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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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## One Hundred Eighty-eighth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 4, 1957, 10:00 A.M.

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## PRESENT:

R. R. Figuhr, W. P. Bradley, R. H. Adair, R. A. Anderson, V. G. Anderson, V. T. Armstrong, C. L. Bauer, W. R. Beach, W. H. Beaven, O. A. Blake, N. F. Brewer, J. A. Buckwalter, D. Lois Burnett, T. Carcich, G. W. Chambers, A. W. Cormack, E. E. Cossentine, E. D. Dick, L. K. Dickson, N. W. Dunn, H. T. Elliott, W. P. Elliott, A. A. Esteb, L. C. Evans, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., L. E. Froom, C. E. Guenther, A. L. Ham, R. L. Hammill, G. A. Huse, H. W. Klaser, F. B. Knight, L. E. Lenheim, T. E. Lucas, L. L. Moffitt, H. A. Morrison, W. A. Nelson, R. H. Nightingale, W. B. Ochs, A. V. Olson, T. L. Oswald, F. L. Peterson, D. D. Rees, J. I. Robison, E. E. Roenfelt, H. L. Rudy, V. L. Sanders, C. A. Scriven, L. A. Skinner, J. D. Smith, F. A. Soper, M. C. Taft, W. H. Teesdale, C. L. Torrey, E. R. Walde, Howard Weeks, F. H. Yost, A. L. White.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Herbert Ford, C. D. Forshee, R. Ruhling.

Prayer by W. P. Elliott.

MINUTES of the meeting of March 27, 1957 were approved.

## N. C. WILSON--SALARY BASIS:

It was stated that N. C. Wilson, who is now Chairman of the Madison College Board, is planning to move near to the College. The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference are asking him to act as pastor of two churches in the Nashville, Tennessee, area, which are located near-by.

VOTED, That we join with the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference in paying the salary of N. C. Wilson, informing the conference that the General Conference will pay fifty per cent of his salary during the time that he continues as Chairman of the Madison College Board.

## MRS. ELIZABETH MEISLER--LOMA LINDA SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conference the call for Mrs. Elizabeth Meisler, of San Pasqual Academy, to connect with the College of Medical Evangelists as dean of women on the Loma Linda campus, at the close of the current school year.

## MADGE MUCHMORE--MILO ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Voice of Prophecy Board the call from the North Pacific Union for Miss Madge Muchmore, to connect with the Oregon Conference as English teacher in the Milo Academy, at the beginning of the 1957-1958 school year.

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J. A. SIMONSON AND OTTO SCHUBERTH--  
CENTRAL EUROPEAN EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL:

VOTED, To pass on to the respective divisions concerned the request received from the Central European Division that J. A. Simonson, Educational Secretary of the Northern European Division, and Otto Schubert, Educational Secretary of the Southern European Division, be authorized to attend the Educational Council to be held in Darmstadt, Germany, August 16-22, 1957.

H. M. S. RICHARDS AND QUARTET--  
INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Voice of Prophecy Board the request received from the Inter-American Division that H. M. S. Richards and the Quartet be authorized to attend the Youth Congress in Havana, Cuba, and visit the Antillian Union, December 10-21, 1957, with the understanding that the Voice of Prophecy will meet the expense.

M. K. ECKENROTH--TRENTON, NEW JERSEY:

VOTED, To pass on to the SDA Theological Seminary Board the request received from the Columbia Union for M. K. Eckenroth to attend a Workers' Meeting on evangelism, in Trenton, New Jersey, April 15.

E. G. WHITE--APPROPRIATIONS:

On recommendation of the Committee on Promotion of the E. G. White Books, it was

VOTED, That an appropriation be made from the Spirit of Prophecy Book Fund to the Pacific Press Publishing Association to assist in the publication of the E. G. White books in the Spanish language, in the Christian Home Library form, as follows: Patriarchs and Prophets, \$750.00; Prophets and Kings, \$750.00.

SPONSORSHIPS:

VOTED, To grant provision for the following sponsorships:

To Pastor Stanley Thomas Leeder to come to the United States on a visitor's basis, this application being underwritten by the Australasian Inter-Union Conference.

To Pastor J. Eisenberg and family to come to the United States on an immigration visa basis, providing Brother Eisenberg gives the General Conference in writing the assurance that he is coming only for advanced training to prepare himself to return to the Northern European Division. The sponsorship is not to be forwarded until the above assurance is in hand.

To F. W. Futcher and family to come to the United States on the basis of immigration visas with the assurance in writing from Brother Futcher that he is coming for advanced training and with the definite understanding he will return to the Northern European Division after the completion of this training. This sponsorship is not to be forwarded until the assurance from Brother Futcher is in hand.

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To approve the application for private bills that would adjust the non-status position of Stephen Tsao and wife, Nancy Yum Tsao, to that of permanent residents, it being understood that the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital will guarantee to the General Conference that Brother and Sister Tsao will not become public charges while aliens in the United States.

To Pastor M. K. Pedersen to come to the United States on a student basis, it being underwritten by the Northern European Division.

To J. P. Sundquist to enter the United States on a visitor's visa, the same being underwritten by the Southern African Division.

To Mrs. Viola Lemon and children to enter the United States on immigration visas, this application being underwritten by the Canadian Union Conference.

To <sup>155</sup>Mrs. Lydia Delhove to enter the United States on a student basis, this being underwritten by the Southern African Division.

To Miss Muriel Howe to enter the United States on immigration visa basis in harmony with the request of the Far Eastern Division and the recommendation of the Officers.

#### F. A. MEIER--SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and Walla Walla College the call for F. A. Meier, the dean of the college, to connect with the School of Graduate Studies as head of the Department of Education.

#### TV LEAFLET--SUBSIDY FOR:

At the 1956 Autumn Council an action was taken authorizing the preparation of a leaflet on Television in the Home. The leaflet has been prepared and samples distributed by the Secretarial Department. It was

VOTED, To authorize the Treasurer to provide from the General Conference Contingency Fund a subsidy for the TV leaflet to the amount of fifty per cent of the production cost, the cost of the samples being sent out and half of the production cost amounting to \$196.45.

#### MRS. RUTH SEITZ--MOVING EXPENSE:

Mrs. Ruth Seitz has for some years been an employee of the General Conference. She is a widow, with two children, her husband having died while in service overseas. She feels that it will be to her advantage financially to locate in California.

VOTED, To authorize the Treasurer to pay the moving expenses <sup>and</sup> of rail transportation of Mrs. Ruth Seitz and family to California, the amount to be charged to the General Conference Contingency Fund.

#### A. V. SPARKS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of A. V. Sparks from the Gold Coast, West Africa, for health reasons, in harmony with the recommendation of the Northern European Division.

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## T. M. ASHLOCK--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of T. M. Ashlock from India, because of the health condition of one of the children, and on recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

## NEIL TILKENS--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Neil Tilkens, of Union College, from the call to connect with Japan Missionary College, as he is planning to work on his doctorate in music.

## MRS. ROSALIE WAINER--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Mrs. Rosalie Wainer from the call to connect with the Middle East College in Beirut, Lebanon, in view of her plans to take the nurses' course.

## MARGARET SACKETT--BANGKOK:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Central California Conference the call for Miss Margaret Sackett, to connect with the Far Eastern Division, to teach in the school at Bangkok, Thailand.

## L. E. DANIELS--LIBERIA:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and Carolina Conference to release L. E. Daniels, and to invite him to connect with the Northern European Division, for secretarial and treasury work and evangelism in the Liberian Mission.

## MR. AND MRS. PER BAKKELOKKEN--KARACHI:

VOTED, To request the Northern European Division and West Nordic Union Conference to release Mr. and Mrs. Per Bakkelokken, of the Skodsborg Sanitarium, and to invite them to connect with the Southern Asia Division, responding to the call for a physiotherapy couple for the Karachi S.D.A. Hospital, West Pakistan.

## F. L. BELL--SOUTH INDIA:

VOTED, To request the Canadian Union to release F. L. Bell, and to invite him to connect with the Southern Asia Division for pastoral work and evangelism in the South India Union.

## DR. THOMAS S. F. EDWARDS--TRINIDAD:

VOTED, To request the Northern European Division and British Union to release Dr. Thomas S. F. Edwards, and to invite him to connect with the Inter-American Division for service as a dentist in Trinidad, British West Indies.

## DOROTHY ANN CURTIS--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

Report was made that Miss Dorothy Ann Curtis is not free at present to accept a call to nursing service in the Rangoon S.D.A. Hospital. It was

April 4, 1957

VOTED, That Miss Dorothy Ann Curtis be placed on the status of a deferred appointment to the Southern Asia Division.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

E. E. Cossentine--Michigan Conference, visiting churches, June 10-15 (following Upper Peninsula camp meeting).

W. B. Ochs--Carolina Conference, May 24-25; Pacific Union, June 2-3.

A. V. Olson--Chicago, for speaking appointments, April 26-29.

T. L. Oswald--Chicago, foreign literature promotion, April 4-9.

W. A. Scharffenberg--Lake Union, Temperance promotion, April 11-14; Southern Union, Temperance promotion, April 17-20.

J. V. Scully--Southwestern Junior College, Campion Academy, Oakwood College, Southern Missionary College, Temperance promotion, March 18-28.

L. A. Skinner--Missouri Conference Missionary Volunteer Rallies and Pathfinder course, ten days in May.

Adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman;

W. P. Bradley, Secretary;

Katie Farney, Recording Secretary.

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## SPRING MEETING

The Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee was held in the General Conference Office Chapel, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., April 9-11.

