

W O ENGLAND--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return for W.O.England of Uganda, as recommended by the Southern African Division because of the financial situation in the Division.

B P WENDELL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return for B.P.Wendell of the Gitwe Training School, as requested by the Southern African Division for financial reasons.

G O ADAMS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return for G.O.Adams of Southern Rhodesia, on request of the Southern African Division because of the financial situation.

A K PHILLIPS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return for A.K.Phillips of Nyasaland, since the family is not given medical clearance to return to Southern Africa.

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M L SAMPLE--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release M.L.Sample from the appointment to the Lake Titicaca Training School, since he is not clear in accepting at this time.

NICHOLAS GERMANIS--GREECE:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Northern California Conference to release Nicholas Germanis, and to invite him to connect with the Southern European Division for service in the Greek Mission.

W R MAY--LAKE TITICACA TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and Alabama-Mississippi Conference to release W.R.May, and to invite him to connect with the South American Division as Bible teacher at the Lake Titicaca Training School, counseling the Division to arrange for him to study the Spanish language previous to taking up his duties at Juliaca.

TEXTBOOKS--BIBLE CHRONOLOGY:

VOTED, To adopt the following recommendation from the Committee on Bible Chronology as counsel to the Department of Education:

In view of the fact that the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary contains extensive articles on Bible chronology, which articles have met with general acceptance in the field, and which seem to provide the best currently published material in Adventist circles on this rather difficult subject,

We recommend, That in the preparation and revision of textbooks for use in Seventh-day Adventist schools, the authors follow the principles of Bible chronology developed in the Commentary.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES CAMPAIGN 1955:

Inasmuch as prior to the Autumn Council the Pacific Press Publishing Association had arranged its program for the Signs of the Times campaign for 1955, it was

VOTED, To defer until 1956 the implementation of the plan to confine the Signs of the Times campaign to one month.

OVERSEAS VISIT--D E REBOK:

VOTED, To approve arrangements to be worked out for D.E.Rebok to visit Addis Ababa, Ethiopia en route to his appointments in Southern Africa.

COURT MARTIAL--MELVIN CHRISTENSEN:

VOTED, To approve the retaining of legal counsel by the War Service Commission, with a retainer fee of \$500, to defend Melvin Christensen in the court martial proceedings against him at the Jacksonville, Fla. naval air base.

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PACIFIC COAST APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, To authorize the following persons to meet committee appointments on the Pacific Coast in January, 1955:

R R Figuhr, W B Ochs, H L Rudy, W R Beach, H T Elliott, E E Cossentine, T R Flaiz, C L Torrey, F L Peterson, T L Oswald, E R Walde, O A Blake, J E Chase, L K Dickson, R H Adair, W H Branson.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve the following appointments and itineraries:

W.B.Ochs, Chicago, Ill., December 30, en route to appointment in Nashville, Tenn.

H.W.Lowe, Columbus, Ohio, January 7,8.

Walter Schubert, Atlantic Union College, Feb. 5; workers' meeting, Syracuse, N.Y., Feb. 8,9.

W.A.Scharffenberg, North Pacific Union, Jan. 8-18; Pacific Union, Jan. 19-24, temperance secretaries' councils.

Request Review and Herald for J.M.Jackson, Oklahoma Conference, April 10-16, and S.L.Clark, Oklahoma Conference, May 8-14, promotion of Life and Health.

H.W.Barrows, Inter-American Division office and Southern Union Conference, January to February, 1955.

G.W.Chambers, Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 17, court martial case.

E.W.Dunbar, Carolina Conference MV Congress, May 6-8.

A.H.Rulkoetter, Colorado Conference, Liberty campaign, Jan. 14-22.

Carl Sundin to Pacific Union College and North Pacific Union, January, for medical extension work.

H.P.Blown, W.E.Phillips--Pacific, Southwestern, Central, Northern Union conferences, January-February, 1955.

W.E.Phillips, North Pacific Union Conference, January-February, 1955.

F.Brennwald, Lake and Canadian unions, January-February, 1955.

H.W.Barrows and F.Brennwald, Oakwood College, January-February, 1955.

Request College of Medical Evangelists to permit Dr. Ruth Little to attend Educational Council, Boulder, July 24,25.