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

R. R. Figuhr, W. R. Beach, R. H. Adair, G. T. Anderson, R. A. Anderson, V. G. Anderson, V. T. Armstrong, H. W. Barrows, C. L. Bauer, O. A. Blake, C. W. Bozarth, W. P. Bradley, N. F. Brewer, J. A. Buckwalter, D. Lois Burnett, Glenn Calkins, T. Carcich, G. W. Chambers, E. E. Cleveland, A. W. Cormack, E. E. Cossentine, C. W. Degering, E. D. Dick, L. K. Dickson, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, H. T. Elliott, W. P. Elliott, L. C. Evans, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., L. E. Froom, Jesse O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, R. L. Hammill, C. B. Haynes, G. A. Huse, H. W. Klaser, Louise C. Kleuser, F. B. Knight, L. E. Lenheim, G. M. Mathews, D. A. McAdams, Garland Millet, E. L. Minchin, L. L. Moffitt, E. A. Moon, H. A. Morrison, C. E. Moseley, Jr., C. J. Nagele, H. S. Nelson, W. A. Nelson, J. J. Nethery, F. D. Nichol, R. H. Nightingale, W. B. Ochs, A. V. Olson, T. L. Oswald, G. E. Peters, F. L. Peterson, W. E. Phillips, W. E. Read, D. R. Rees, H. M. S. Richards, J. I. Robison, E. E. Roenfelt, H. L. Rudy, A. H. Rulkoetter, V. L. Sanders, W. A. Scharffenberg, Walter Schubert, C. A. Scriven, James Scully, J. C. Shull, L. A. Skinner, J. D. Smith, F. A. Soper, Carl Sundin, M. C. Taft, W. H. Teesdale, C. L. Torrey, G. E. Vandeman, B. E. Wagner, E. R. Walde, Howard Weeks, A. L. White, W. H. Williams, I. J. Woodman, F. H. Yost.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

R. R. Bietz, D. A. Delafield, N. R. Dower, W. W. Fordham, C. W. Higgins, G. Eric Jones, A. C. Larson, M. E. Loewen, C. S. Longacre, A. P. McDow, G. R. Nash, C. E. Palmer, R. P. Rowe, R. Ruhling, H. E. Schneider.

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## One Hundred Eighty-ninth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 9, 1957, 10:30 A.M.

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The Chairman, R. R. Figuhr, expressed pleasure and happiness to see the workers, especially those who had come in from the field, and others who have been invited to attend the Spring Meeting.

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" was sung as an opening song.

For a Scripture reading, R. R. Figuhr read from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, Acts 2: 1-4, which records the experience of the disciples on the day of Pentecost. The disciples were together in one place and there came "a sound from heaven" and the Holy Spirit appeared unto them and they were filled with it.

Elder Figuhr spoke of the effect the descent of the Holy Spirit had on the disciples. They began to speak in a different way--different intonations,

## Spring Meeting

different emphases were given. Every one who was in the room was affected by it. The sounds of nature, the songs of birds, delight us. A good many of the sounds in the earth are created by man-made machines, like locomotives that whistle and that make a noise when they come along. There are human voices, angry voices, arguing voices, discussing voices. When Jesus was baptized, there was a voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." That happened before Jesus preached a sermon, before He had healed any one. He was a carpenter's son, pleasing God. Elder Figuhr referred to the experience recorded in 1 Chronicles 14 and the instruction given by God to David that he should go out to battle when he heard a "sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees." In the midst of all the sounds we hear, there is a danger that the voice from heaven, the indication that comes from above, may not make the impression that it should. Human devisings and plans may take the place of God. Our people must be led into a deeper experience in the things of God than they have had. We must retain the confidence of our brethren by our examples, by the lives we live, and by the way we talk. We must be a hundred per cent in our dedication to the cause of God. We should thank God for the privilege of being workers in His cause.

Opportunity was given for those in attendance to speak, and testimonies were given by the large majority of those present. They told of the certainty of the triumph of the Advent Movement, and their personal dedication to its triumph. They expressed, too, their happiness in fellowship with their brethren in the work, and their desire to hear the voice of God above that of other sounds.

Prayer was offered by C. L. Torrey and W. R. Beach, remembering especially our brethren overseas, that they may be blessed in their soul-winning endeavors. They prayed that we may always hear the still, small voice from heaven, and that we may follow its guidance, and asked the blessing of God upon the participants in this meeting.

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Registration cards were distributed and completed.

The Agendas for the Spring Meeting were also passed to the workers in attendance.

#### VOTING PRIVILEGES TO FIELD REPRESENTATIVES:

The Chairman stated that a number of field representatives who attended the Wage Committee meeting were in attendance at the Spring Meeting. It was

VOTED, To invite these field representatives to participate in the discussions and to have the privilege of voting during the meeting.

#### DAILY PROGRAM:

VOTED, To adopt the following daily program for the Spring Meetings:

Subcommittees	8:00-9:00 A.M.
Devotional	9:00-9:30 "
Business	9:45-12:30
Business	2:00-5:00 P.M.
Business	7:30-9:00 "



## Spring Meeting

It was agreed to meet again for a business session at 4 P.M., giving opportunity for a number of smaller committees to meet. Announcements of committees called in the afternoon and early the next morning were made by W. P. Bradley.

As the meeting closed, R. R. Figuhr presented several items of news from the field. Information has come from a number of the Divisions as to an increase in baptisms in 1956 over 1955. In Inter-America there was an increase of 861; in Southern Africa, 1,110; in South America, 1,032. The membership in the North American Division at the end of 1956 stood at 299,984.

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 P.M.

Prayer by Glenn Calkins.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman;  
W. R. Beach, Secretary;  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary.

## One Hundred Ninetieth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 9, 1957, 4:00 P.M.

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Prayer by L. K. Dickson.

## TREASURY REPORTS:

The Balance Sheets and Operating Statements of the General Conference, General Conference Corporation, and General Conference Association, and a statement concerning the North American Conference Corporation, for 1956, were read by O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer. Auditors' Statements for these reports were presented by H. W. Barrows. It was

VOTED, To accept the 1956 financial reports of the General Conference, the General Conference Corporation, the General Conference Association, and the statement concerning the North American Conference Corporation, as presented, and the Auditors' Statements regarding same, as follows:

(See 16 pages attached.)

C. L. Torrey called attention to the fact that the financial report for 1956 is the best in the history of the denomination. He mentioned especially the increase in tithe, Sabbath school offerings, Ingathering, total mission offerings, Dollar-a-Week Fund, and several special offerings. Although the list of sustentees has increased materially in the past few years, the Sustentation Fund has grown and there is a suitable balance on hand to care for unforeseen emergencies. Appreciation was expressed to the departments in effecting savings in their operating expenses. The Treasurer mentioned that the

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 1956

ASSETS

Current

Cash & Banks	3 950 342 12	
Security Investments	<u>15 779 556 59</u>	19 729 898 71
Accounts Receivable		1 176 365 62
Accrued Interest Receivable on Securities		57 262 60
Supplies & Prepaid Items		<u>223 432 94</u>
Total Assets		<u>21 186 959 87</u>

LIABILITIES

Current

Accounts Payable	2 721 476 29	
Trust Funds	5 758 772 17	
Deferred Items	<u>11 005 37</u>	
Total Liabilities		8 491 253 83

NET WORTH

Regular

Net Worth, January 1, 1956	7 930 722 15	
Add: Net Gain for 1956	<u>2 585 689 43</u>	
	10 516 411 58	
Deduct: Reserve for 1956 Special Appr	52 263 20	
Provision for 1957 Special Appr	1 375 000 00	
Excess of Security Earnings over 2% transferred to Securities Fluctuation Reserve	<u>379 737 23</u>	<u>1 807 000 43</u>
Regular Net Worth, December 31, 1956		8 709 411 15

Reserves

On Hand, January 1, 1956	3 345 256 30	
Increase During Year	<u>641 038 59</u>	
Total Reserves, see Page 2		<u>3 986 294 89</u>

Total Net Worth, December 31, 1956		<u>12 695 706 04</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Worth		<u>21 186 959 87</u>

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 1956

Statement of Financial Position

Total Cash, Banks & Securities		19 729 898 71
To Cover the following Items:		
1. Reserve Funds	3 986 294 89	
2. Trust Funds		
Famine & Disaster Relief	179 814 10	
Miscellaneous Funds	1 430 604 00	
Sustentation	4 148 354 07	5 758 772 17
3. Total Accounts Payable	2 721 476 29	
Add: Deferred Items	11 005 37	
	2 732 481 66	
Less: Accounts Receivable, Inventories, Prepaids, etc	1 457 061 16	
Liabilities Unprovided for		1 275 420 50
4. Authorized Working Capital	7 545 017 88	
Add: Excess of Actual over Authorized	1 164 393 27	
Cash & Securities Available for Working Capital		8 709 411 15
Totals		19 729 898 71

Authorized Capital

Operating Capital, December 31, 1956		8 709 411 15
Authorized Operating Capital - 20% of 1956 Appropriations	3 772 508 94	
Authorized Fixed Reserve - 20% of 1956 Appropriations	3 772 508 94	
Total Authorized Capital		7 545 017 88
Actual Operating Capital EXCEEDS Authorized Operating Capital and Fixed Reserve by		1 164 393 27

Reserve Funds

Exchange Funds		400 846 50
Reconstruction Base, Orient		122 958 53
Rehabilitation Funds		160 365 91
Securities Fluctuation		1 227 519 95
Special Appropriations, 1957 Provision		1 375 000 00
Theological Seminary Buildings		150 000 00
Other Funds		549 604 00
Total Reserves		3 986 294 89
Regular Net Worth, December 31, 1956		8 709 411 15
Total Net Worth		12 695 706 04

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Operating Statement  
Year Ended December 31, 1956

INCOME

TITHES

North America

Union Conferences	334 720 17
Regular Percent of Tithes	6 608 443 26
Special Percent of Tithes	3 584 364 48
Miscellaneous	20 575 45

10 548 103 36

Overseas 1%

104 315 09

Total Tithes Receipts

10 652 418 45

MISSION OFFERINGS

North America

Dollar-A-Week Funds	10 410 233 25
Miscellaneous	13 574 50
Specific Mission Donations	38 916 84

10 462 724 59

Overseas

Revertible	1 699 453 29
Non-Revertible	1 484 683 66

3 184 136 95

Total Mission Offerings

13 646 861 54

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

Commissions & Discounts	8 028 84
Interest & Dividends	689 713 46
Journal of True Education	291 39
Legacies & Matured Annuities	46 461 56
Miscellaneous Donations & Funds	7 052 97
Royalties	20 006 28
Year Book	680 95

Total Miscellaneous Income

772 235 45

Total Income for Year 1956

25 071 515 44

Total Income for Year 1956

25 071 515 44

Less: Total Appropriations & Expenses from Page 5

22 485 826 01

Net Gain for Year 1956

2 585 689 43

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Operating Statement  
Year Ended December 31, 1956

EXPENSES

APPROPRIATIONS

Overseas

Regular	9 648 968 00
Reverted Funds, Regular	1 699 453 29
Non-Revertible Funds - Special Cent Europe	153 128 59
Emergency	40 500 00
Appointee Expense	2 932 13
Camp Pastors Overseas - H E Kurtz	9 734 35
Contingency Expense	4 073 88
Donations	5 370 00
Leave of Absence	5 000 00
Mission Appointees Indebtedness	3 362 86
Missions Extension	87 070 15
Seminary Extension School Travel	2 634 39
Servicemen's Congresses Overseas	212 02
Specific Missions Donations	38 916 84
Spring in Tithes & Offerings	57 075 76
Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow	218 148 77
World-Wide Advent Missions Office Expense	69 47

Total Overseas Appropriations

11 976 650 50

Home

Regular	1 437 826 00
Reverted Funds, Alaska, Bermuda, etc	58 543 88
Emergency	27 500 00
Camp Pastors	5 702 79
Contingency	59 817 96
Donations	17 589 00
Ingathering Overflow	2 168 743 86
Ingathering Promotion	235 832 88
Institutional Comeback	1 237 029 27
Ministerial Internships, Seminary	5 000 00
Miscellaneous Travel	9 074 58
Missions Extension Overflow	5 652 44
Non-Tithe Funds Exchanged	3 584 364 48
Permanently Returned Workers Approp	67 229 85
REVIEW & HERALD Quarterly Color Issue	8 263 23
Special Medical Assistance	37 487 23
Sustentation Fund Appropriation	103 998 72
Unassigned Workers	8 013 58

Total Home Appropriations

9 077 669 75

Total Appropriations

21 054 320 25

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Operating Statement  
Year Ended December 31, 1956

EXPENSES (concl)

GENERAL OPERATING

Departmental Expenses

Salaries	739 905 01
Subsidies	111 923 90
Travel & Expense	274 318 50
Office Supplies & General	249 910 75
	1 376 058 16
Less: Departmental Income Applied	290 485 82

Total Departmental Expenses

1 085 572 34

Administrative Expenses

Bible Study & Research	273 93
Cables & Telegrams	2 215 28
Educational Allowances	3 550 25
Entertainment	9 134 10
Insurance	23 267 27
Luggage Allowance	1 925 00
Rent, Heat and Light	81 524 01
Social Security	6 823 56
Transportation Offices	57 970 83
Social Welfare	58 30
	186 742 53

Total Administrative and General Expense

186 742 53

Miscellaneous Expenses

Advent Source	54 40
Autumn & Spring Councils	7 600 10
Books to Public Libraries	592 07
Cafeteria Loss	9 538 10
Defense Literature	3 381 54
Field Counselors	22 786 04
1958 General Conference Session Reserve	40 000 00
Home Missionary Dept. Film	363 34
"INFORMANT" Magazine	1 393 84
"KIT" Magazine	3 000 00
"MINISTRY" Magazine	12 778 64
Offering Promotion	29 649 82
Promotion Pictures	3 000 00
Student Travel Subsidy, Seminary	15 000 00
Tulane University	53 00
Eastern Relief Warehouse	10 000 00
	159 190 89

Total Miscellaneous Expenses

159 190 89

Total General Operating Expenses

1 431 505 76

Total Appropriations, Page 4

21 054 320 25

Total Expenses for Year 1956

22 485 826 01

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Comparative Condensed Operating Statement  
Years Ended December 31, 1955 and 1956

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>Increase Decrease*</u>
Tithes			
*Home Fields	6 642 439 70	6 963 738 88	321 299 18
Overseas Divisions	<u>97 188 35</u>	<u>104 315 09</u>	<u>7 126 74</u>
Total Tithes	6 739 628 05	7 068 053 97	328 425 92
Mission Offerings			
Home Fields	9 950 572 34	10 462 724 59	512 152 25
Overseas Divisions	<u>3 082 555 07</u>	<u>3 184 136 95</u>	<u>101 581 88</u>
Total Mission Offerings	13 033 127 41	13 646 861 54	613 734 13
Miscellaneous Income	<u>631 002 04</u>	<u>772 235 45</u>	<u>141 233 41</u>
Total Income	20 403 757 50	21 487 150 96	1 083 393 46
 <u>EXPENSES</u>			
Appropriations			
#Home Fields	5 315 581 63	5 493 305 27	177 723 64
Overseas Divisions	<u>11 717 340 44</u>	<u>11 976 650 50</u>	<u>259 310 06</u>
Total Appropriations	17 032 922 07	17 469 955 77	437 033 70
General Operating			
Departmental	1 054 359 23	1 085 572 34	31 213 11
Administrative	191 969 26	186 742 53	5 226 73*
Miscellaneous	<u>428 833 42</u>	<u>159 190 89</u>	<u>269 642 53*</u>
Total General Operating	1 675 161 91	1 431 505 76	243 656 15*
Total Expenses	18 708 083 98	18 901 461 53	193 377 55
NET GAIN	<u>1 695 673 52</u>	<u>2 585 689 43</u>	<u>890 015 91</u>

NOTE: \* Home Field Tithes do NOT include the amount received as Special Percent of Tithes

# Home Fields Appropriations do NOT include the amount of Non-Tithe Funds Exchanged

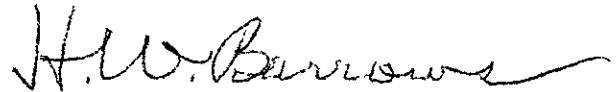
## AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The accounting records of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists covering the year ended December 31, 1956 have been examined. Brethren H. P. Bloum and F. Brennwald associated with me in this work. We checked vouchers covering the receipt and disbursement of funds together with supporting evidence and authorization for payment and other records to the extent deemed advisable.

Cash was in hand as called for by the records and bank accounts were in reconciliation with statements from the respective banks. The security investments owned by this organization have been verified by actual inspection or by confirmation from brokers holding them for sale or delivery, and are valued in the Balance Sheet at cost or market rates, whichever were lower at December 31, 1956.

The accompanying Balance Sheet, showing a total Net Worth of \$12,695,706.04 which includes the Reserves, and the Operating Statement, are in agreement with the accounting records, and, in my opinion, based upon the examination made, present fairly the financial position of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as of December 31, 1956 and the results of operating during the year then ended.



Auditor for the General Conference  
of Seventh-day Adventists

Takoma Park, D. C.  
March 25, 1957



GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 1956

ASSETS

Current

Banks	26 285 50
Securities	2 129 116 81
Accounts Receivable	38 021 90
Notes Receivable	35 684 80
Real Estate Contracts Receivable	13 346 81
Oregon Properties Investment	79 572 74
Accrued Interest Receivable on Securities	10 523 80
Unexpired Insurance	10 153 89
Repairs & Supplies Inventories	<u>4 170 13</u>

Total Current Assets

2 346 876 38

Fixed

Land	173 641 31
Buildings Less Depreciation	971 381 74
Equipment Less Depreciation	233 403 47
Library Books	<u>49 02</u>

Total Fixed Assets

1 378 475 54

Total Assets

3 725 351 92

LIABILITIES

Current

Accounts Payable	83 659 89
Trust Funds	<u>9 560 49</u>

Total Current Liabilities

93 220 38

Long-Term

Annuities	626 312 34
Certificates of Deposit	207 519 54
Notes Payable	6 372 50
Trust Agreements	<u>343 328 31</u>

Total Long-Term Liabilities

1 183 532 69

Total Liabilities

1 276 753 07

NET WORTH

Regular

Net Worth, December 31, 1956 (See page 9)	1 671 580 36
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Reserves

For Securities Fluctuation (See page 9)	<u>777 018 49</u>
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Total Net Worth

2 448 598 85

Total Liabilities, Net Worth & Reserves

3 725 351 92

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 1956

NET WORTH STATEMENT

Regular Net Worth, January 1, 1956		1 624 873 58
Add: Operating Gain for 1956	111 226 94	
Less: Income received during the year in excess of 2% on the average monthly balance of Security Investments transferred to Reserve for Fluctuation	<u>64 520 16</u>	<u>46 706 78</u>
Total Regular Net Worth, December 31, 1956		1 671 580 36
Reserves:		
Security Fluctuation Balance, January 1, 1956	601 494 79	
Add: Excess of Earnings over 2% on Average monthly balance	64 520 16	
Gain on Securities Sold	<u>134 658 60</u>	
	800 673 55	
Deduct: Market Value of Securities below par as of December 31, 1956 to Depreci- ation Reserve	<u>23 655 06</u>	
Total Reserves, December 31, 1956		<u>777 018 49</u>
Total Net Worth, December 31, 1956		<u><u>2 448 598 85</u></u>

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GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
 Operating Statement  
 Year Ended December 31, 1956

REGULAR OPERATING

Income

Apartment Properties Net Gains	5 582 56	
Gain on Sale of Equipment	1 602 32	
Legacies & Matured Annuities	24 223 52	
Rents from Buildings & Equipment	84 240 00	
Rents from East Ridge Vacant Lots & Misc.	62 50	
	115 710 90	