Adjourned. Prayer by Wesley Amundsen.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman

J.I.Robison, Secretary

Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

FORTY-NINTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

A L Ham, J I Robison, R H Adair, Roger Altman, Wesley Amundsen,
H W Barrows, W A Benjamin, W H Bergherm, O A Blake, H P Bloum,
F Brennwald, J A Buckwalter, G W Chambers, J E Chase, A W Cornack,
E D Dick, E W Dunbar, J E Edwards, W J Harris, G A Huse, A W Johnson,
H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, E J Lorntz, H W Lowe, G M Mathews, John
McCartney, J W McFarland, L L Moffitt, H A Morrison, H S Nelson,
F D Nichol, D A Ochs, W E Phillips, A H Rulkoetter, W A Scharffenberg,
Walter Schubert, F A Soper, M C Taft, W H Teesdale, J C Thompson,
G E Vandeman, B E Wagner, Howard Weeks, W H Williams, F H Yost.

OTHERS PRESENT:

T H Jemison, S A Kaplan, R Ruhling.

Prayer by J.W.McFarland.

MINUTES of the meeting of December 23 were approved.

ESDA SALES AND SERVICE--TIME PAYMENT PLAN:

Esda Sales and Service requested permission to sell a combination of evangelistic equipment (tape recorder, projector, full series of Twentieth Century films and the accompanying recordings, and a screen, designed for use by laymen in giving Bible studies) on a time payment plan. The Suburban Trust Company, a Takoma Park bank, will buy the paper on a "with recourse" basis. A layman wishing to buy the combination on the time payment plan would be required to furnish references from his local conference, and each purchaser will be dealt with on his own merits based on a Buyer's Credit Statement similar to that used by any bank which issues a loan. These combinations will be sold where necessary on a 12-month, 18-month, or two-year contract. The individual purchaser will be required to make a down payment of \$30.00 plus the first month's instalment in order to enter into the contract. Merchandise would automatically become the property of Esda should the contracting party default in his payments as required by the contract. Payments would be made direct to the bank.

VOTED, To approve the plan of Esda Sales and Service to sell Esda home Bible study combinations on a time payment plan.

J D HENRIKSEN--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release J.D.Henriksen, M.D., from the appointment as Medical Secretary of the Northern European Division, in harmony with his request.

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I D HIGGINS--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To grant extension of furlough to July 15, 1955, for I.D.Higgins, as recommended by the Southern Asia Division.

O W LANGE--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To approve extension of furlough for O.W.Lange, on recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

C R HOLFORD--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To grant one month's extension of furlough for C.R.Holford, as recommended by the Southern Asia Division.

WESLEY SMITH---PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return for Wesley Smith, son of D.W.Smith of India, as recommended by the Southern Asia Division, in order that he may continue his education in America.

RUTH STORZ--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return for Ruth Storz, daughter of W.F. Storz of India, on recommendation of the Southern Asia Division, since she plans to return to America to continue her education.

V R JEWETT--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return for V.R.Jewett, on request of the Far Eastern Division, for health and educational reasons.

SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION BUDGET:

VOTED, That the Autumn Council base appropriation of \$1,042,674.00 for 1955 to the South American Division be divided as follows: Section I, \$638,326.00; Section II, \$404,348.00.

EXCHANGE RATES--SOUTH AMERICA:

VOTED, That as of January 1, 1955, the fixed rate of exchange for the Boliviano be \$0.000625, and for the Cruzeiro be \$0.016667.

MARTIN H KOCH--BLUE MOUNTAIN ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital the call from the Columbia Union for Martin H. Koch to connect with the East Pennsylvania Conference as director of food service for the Blue Mountain Academy, beginning July 1, 1955.

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E J LORNTZ--MEXICO:

VOTED, To approve a visit to Mexico City by E.J.Lorntz November 26 to December 1, following the Inter-American Division Committee meeting, 1954.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

J.C.Thompson, Minneapolis, January 10, Industrial Relations Council.
A.W.Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla., court martial case.
W.J.Harris and Miss Louise Meyer, Leesburg, Fla., Child Evangelism,
Feb. 28-March 3.
W.A.Higgins, Union College Colporteur Institute, March 1-12.
Wesley Amundsen, Ontario-Quebec Conference, January 14-23.
C.E.Moseley, Indianapolis, January 21-23, Educational Rally.
L.R.Rasmussen, Canada, academy inspection in March.
F.L.Peterson to Florida and Georgia, January 8-15, church appointments.
A.H.Rulkoetter to Illinois Conference, Jan. 7-11, Liberty Magazine
promotion.
E.E.Cleveland, Huntsville, Ala., Institute, January 24-31.
W.H.Beaven, Southern Union, February 10-23, temperance promotion.
Walter Schubert, New York, week ends January 15, 22, and 29, church
rallies.
John McCartney, Chicago, ten days during January and February, Esda
business.

Adjourned. Prayer by G.E.Vandeman.

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