115 710 90

Expenses

Adjustments on Previous Year	3 630 03	
Apartment Properties Net Losses	1 944 18	
Bad Debts - Note Uncollectible	750 00	
Depreciation, Buildings	20 838 25	
Equipment	36 700 79	
Grounds	1 198 81	
Donations	500 00	
General Expense	673 02	
Grounds Expense	1 012 74	
Insurance	3 555 78	
Legal Expense	4 162 72	
Repairs, Buildings	8 289 54	
Equipment	5 373 50	
Salaries	2 353 32	
Taxes	3 563 72	
	94 546 40	

Total Regular Operating Expense

94 546 40

Net Gain from Regular Operating

21 164 50

INVESTMENTS

Income

265 Carroll Ave	1 551 71	
Interest Income, Miscellaneous	2 205 77	
From Oregon Properties Operating	4 800 00	
Previous Years' Annuity Expense Recovered	10 350 58	
Security Income - Dividends	63 530 80	
- Interest	44 575 00	
	127 013 86	

127 013 86

Expenses

Annuity Payments	26 129 84	
Charities	832 50	
Interest Expense	9 616 83	
Investment Services	262 25	
Safety Deposit Box Rental	110 00	
	36 951 42	

Total Investment Expense

36 951 42

Net Gain on Investments

90 062 44

Add: Net Gain from Regular Operating

21 164 50

Total Net Gain for Year 1956

111 226 94

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GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Comparative Balance Sheet  
December 31, 1955 & 1956

ASSETS

<u>Current</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	Increase Decrease*
Cash & Banks	50 661 85	26 285 50	24 376 35*
Securities	1 864 675 15	2 129 116 81	264 441 66
Accounts Receivable	52 713 01	38 021 90	14 691 11*
Notes Receivable	39 750 00	35 684 80	4 065 20*
Real Estate Contracts Receivable	15 395 84	13 346 81	2 049 03*
Oregon Properties Investment	79 572 74	79 572 74	-
Accrued Interest on Securities	10 999 43	10 523 80	475 63*
Unexpired Insurance	11 403 25	10 153 89	1 249 36*
Deferred Expense	150 00	-	150 00*
Repair & Supplies Inventory	3 159 15	4 170 13	1 010 98
Totals	<u>2 128 480 42</u>	<u>2 346 876 38</u>	<u>218 395 96</u>
<u>Fixed</u>			
Land	173 541 31	173 641 31	100 00
Buildings less Depreciation	1 001 078 09	971 381 74	29 696 35*
Equipment less Depreciation	238 142 27	233 403 47	4 738 80*
Library Books	-	49 02	49 02
Totals	<u>1 412 761 67</u>	<u>1 378 475 54</u>	<u>34 286 13*</u>
Total Assets	<u>3 541 242 09</u>	<u>3 725 351 92</u>	<u>184 109 83</u>

LIABILITIES

<u>Current</u>			
Accounts Payable	75 912 00	83 659 89	7 747 89
Trust Funds	17 446 80	9 560 49	7 886 31*
Totals	<u>93 358 80</u>	<u>93 220 38</u>	<u>138 42*</u>
<u>Long-Term</u>			
Annuities	627 043 83	626 312 34	731 49*
Certificates of Deposit	219 397 99	207 519 54	11 878 45*
Notes Payable	8 694 12	6 372 50	2 321 62*
Trust Agreements	366 378 98	343 328 31	23 050 67*
Totals	<u>1 221 514 92</u>	<u>1 183 532 69</u>	<u>37 982 23*</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1 314 873 72</u>	<u>1 276 753 07</u>	<u>38 120 65*</u>

NET WORTH

<u>Regular</u>			
Net Worth, December 31	1 624 873 58	1 671 580 36	46 706 78
<u>Reserves</u>			
For Securities Fluctuation	601 494 79	777 018 49	175 523 70
Total Net Worth	<u>2 226 368 37</u>	<u>2 448 598 85</u>	<u>222 230 48</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Worth	<u>3 541 242 09</u>	<u>3 725 351 92</u>	<u>184 109 83</u>

FINANCIAL STANDING

Regular Net Worth, December 31	1 624 873 58	1 671 580 36	46 706 78
Less: Needed to Cover Fixed Assets	1 412 761 67	1 378 475 54	34 286 13*
Working Capital	<u>212 111 91</u>	<u>293 104 82</u>	<u>80 992 91</u>

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GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Comparative Operating Statement  
Years Ended December 31, 1955 & 1956

REGULAR OPERATING

<u>Income</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>Increase Decrease*</u>
Apartment Properties Net Gains	5 195 17	5 582 56	387 39
Gain on Sale of Property	1 311 59	-	1 311 59*
Gain on Sale of Equipment	1 494 28	1 602 32	108 04
Legacies & Matured Annuities	143 16	24 223 52	24 080 36
Adjustments on Previous Years	3 000 00	(3 630 03)*	6 630 03*
Rents, Buildings & Equipment	78 000 00	84 240 00	6 240 00
Miscellaneous Income	61 00	62 50	1 50
Total Regular Operating Income	<u>89 205 20</u>	<u>112 080 87</u>	<u>22 875 67</u>
<u>Expenses</u>			
Apartment Properties Net Losses	4 207 39	1 944 18	2 263 21*
Bad Debts - Note	-	750 00	750 00
Depreciation, Buildings	20 706 01	20 838 25	132 24
Equipment	38 303 78	36 700 79	1 602 99*
Grounds Improvements	1 198 81	1 198 81	-
Donations Made	-	500 00	500 00
General	730 91	673 02	57 89*
Grounds	1 660 85	1 012 74	648 11*
Insurance	3 552 00	3 555 78	3 78
Legal	4 244 24	4 162 72	81 52*
Repairs, Buildings	12 624 12	8 289 54	4 334 58*
Equipment	3 980 93	5 373 50	1 392 57
Salaries	2 268 24	2 353 32	85 08
Taxes	3 188 56	3 563 72	375 16
Total Regular Operating Expenses	<u>96 665 84</u>	<u>90 916 37</u>	<u>5 749 47*</u>
Net (Loss)* or Gain, Reg Oper	<u>(7 460 64)*</u>	<u>21 164 50</u>	<u>28 625 14</u>

INVESTMENTS

<u>Income</u>			
265 Carroll Street Operating	795 90	1 551 71	755 81
Interest Income Miscellaneous	2 553 80	2 205 77	348 03*
From Oregon Properties	4 800 00	4 800 00	-
Previous Years Annuity Expense Recovered	13 201 11	10 350 58	2 850 53*
Securities Income - Dividends	55 955 50	63 530 80	7 575 30
- Interest	41 277 83	44 575 00	3 297 17
Total Investment Income	<u>118 584 14</u>	<u>127 013 86</u>	<u>8 429 72</u>
<u>Expenses</u>			
Annuity Payments	25 903 71	26 129 84	226 13
Charities	-	832 50	832 50
Interest Payments	9 195 44	9 616 83	421 39
Investment Services	207 75	262 25	54 50
Safety Deposit Box Rental	110 00	110 00	-
Total Investment Expenses	<u>35 416 90</u>	<u>36 951 42</u>	<u>1 534 52</u>
Net Gain on Investments	83 167 24	90 062 44	6 895 20
Add: Net Gain from Regular Operating	(7 460 64)*	21 164 50	28 625 14
Total Gain	<u>75 706 60</u>	<u>111 226 94</u>	<u>35 520 34</u>

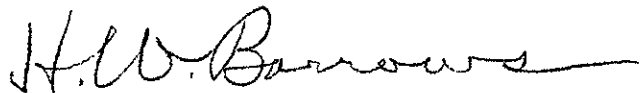
AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have examined the accounting records of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists for the year ended December 31, 1956, and in connection therewith have checked vouchers representing the receipt and disbursement of funds, together with supporting evidence and authorization for payment.

The bank accounts were in reconciliation with the latest available statements from the respective banks. Securities owned by this organization were verified by actual inspection and are valued in the Balance Sheet at cost or market whichever was lower at December 31, 1956.

In my opinion, based upon the examination made, the accompanying Balance Sheet, showing a Net Worth of \$2,448,598.85, and the related Operating Statement present fairly the financial position of this organization as of December 31, 1956 and the results of operating during the year then ended.



H. W. Barrows, Auditor  
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Takoma Park, D. C.  
February 8, 1957

GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 1956

ASSETS

Accounts Receivable - Gen Conf Corporation		3 662 48
Securities		35 000 00
Accrued Interest Receivable		366 66
Real Estate	200 00	
Less: Reserve	<u>200 00</u>	
Total Assets		<u><u>39 029 14</u></u>

LIABILITIES

None

NET WORTH

Net Worth, January 1, 1956		37 345 73
Net Gain for Year		<u>1 683 41</u>
Total Net Worth, December 31, 1956		<u><u>39 029 14</u></u>

Operating Statement  
Year Ended December 31, 1956

INCOME

Interest Income from Securities	1 685 41
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EXPENSES

Filing Fee with Michigan Security Corporation	<u>2 00</u>
Net Gain for Year	<u><u>1 683 41</u></u>

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Having examined the accounts of the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists as for December 31, 1956, it is my opinion that the accompanying Balance Sheet, showing a Net Worth of \$39,029.14, and the related Operating Statement present fairly the financial position of this organization as of December 31, 1956 and the results of its activities during the year then ended.



Auditor for the General Conference  
of Seventh-day Adventists

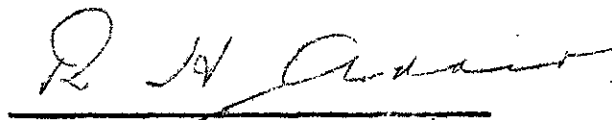
Takoma Park, D. C.  
February 28, 1957



NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE CORPORATION  
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

The North American Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists, organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, has no known assets or liabilities. The corporation is being continued in order to care for wills, legacies, or bequests which may have been written in favor of this organization; and to adjust property interest which may still exist in the name of the North American Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

  
Treasurer

  
Secretary

Washington, D. C.  
April 1, 1957

## Spring Meeting

details of the finances are but a means to an end--soul winning. He called attention to a 999 % increase in membership from 1900 to 1950, and a further substantial increase from 1950 to 1956, bringing the membership of the denomination well over one million.

## AUTUMN COUNCIL ATTENDANCE:

VOTED, That the following committee nominate a committee to bring in suggestions regarding the attendance at the 1957 Autumn Council: R. R. Figuhr, L. K. Dickson, A. L. Ham, W. B. Ochs, A. V. Olson, H. L. Rudy, W. R. Beach, C. L. Torrey, and several union conference presidents.

Adjourned to 9:00 A.M., April 10.

Prayer by F. D. Nichol.

H. L. Rudy, Chairman;  
H. T. Elliott, Secretary;  
Marjorie Marsh, Assistant  
Recording Secretary

## One Hundred Ninety-first Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 10, 1957, 9:45 A.M.

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The meeting convened following the devotional service at 9:00 A.M., at which meeting Elder D. R. Rees was the speaker.

Prayer by V. G. Anderson.

A list of available workers was passed out by H. T. Elliott.

Recommendations were presented from the General Conference Officers and Union Conference Presidents, and adopted as follows:

## BUREAU OF PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

We recommend, The addition of the following to the Advisory Committee of the Bureau of Public Relations:

1. Assistant secretaries of the Bureau
2. Union conference Bureau secretaries (n.a.)
3. Representatives from the Ministerial and Home Missionary Departments.

And further

That the time and place of meeting of the Advisory Committee be upon authorization of the Autumn Council preceding each meeting.

## Spring Meeting

A report from the Committee on 4D Classification of Teachers was considered carefully, suggestions for improvement made, and it was referred back to the Committee for further study.

The meeting recessed, giving way to a meeting of the Seminary Constituency which had been called at 10 o'clock. It was followed by a short meeting of the Seminary Board.

At 10:45 A.M. the Council convened, and a report from the Wage Committee, which had met April 5-8, was presented. The following recommendations were adopted:

## SALARY INCREASE:

We recommend, 1. That the 1956 Wage Scale be revised to provide an increase up to a maximum of \$7.00 weekly for the heads of families and \$5.00 weekly for all other salaried workers.

2. That the salary increase contemplated in this recommendation apply only to those who are being remunerated in harmony with the regular denominational wage scale.

3. That this salary increase become operative as of July 1, 1957, or as soon thereafter as conferences and institutional boards can arrange their budgets.

4. That in the case of medical and publishing institutions a committee be appointed within each institution to give study to the adjustment of the wage or wages within various categories and adjust them within the limits of the proposed suggestions above.

## HEATING EXPENSE:

Recognizing the need of assistance to workers when they are put to excessive expense in heating their homes,

We recommend, That the General Conference, the General Conference institutional boards, and the union conferences be authorized to assist workers with their heating expense by sharing with them on the annual cost of heating on the amount exceeding \$100 per year.

## RENT SUBSIDY:

We recommend, That Section 1 of the Rent Subsidy policy now reading "A denominational worker is ordinarily not obliged to pay rent, exclusive of furnishings, heat, gas, light, and water more than 11 per cent of his salary on the wage scale adopted at the 1954 Autumn Council of the General Conference." be revised to read: "A denominational worker is ordinarily not obliged to pay as rent, exclusive of furnishings, heat, gas, light, and water, more than 10 per cent of his salary on the current wage scale of the General Conference." PK

## SUSTENTATION RATE INCREASE:

We recommend, That paragraph 80 of the Sustentation policy be revised to read as follows:

"The family rate of workers eligible for sustentation shall be \$90.00 a month for fifteen years of service and for each year of service from fifteen to forty there shall be added \$4.00 a month making a maximum of \$190.00 for forty or more years of service."

That this revised policy become effective July 1, 1957.

## CHILD ALLOWANCE INCREASE:

We recommend, That paragraph 77 of the Sustentation policy be revised to read as follows:

"Beneficiaries of the Sustentation Fund having dependent children under eighteen years of age may, if necessary, be granted a child allowance of \$30.00 a month for each child," and further--

That this revised policy become effective July 1, 1957.

## COMMITTEE TO STUDY SUSTENTATION OF MARRIED WOMEN:

We recommend, That this Spring Meeting appoint a committee to study that section of the Sustentation policy which affects the Sustentation of women when they marry, and that this committee report to the Autumn Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 A.M. until 3:30 P.M.

An evangelistic film prepared by G. E. Vandeman in the series "It is Written" was shown, the title being "Missing Heirs."

Prayer by R. A. Anderson.

L. K. Dickson, Chairman;  
E. E. Roenfelt, Secretary;  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary.

One Hundred Ninety-second Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 10, 1957, 3:30 P.M.

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Prayer by Carl Sundin.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

## Spring Meeting

V. T. Armstrong--Missouri, visit churches, September 28-October 19.

W. R. Beach--Glacier View Camp (near Denver, Colorado), Colporteur Rally, August 23-26.

Archa Dart--Pacific Union, attend Principals' Council, June 28-July 1 (extension of camp meeting trip).

A. A. Esteb--Pacific Union, Dorcas Federations, Laymen's Rallies, Ingathering promotion, etc., October 15-November 3.

Herbert Ford--Central Union, Civil Defense Publicity and visit Union College, April 9-12 (in place of Howard Weeks).

C. E. Guenther--Central Union, Bible Correspondence School Council and Welfare Center Inspections, April 29-May 8.

R. L. Hammill--Emmanuel Missionary College, Baccalaureate address, June 1.

E. L. Minchin--release, Southern Missionary College Week of Prayer, September 27-October 5; assign--College of Medical Evangelists and Pacific Union, Week of Prayer and Youth Revivals, October 7-November 30.

C. E. Moseley, Jr.--New York, revival, April 13-20.

F. L. Peterson--Central Union, speaking appointments Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri, extension of itinerary, April 22-28.

Maybelle Vandermark--Pacific Union, Dorcas Federation meetings, September 27-October 13.

E. R. Walde--Pacific Union, extension of camp meeting itinerary to enable him to attend Voice of Prophecy meetings, July 8-10.

4-D CLASSIFICATION FOR TEACHERS  
IN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOLS:

VOTED, To accept the report of the Committee on 4-D Classification of Teachers, as follows:

WHEREAS, The work of the church-school teacher is recognized by the denomination as an essential spiritual function of the church in its endeavors to attain its objectives as a Christian organization,

We recommend, That men teachers whose activities definitely include the conducting of worship or teaching Bible and religion in the school and spiritual leadership in regular church services, be designated "ministerial teachers" and that they be granted a ministerial-teacher license, it being understood that ministerial teachers belong to the category of "regular ministers" as specified by National Selective Service.

CIRCULATION OF LISTEN MAGAZINE:

VOTED, To adopt the report of the Committee on Circulation of Listen Magazine, as follows:

## Spring Meeting

WHEREAS, One of our major missionary projects for 1957 is the placing of Listen in the homes of approximately 70,000 clergymen under the Listen Sponsorship program; and

WHEREAS, Any change in plans for the promotion of Listen at this time would tend to disrupt this present program already promoted in the field,

We recommend, 1. That the Publishing Department, the Missionary Volunteer Department, and the Pacific Press Publishing Association join with the American Temperance Society in promoting the circulation of Listen magazine, and that this arrangement go into effect immediately.

2. That our conferences request their local churches to send all available temperance funds into the conference office to cover the cost of sending Listen to these 70,000 clergymen.

3. That the officers of the General Conference be requested to appoint a committee to formulate an effective plan for the promotion of Listen magazine, this plan to be submitted to the 1957 Autumn Council.

4. That favorable consideration be given to increasing the subscription price of Listen magazine to \$1.50, and the membership and Listen sponsorship subscriptions to \$1.00.

## CLASSIFICATION AND STATUS

## ASSISTANT DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES:

We recommend, That the classification and status of Assistant Departmental Secretaries in the General Conference Office be referred to the Officers.

## SPIRIT OF PROPHECY CORRESPONDENCE COURSE:

VOTED, To accept the report of the Committee on Spirit of Prophecy Correspondence Course as follows:

We recommend, 1. That a Spirit of prophecy correspondence course be made available to all our members in North America.

2. That the General Conference Committee appoint a committee to prepare the lessons for this course and also a booklet for use as a text, that this committee avail itself of the privilege of using as a basis for its lessons those prepared by the Southern Union Bible Correspondence School, and that the publishing and handling of these lessons and the accompanying booklet be assigned to one of the publishing houses.

3. That each union conference committee determine the best method for the distribution of these lessons within its territory, with the suggestion that these lessons be processed through the local or union conference Bible school, or in the event of there not being a conference Bible school, through the union or local conference Home Missionary Department.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS:

VOTED, To accept the report from the Committee on Bible Correspondence Schools, with amendment, as follows:

WHEREAS, The results of our Bible Correspondence Schools are dependent in the first place upon a successful enrollment program, and

WHEREAS, Such a program to be most effective, requires the support of the organized missionary activities of the church,

We recommend, 1. That the Home Missionary Department be requested to assume the responsibility of fostering Bible school enrollments, whether for local, union, Faith for Today, or Voice of Prophecy schools, through the missionary organization of the church, and provide for a recording of the enrollments thus secured, and that all pertinent information as provided by these schools be forwarded on to the Home Missionary Department of the local, union, and General Conference.

AUTUMN COUNCIL ATTENDANCE:

VOTED, To accept the report of the Committee on Autumn Council Attendance, as follows:

We recommend, That the attendance at the 1957 Autumn Council, which precedes the General Conference session, be restricted to the regular members of the General Conference Committee.

EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS:

In view of the fact that a survey is being made at the present time among our colleges, and that certain educational problems, such as graduate study, are being made and implemented, it was

Recommended, That the appointment of the large survey committee, which had been authorized by the 1956 Autumn Council be postponed indefinitely, and that the problem of educational buildings and teachers needed be referred to the local field.

Before the vote was declared, attention was drawn to the fact that these surveys do not cover the definite needs in the elementary problem.

The item was held for further study.

Adjourned to 9:00 A.M., April 11.

W. B. Ochs, Chairman;  
F. L. Peterson, Secretary;  
Marjorie Marsh, Assistant  
Recording Secretary.

## One Hundred Ninety-third Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 11, 1957, 9:45 A.M.

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The meeting convened following the devotional service at 9:00 A.M., at which meeting Elder T. Carcich was the speaker.

Prayer by R. A. Anderson.

Information was given by R. R. Figuhr that during the past year, 1956, the number of baptisms throughout the world field was 78,692, and the number of members received on profession of faith was 4,222, making a total of 82,914. This is nearly equal to the membership of one of our largest world divisions.

Opportunity was given for reports from representatives of the Pacific Press Publishing Association and Southern Publishing Association as to the outworking of the plan for the missionary journals to be published monthly, and also as to the campaign dates. The subscriptions at the Southern Publishing Association have been fewer than during the previous year, though the Pacific Press Publishing Association has 35,000 more than they had previously. A few inquiries have come in as regards the Signs not being continued on a weekly basis, but it is felt that in general the plan has been well received in the field.

SIGNS, THESE TIMES, AND MESSAGE CAMPAIGN:

At the 1956 Autumn Council, authorization was given for a committee to be appointed to work with the two publishing houses to initiate the plans for the monthly magazines, and with regard to prices. This committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

We recommend, 1. That beginning in the Autumn of 1957 there be one annual campaign date for the Signs, These Times, and the Message Magazines, preferably in October.

2. That the special campaign subscription price be extended through the month of November.

## BUREAU OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

## AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT--ADDITIONAL SECRETARIES:

We recommend, 1. The employment of one additional Associate for the Bureau of Public Relations.

2. The employment on the General Conference staff of a man with legal training and experience, to serve the interests of the Religious Liberty Department, and to assist in caring for other legal matters in connection with the General Conference work.

VOTED, That we authorize the Officers and General Conference Committee to go forward with the selection and employment of the above workers.



Spring Meeting

## COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS:

Further time was given to discussion of our educational work, the number of schools we have, and the lack of teachers to meet the demands. Increasingly, we find teachers leaving our schools to go out into the public schools. The 1956 Autumn Council authorized the appointment of a committee to study the educational problems and report to the 1957 Autumn Council. It was

VOTED, To request the Officers to proceed with the appointment of the committee, and that it include field administrative representation.

Opportunity was then given for a short meeting of the North American Division Committee on Administration.

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At 11 A.M. the business of the Spring Meeting was resumed.

## NARCOTICS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

A suggestion has come from the General Conference Officers and Union Conference Presidents with regard to the Narcotics Education Program. It was

VOTED, That the Narcotics Education Program be sponsored by the American Temperance Society.

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The Publishing Department Committee presented a series of recommendations which were adopted as follows:

## COLPORTEUR ATTENDANCE AT GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

Recognizing the desirability of having our successful and dedicated colporteurs in attendance at the General Conference session,

We recommend, That a plan, providing for the following, be worked out through the General Conference Officers, responsible boards, and committees to make possible the attendance of literature-evangelists at the General Conference session, which is to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, June 19-28, 1958:

1. That this plan be extended only to licensed and credentialed literature evangelists.

2. That male literature-evangelists be required to work 1500 hours and deliver \$10,000 worth of subscription literature.

3. That women literature-evangelists be required to work 1200 hours and deliver \$7,000 worth of subscription literature.

4. That the Book and Bible House accounts of those who qualify be in a satisfactory condition; namely, that the accounts be covered by actual inventories and active outstanding customer accounts, or a safe credit margin.

## Spring Meeting

5. That the twelve-month period during which the literature-evangelists will qualify on the above basis begin April 1, 1957 and end March 31, 1958.

6. That the following courtesies be granted to the literature-evangelists who qualify on the above basis:

a. That conferences grant the same allowances to these literature evangelists as to other non-delegate workers.

b. That literature-evangelists arrange to take their vacations at the time of the session so that the vacation policy of the regular literature-evangelist program will apply.

c. That the publishing houses grant \$50.00 for each literature-evangelist within their respective territories who qualifies for the above.

d. That the Book and Bible Houses grant \$25.00 per literature-evangelist within their respective territories who qualifies for the above.

7. That the special grants outlined above will not apply unless the literature-evangelist actually attends the General Conference session for at least four days, including a week end.

## FILMS FOR EVANGELISM AND TV:

It was stated that about twenty of the evangelistic and TV films have now been finished. The present plan calls for the production of thirty-nine. A committee had been appointed to bring in a recommendation as to prices on the films. The committee has recommended that the cost be \$45.00 for black-and-white films, and \$140 for the color films, including mailing charges. It was

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to give study to the use of the evangelistic films as well as TV production.

## NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION--

## ITEMS REFERRED:

It was stated that a number of items should be referred to the North American Division Committee on Administration.

VOTED, That we authorize the North American Division Committee to deal with requests to borrow money within the North American Division Committee.

VOTED, That the item of Vacations be referred to the North American Division Committee on Administration.

VOTED, That the Mutual Assistance Plan be referred to the North American Division Committee on Administration.

## SALARY OF C. J. NAGELE:

VOTED, That the salary of C. J. Nagele be referred to the Officers for consideration.

## Spring Meeting

R. R. Figuhr expressed appreciation for the fine spirit manifested by every one during the meeting, as well as the interest shown in the items discussed. It is helpful to look at the work beyond the immediate borders where we labor. The Lord has led and will continue to lead us.

Announcements were made of subcommittees to meet in the afternoon, and of the General Conference Committee to meet on April 12, following worship.

The work of the Spring Meeting having been completed, adjournment was taken at 11:50 A.M.

Prayer of dismissal by R. R. Figuhr.

A. V. Olson, Chairman;  
W. P. Bradley, Secretary;  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary.

## One Hundred Ninety-fourth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 12, 1957, 8:20 A.M.

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The meeting was held immediately following the worship period.

## PRESENT:

R. R. Figuhr, W. P. Bradley, R. H. Adair, V. G. Anderson, V. T. Armstrong, W. R. Beach, O. A. Blake, N. F. Brewer, J. A. Buckwalter, D. Lois Burnett, G. W. Chambers, E. E. Cossentine, E. D. Dick, N. W. Dunn, H. T. Elliott, L. E. Froom, R. L. Hammill, H. W. Klaser, Louise C. Kleuser, E. L. Minchin, L. L. Moffitt, A. V. Olson, W. E. Phillips, J. I. Robison, E. E. Roenfelt, H. L. Rudy, Walter Schubert, L. A. Skinner, F. A. Soper, W. H. Teesdale, C. L. Torrey, G. E. Vandeman, B. E. Wagner, E. R. Walde, F. H. Yost.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

W. H. Beaven, C. D. Forshee.

MINUTES of the meeting of April 4, 1957 were approved.

## V. L. SANDERS--RESIGNATION:

In harmony with the recommendation of the International Insurance Company Board, it was

VOTED, To accept the resignation of V. L. Sanders as Secretary and Manager of the Insurance Service, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland.

April 12, 1957

MANAGER INSURANCE SERVICE  
AND INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

On recommendation of the International Insurance Company Board, it was

VOTED, That J. W. Peeke be asked to serve as Secretary and Manager of the Insurance Service, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland.

JAY PAUL MUNSEY, M.D.--LIBYA:

VOTED, To pass on to Jay Paul Munsey, M.D., of Moab, Utah, the call to connect with the Middle East Division for medical service in Libya.

RENE VILLENEUVE--INDIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division the call for Rene Villeneuve of the French Publishing House, to connect with the Southern Asia Division as superintendent of the Oriental Watchman Publishing House in Poona, India.

ESTHER KANDT--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To release Miss Esther Kandt from the call to nursing service in the Rio de Janeiro Hospital, Brazil; and that she be placed under deferred appointment.

SARAH JOHNSTON--RIO DE JANEIRO:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Glendale Sanitarium the call for Miss Sarah Johnston, and to invite her to connect with the South American Division for nursing service in the Rio de Janeiro Hospital, Brazil.

I. M. KUHN, M.D.--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Dr. I. M. Kuhn, a senior in medicine at the College of Medical Evangelists, be placed under deferred appointment.

RUSSELL T. MITTS, M.D.--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Russell T. Mitts, M.D., be released from the call to medical mission service in the Juliaca Clinic, Peru; and that he be placed under deferred appointment.

C. M. BASCONCILLO--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To record the return to the United States of C. M. Basconcillo, of the North Philippine Union Mission, in harmony with his desire, and on recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

H. J. BENNETT--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of H. J. Bennett from South Africa, on his request to enable them to care for parents, and on recommendation of the Southern African Division.

April 12, 1957

## MR. AND MRS. B. D. FARNSTROM--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Farnstrom, to Sweden, from West Pakistan, because of her serious illness, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

## DR. DUNBAR W. SMITH--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

VOTED, To authorize the stay of Dr. Dunbar W. Smith in the homeland for an additional twelve months, on a leave-of-absence basis, to enable him to continue his residency.

## P. G. WICK--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That P. G. Wick be released from the call to serve in an Indian Mission in Ecuador, and that his appointment be changed to connect with the Far Eastern Division, in order to do evangelistic work in Thailand.

## A. H. RULKOETTER--MEMPHIS, TENN.:

VOTED, To authorize A. H. Rulkoetter to make a trip to Memphis, Tennessee, on a business item, beginning April 14.

APPROPRIATION--NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION  
COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION:

VOTED, To authorize the transfer of \$35,000 to the North American Division Committee on Administration Contingency Fund from the General Conference Contingency Fund.

Adjourned at 9:35 A.M.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman;  
W. P. Bradley, Secretary;  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary.

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## One Hundred Ninety-fifth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 18, 1957, 10:00 A.M.

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## PRESENT:

L. K. Dickson, W. P. Bradley, R. H. Adair, Wesley Amundsen, R. A. Anderson, C. W. Bozarth, F. Brennwald, J. A. Buckwalter, D. Lois Burnett, G. W. Chambers, J. E. Chase, A. W. Cormack, E. D. Dick, N. W. Dunn, H. T. Elliott, R. R. Figuhr, L. E. Froom, Richard Hammill, G. A. Huse, H. W. Klaser, Louise C. Kleuser, D. A. McAdams, L. L. Moffitt, H. A. Morrison, H. S. Nelson, F. D. Nichol, A. V. Olson, F. L. Peterson, J. I. Robison, E. E. Roenfelt, Walter Schubert, W. H. Shephard, L. A. Skinner, W. H. Teesdale, E. R. Walde, Howard Weeks, F. H. Yost, A. L. White.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

D. A. Bailey, D. A. Delafield, Herbert Ford, Nathaniel Krum, C. E. Palmer, J. D. Snider (representatives from the Review and Herald Publishing Association for consideration of first item only).

Prayer by J. E. Chase.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

REVIEW AND HERALD EDITORS:

The Committee met in joint session with the Review and Herald Publishing Association Board for appointment of Editors for the Review and Herald. A Committee on Nominations of Review and Herald Editors presented the following report which was adopted:

Inasmuch as Frederick Lee plans to retire this Autumn, for Associate Editor of the Review and Herald--Raymond F. Cottrell.

Consulting Editors of the Review and Herald: A. L. Ham, H. L. Rudy, to serve in addition to R. R. Figuhr.

## E. G. WHITE BOOKS--APPROPRIATION:

On recommendation of the Committee on Promotion of the E. G. White Books, it was

VOTED, That an appropriation of \$500 be made from the Spirit of Prophecy Book Fund to the Far Eastern Division to assist in the publication of the book Education in the Korean language.

An interesting item of news was passed on by A. L. White, who stated that information has come to his office that two thousand copies of the book Steps to Christ have recently been published in the Greenlandic language. Steps to Christ has now been published in seventy-eight languages.

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## FAITH FOR TODAY--OSHAWA, CANADA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Faith for Today Board the request from the Canadian Union for W. A. Fagal and the quartet to attend the Eastern Youth Congress to be held in Oshawa, Ontario, August 29-September 1, 1957.

## RUSSELL R. STROM--RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, To pass on to Russell R. Strom, of Lincoln, Nebraska, a call to connect with the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference as an Associate Secretary.

## DARREN L. MICHAEL--BUREAU OF PUBLIC RELATIONS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union the call for Darren L. Michael, and to invite him to connect with the General Conference Bureau of Public Relations as an Associate Secretary.

## MILDRED JOHNSON--ASSISTANT SECRETARY MV DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, In view of the fact that there has been a gradual change in the work of Miss Mildred Johnson, she having taken additional responsibilities in field work and in producing material of value to the Department, that Miss Mildred Johnson be appointed as an Assistant Secretary in the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department.

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS--GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF:

Reference was made to the actions taken in the Committee meeting of March 21, 1957, with regard to physical examinations of members of the General Conference staff. It has become evident that the implementation of the plan would involve some serious difficulties both financial and otherwise. It was therefore

VOTED, That Sections 3 and 4 relating to the diagnostic procedures beyond the routine health checkup and financial provision for the same, be eliminated, and that the Papanicolaou Test be included for women in the annual checkup. The provision for the annual physical examination for the General Conference staff would then read:

An annual routine health checkup shall be available to all full-time General Conference employees and General Conference workers' wives, this checkup being mandatory in the case of individuals over forty years of age. This routine checkup will consist of an examination of the ears, nose and throat, lungs, heart including blood pressure, abdomen, reflexes, and the rectal and genito-urinary tracts, also a complete blood count and urinalysis. For workers over forty years of age blood cholesterol check is provided on advice of a physician, and the Papanicolaou Test for women. Application should be made through the Treasury for the forms to be presented to the examining physician.

## DR. J. W. MCFARLAND--SDA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the request from the SDA Theological Seminary that Dr. J. W. McFarland be released to teach in



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the Seminary during the first term of the Summer quarter, which is scheduled from June 17-July 23.

NAME OF GRADUATE SCHOOL:

A recommendation was presented from the SDA Theological Seminary Board of Trustees, to whom the naming of the graduate school of studies had been referred, that it be named Andrews University. A general discussion followed on the point of the wisdom of our using a well-known denominational personal name, or our denominational name, in naming the university. It was unanimously

VOTED, That the name of the graduate school be Adventist University.

SDA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY--  
EXTENSION SCHOOLS:

A recommendation from the SDA Theological Seminary Board as to personnel for the Extension Schools to be held in 1957 and 1958 was presented and adopted as follows:

Australasia--December, 1957-January, 1958--E. Heppenstall, M. K. Eckenroth, and A. L. White.

Central Europe--July-August, 1958--S. H. Horn, R. E. Loasby, and Walter Schubert.

A. L. WHITE--AUSTRALIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the E. G. White Publications Board the request of the SDA Theological Seminary that A. L. White be released to teach in the Seminary Extension School in Australasia, December, 1957-January, 1958.

WALTER SCHUBERT--CENTRAL EUROPE:

In response to the request of the SDA Theological Seminary, it was

VOTED, To accede to their request and authorize Walter Schubert to serve on the faculty of the Seminary Extension School to be held in Central Europe, July-August, 1958.

RICHARD HAMMILL--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, To authorize Richard Hammill to visit the Far Eastern Division, October 15-November 15, 1957 (en route from Australia).

NATIONAL MEDICAL CADET CORPS TRAINING CAMP--  
INVITATIONS TO INDIVIDUALS:

VOTED, To extend invitations to the following individuals to attend the National Medical Cadet Corps Training Camp, to be held in Grand Ledge, Michigan, June 11-25: Charles Davis, Lawrence Stevens, Clark Smith, W. A. Howe, Delmar Lovejoy, Harold D. Schwartz, Gayle Rhoads.

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## ROBERT KINNEY--WISCONSIN CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and Wisconsin Conference the call from the Review and Herald Publishing Association for Robert Kinney to connect with the Review and Herald Book Department staff.

## BERGER L. IVERSON--BOULDER SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium the call for Berger L. Iverson, to connect with the College of Medical Evangelists for service in the bakery operated in Loma Linda, California.

## W. S. LEE--DALLAS, TEXAS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union the request from the Southwestern Union for W. S. Lee to be the guest speaker at the Youth Congress in Dallas, Texas, April 19-21.

## VALERIE RUDGE--AUSTRALIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and Hinsdale Sanitarium the call for Miss Valerie Rudge, and that she be invited to return to Australia for service in the Sydney Sanitarium.

## ALICE NELL OTTLEY--WEST AFRICA:

Inasmuch as it is probable a serious salary problem would be raised should Miss Alice Nell Ottley accept the call to service in India, it was

VOTED, To change the appointment of Miss Alice Nell Ottley and invite her to connect with the Northern European Division for nursing service in West Africa.

## MARK FOWLER, M.D.--JAMAICA:

VOTED, To approve of the plan for Dr. Mark Fowler to serve for a short period of time in the Andrews Memorial Hospital, Jamaica, and to refer the terms to the Committee on Allowances in counsel with the Inter-American Division.

## WM. J. GARDNER, M.D.--REGULAR TERM OF SERVICE:

The action appointing Dr. Wm. J. Gardner to connect with the Inter-American Division as surgeon on the staff of the Andrews Memorial Hospital was taken with the understanding that it would be on a short-time basis. Inasmuch as the situation has changed with regard to family educational problems, it was

VOTED, That the appointment of Dr. Wm. J. Gardner to the Andrews Memorial Hospital, Jamaica, be changed from a short term to a regular period of service.

## M. L. FEHRENBACH--ECUADOR:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Arizona Conference to release M. L. Fehrenbach, and to invite him to connect with the South American Division for work among the Indians in Ecuador.

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## GLORIA MACKSON--EAST AFRICA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Southern California Conference to release Miss Gloria Mackson, and to invite her to connect with the Southern African Division to teach in the field of home economics at Katikamu, East Africa.

## AMARO PEVERINI--CALL CANCELED:

VOTED, To cancel the call placed with the South American Division for the release of Amaro Peverini, to connect with the Inter-American Division for service as pastor-evangelist in the West Cuba Conference, since the Division does not feel clear in releasing him.

## A. P. RITZ--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That authorization be given for the permanent return of A. P. Ritz from Singapore, on his request because of responsibility to parents, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

## J. P. ANDERSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That authorization be given for the permanent return of J. P. Anderson from Hong Kong, he having completed a term of service, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

## MARJORIE SCHWEDER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That authorization be given for the permanent return of Miss Marjorie Schweder, from Bangkok, Thailand, in view of the state of her health, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

## FILLMER HEVENER--EAST AFRICA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Potomac Conference the call for Fillmer Hevener, and to invite him to connect with the Southern African Division as teacher of English in the Bugema Missionary College in East Africa.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

D. Lois Burnett--Chicago, National League for Nursing, May 3-10; Southern Missionary College, Riverside, Oakwood, Madison, Nursing Education Program, May 14-19.

L. K. Dickson--Minnesota Workers' Meeting and speaking appointments, May 2-4.

N. W. Litchfield--Detroit for automobile business, April 18-21.

W. B. Ochs, H. T. Elliott--Southern Publishing Association Board Meeting, April 30.

\*V. L. Sanders--Emmanuel Missionary College Treasurers' Meeting (Insurance), April 15 (instead of J. W. Peeke).

Carl Sundin--Pawtucket, Rhode Island, interview doctors, April 1-6.

Joyce Wilson--Monterey Bay Academy for Principals' Council, June 30.

\*Also Walla Walla College, Upper Columbia Academy, ~~on~~ Conference, and Insurance business, April 21-30.

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Adjourned at 11:47 A.M.

L. K. Dickson, Chairman;  
 W. P. Bradley, Secretary;  
 Katie Farney, Recording Secretary.

## One Hundred Ninety-sixth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 25, 1957, 10:00 A.M.

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## PRESENT:

W. B. Ochs, W. P. Bradley, R. H. Adair, Wesley Amundsen, R. A. Anderson, V. G. Anderson, W. H. Beaven, C. W. Bozarth, F. Brennwald, N. F. Brewer, D. Lois Burnett, J. E. Chase, L. K. Dickson, N. W. Dunn, H. T. Elliott, Richard Hammill, W. J. Harris, H. W. Klaser, F. B. Knight, H. W. Lowe, T. E. Lucas, D. A. McAdams, L. L. Moffitt, H. A. Morrison, C. E. Moseley, Jr., F. D. Nichol, A. V. Olson, W. A. Scharffenberg, James Scully, L. A. Skinner, F. A. Soper, B. E. Wagner, E. R. Walde, Howard Weeks, F. H. Yost, A. L. White.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

D. A. Delafield, Herbert Ford, C. D. Forshee, R. Ruhling.

Prayer by T. E. Lucas.

MINUTES of meetings held April 9-12, including the Spring Meeting, were approved.

## VOICE OF PROPHECY, GENERAL BOARD:

VOTED, That the resignations of D. A. Ochs and M. L. Rice as members of the Voice of Prophecy General Board be accepted, and that D. R. Rees and T. Carcich be appointed members of the Voice of Prophecy General Board, to fill vacancies made by these resignations.

## VOICE OF PROPHECY, INC.--BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

VOTED, To accept the resignations of D. A. Ochs and M. L. Rice as members of the Voice of Prophecy, Inc., Board of Trustees, and to appoint V. G. Anderson and F. L. Peterson to serve as members of the Board of Trustees of the Voice of Prophecy, Inc., to fill the vacancies made by these resignations.

## WASHINGTON SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL BOARD:

VOTED, To recommend to the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital Board the acceptance of the resignations of D. A. Ochs and C. V. Anderson as members of the Board, and the appointment of V. G. Anderson and M. E. Loewen to fill the vacancies created by these resignations; V. G. Anderson to act as Chairman of the Board.

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CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES--  
GENERAL CONFERENCE WORKERS:

VOTED, To approve the report of the Committee on Credentials and Licenses to General Conference workers, for the General Conference term ending June 30, 1958, as follows:

For Ministerial Credentials: J. C. Christensen, T. H. Jemison.

For Missionary License: Mrs. Thelma Anderson, Natelkka Burrell, Mrs. Janet Clayton, Lydia Egger, Mrs. Laurie Fluharty, Maurice Godwin, Joan Hardy, Mrs. Esther Hare, Beulah Heidinger, Mrs. Hedwig Jemison, Mrs. Harold Kurtz, Joseph Laughlin, Jr., Mrs. Glenna Lee, Mrs. M. E. Loewen, Myrtle McGee, B. J. Penner, Mrs. Abda Rosado, Nellie Roser, Mrs. Iris Santos, Mrs. Ava Wall, Mrs. Frieda White, Audra Wood, Marcedene Wood.

For Missionary Credential: Esther Adams.

For Employment Card: Mrs. Elaine Addington, Mrs. Norma Ashlin, Betty Bolton, L. L. Bryant, Mrs. Ellie Calkins, Norma Sue Curtice, Mrs. Violet Durichek, Linda Sue Edwards, Robert Fesler, Mrs. Dorothy Folger, Joseph Fornal, Dorothy Grube, Elsie Hann, Juliet Harvey, Verland Harvey, Mrs. LaVerne Hirsch, Mrs. Blythe Hoppe, Thomas Larkin, Mrs. Esther Larsen, Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, Mary Louise Martin, Mrs. Florence Mather, Louise McGavock, Joaquim Miranda, Carolyn Nicholson, Louis C. Nielsen, Edwin Pester, Mrs. Ila Rudisaile, Robert Russell, Mrs. Barbara Schwochow, Ronald Secley, Esther Trigger, Edgar Tull, Robert Willett, James Williams, Mrs. Kathleen Wilson, Walter Wontroba.

MAGDALENE WEHLING--~~GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND~~:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the call from the Southern Union for Miss Magdalena Wehling, of the Public Relations Department, to connect with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference as office secretary.

STATEMENT ON DRUGS:

The final draft of the statement on Drugs had been placed in the hands of the Committee members on April 4, with the request that it be given careful reading and any suggestions for revision be submitted. It was

VOTED, To approve of the document on Drugs, and to authorize its distribution to the field.

A. KROGSTAD--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, That a sponsorship to A. Krogstad, of Norway, be allowed on a student basis, as he plans to spend six months at the SDA Theological Seminary.

A. H. RULKOETTER--CHURCHMEN'S CONFERENCE ON DECENT LITERATURE:

VOTED, That Dr. A. H. Rulkoetter be appointed to represent the Seventh-day Adventist denomination at the recently appointed Churchmen's Conference on Decent Literature.

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## APPROPRIATION--BOY SCOUT CAMP:

VOTED, To authorize an appropriation of \$400.00 from the General Conference Contingency Fund to make it possible for Dr. Irving Jones to be appointed as camp doctor in the proposed National Boy Scout Camp to be held in New Mexico this Summer.

## MARIE HASENER--NGOMA MISSION HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division the request for the release of Miss Marie Hasener of Switzerland, and to invite her to connect with the Southern African Division, for service as a nurse at the Ngoma Mission Hospital, Belgian Congo.

## DOROTHY WALTER--ANKOLE HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Dorothy Walter, of Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park, Maryland, the call to connect with the Southern African Division as nurse for the Ankole Hospital, East Africa.

## F. L. BELL--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To transfer the appointment of F. L. Bell, called to the South India Union, to the Gitwe Mission, Southern Africa, as station director; since his parents reside in Africa.

## DANIEL SKORETZ--SOUTHERN ASIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union and Alberta Conference the call for Daniel Skoretz, and to invite him to connect with the Southern Asia Division as pastor-evangelist.

## MILDRED BERGGREN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Mildred Berggren from Baghdad, Iraq, on recommendation of the Middle East Division.

## C. A. SHEPHERD--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of C. A. Shepherd from Southern Rhodesia, Africa, since the tropical climate is not favorable to Mrs. Shepherd's health, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern African Division.

## H. M. COY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of H. M. Coy from Southern Rhodesia, on his request because of family problems, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern African Division.

## DAVID H. SKAU--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of David H. Skau from India, because of the health condition of Mrs. Skau's aged parents, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

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## GRETEL GRAHAM--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To transfer the appointment of Miss Gretel Graham from Malamulo to the Angole Hospital, Uganda, inasmuch as the immigration laws do not permit her to locate in that country, and it would be possible for her to enter Uganda.

## ALBERT E. HIRST, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Albert E. Hirst, M.D., from the call to Vellore Christian Medical College, India, inasmuch as arrangements have been made for Dr. Gordon Hadley to remain at that institution for another year.

## JEAN FLEMMING--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Jean Flemming be released from the call to the Ngoma Mission Hospital, Belgian Congo, inasmuch as the Northern European Division desires to use her services in one of their mission fields.

## VOICE OF PROPHECY--OMAHA, NEBRASKA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Voice of Prophecy Board the request from the Central Union for the Voice of Prophecy to visit Omaha, Nebraska, for revival meetings, October 4-13.

## VOICE OF PROPHECY--CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Voice of Prophecy Board the request from the Lake Union for the Voice of Prophecy to visit Chicago, Illinois, for revival meetings, October 18-27.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

- F. Brennwald--Atlantic Union for auditing work, to be arranged.
- D. Lois Burnett--Pacific Union College, St. Helena Sanitarium, Nursing Education work, date to be arranged.
- E. E. Cleveland--San Antonio, Texas, revival service, two weeks prior to Southwest Regional camp meeting.
- C. E. Guenther--North Pacific Union, to inspect Conference Bible Correspondence Schools, April 21-28 (request already granted for the Central Union).
- W. E. Read--Brookfield, Illinois, for Jewish work, May 15, 16.
- D. E. Rebok--Washington, D.C., from Atlantic Union College, and return, for funeral service.
- Walter Schubert--South Lancaster, Pittsfield, Mass.; Hartford, Conn., to look over locations for evangelistic campaign this Fall; latter part of April.
- J. V. Scully--Chicago, National Oratorical Contest, May 11, 12.
- L. A. Skinner--Monterey Bay Academy, Educational Meeting, June 26- July 1; Mt. Vernon, Ohio, MV Advisory Council (from Washington, D.C.) July 12-16; Alberta, College Presidents' Council (from Mt. Vernon), July 16-20; Canada--MV Youth Camps, July 21-August 12.
- F. H. Yost--Chicago, American Town Hall of the Air Telecast, May 21, June 4 (second trip to Chicago is stopover en route to Northern California camp meeting); Washington, New Hampshire, Annual Meeting, August 17.

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J. O. Gibson, J. V. Scully, F. A. Soper, and W. H. Beaven--Boston, production of Tobacco Film, April 18.

CONDOLENCE TO J. I. ROBISON:

Information was given that J. I. Robison has received word of the death of his mother, aged ninety-five, in California. He is on his way West to attend the funeral. It was

VOTED, To pass on to Elder J. I. Robison and family a word of condolence from this Committee.

Adjourned at 10:22 A.M.

W. B. Ochs, Chairman;  
W. P. Bradley, Secretary;  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary.