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Two Hundred Fifty-first Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 6, 1958, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

H. L. Rudy, N. W. Dunn, R. H. Adair, R. A. Anderson, H. W. Barrows, W. R. Beach, C. W. Bozarth, W. P. Bradley, N. F. Brewer, A. W. Cormack, E. D. Dick, L. K. Dickson, J. E. Edwards, R. R. Figuhr, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, G. A. Huse, H. W. Klaser, Miss Louise C. Kleuser, T. E. Lucas, G. M. Mathews, D. A. McAdams, H. A. Morrison, A. V. Olson, J. W. Peeke, E. E. Roenfelt, A. H. Rulkoetter, W. A. Scharffenberg, J. V. Scully, L. A. Skinner, W. H. Teesdale, C. L. Torrey, B. E. Wagner, A. L. White

OTHERS PRESENT:

G. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield, R. Ruhling

Prayer by L. K. Dickson.

MINUTES of the meetings held February 27 and 28, 1958 were approved.

M. K. ECKENROTH--NEW JERSEY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Potomac University the call from the Columbia Union Conference for M. K. Eckenroth, to serve as president in the New Jersey Conference.

MRS. CLARA MARSH--WHITE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the College of Medical Evangelists for Mrs. Clara Marsh, to connect with the White Memorial Hospital for employment in the dietary service.

LUCILLE LEWIS--PARADISE VALLEY SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the call from the Pacific Union for Miss Lucille Lewis, to connect with the Paradise Valley Sanitarium as acting director of nurses.

MRS. RUTH JACOBSEN--GLENDALE SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the call from the Pacific Union for Mrs. Ruth Jacobsen, to connect with the Southern California Conference as instructor of dietetics in the Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS DAY:

VOTED, To appoint July 12, 1958 as North American Missions Day.

March 6, 1958

RICHARD SESSUMS--APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, To authorize an appropriation of \$500 from the General Conference Contingency Fund to Richard Sessums, for employment as assistant chaplain in the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, for four months beginning March 1, 1958.

F. B. KNIGHT--AMERICAN IMMIGRATION CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To appoint F. B. Knight to serve as General Conference representative on the American Immigration Conference Board.

ROLAND HEGSTAD--

PUBLISHING ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To appoint Roland Hegstad, book editor of the Southern Publishing Association, to serve on the Publishing Advisory Committee.

HENRY F. BROWN--GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

VOTED, To authorize Henry F. Brown, now in the employ of the Central California Conference, to attend the 1958 General Conference session in Cleveland, Ohio, inasmuch as he is a member of the General Conference Committee; the General Conference to bear the expense.

CHARLES L. CHRISTENSEN--ORDINATION:

On recommendation of the Inca Union and the Bolivia Mission, the South American Division concurring, it was

VOTED, To arrange for the ordination of Chas. L. Christensen, now on furlough from Bolivia, and in attendance at the SDA Theological Seminary; and that A. V. Olson, W. G. C. Murdoch, and W. R. Beach serve as a committee to carry out plans for the ordination.

F. H. YOST--RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:

VOTED, To approve the appointment of F. H. Yost as a representative in the Religious Liberty Department of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

SPONSORSHIPS:

On recommendation of the Southern Asia Division, it was

VOTED, To grant sponsorships as follows:

Manual Amirtham, to enter the United States, as a trainee at Pacific Union College;

M. D. Moses, to enter the United States, as a visitor;

Kalee Paw, to enter the United States, as a visitor.

March 6, 1958

OVERSEAS VISITS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division the invitation from the Central European Division for J. M. Bucy to attend a meeting in Hamburg, Germany, August 25-31, 1958, the Northern European Division to bear the expense involved.

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division the invitation from the Central European Division for F. Charpiot to attend a meeting in Hamburg, Germany, August 25-31, 1958, the Southern European Division to bear the expense involved.

VOTED, To approve the following overseas visit:

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R. E. STAHLNECKER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of R. E. Stahlnecker from South India, for family reasons, and on recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

MARJORIE LANGE--KARACHI HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite Miss Marjorie Lange, a student in Walla Walla College, who has a B.S. degree in nursing education, to connect with the Southern Asia Division, for service in the Karachi SDA Hospital and Sanitarium, in West Pakistan.

H. F. STURGES, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of H. F. Sturges, M.D., from Ethiopia, on his request in order to take postgraduate work, and on recommendation of the Northern European Division.

PETRA SUKAU--RANGOON SDA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That the deferred appointment for Miss Petra Sukau, of Madison Sanitarium, Tennessee, be changed to an assignment for her to connect with the Southern Asia Division, to serve as a nurse in the Rangoon Seventh-day Adventist Hospital, in Burma.

EDNA STONEBURNER--SURAT SDA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and Southern Missionary College to release Miss Edna Stoneburner, and to invite her to connect with the Southern Asia Division, as a nurse in the Surat SDA Hospital, India.

ELWOOD SHERRARD--EXTENSION FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To authorize a three-months' extension of furlough to Elwood Sherrard, from the Far Eastern Division, to enable him to complete his school work while awaiting receipt of a visa; in harmony with the recommendation of the division.

March 6, 1958

C. L. JAQUA--NORTH SUMATRA TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences to release C. L. Jaqua of Glendale Union Academy, and to invite him to connect with the Far Eastern Division, as principal of the North Sumatra Training School.

R. E. ADAMS--SOUTH BRAZIL UNION:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Northern California Conferences to release R. E. Adams, and to invite him to connect with the South American Division as Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary of the South Brazil Union.

ERLINDA ROMULO--MANILA SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite Miss Erlinda Romulo, who has been in this country for educational purposes for approximately two years, to return to the Philippines for service in the Manila Sanitarium, on the basis of her being called as a national worker, the division's policy concerning workers called to return to be applicable in this case.

ROGER HEALD, M.D.--TAIWAN SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To request the Atlantic Union and New England Sanitarium and Hospital to release Roger Heald, M.D., and to invite him to connect with the Far Eastern Division to serve in the field of internal medicine in the Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital.

G. A. LINDSAY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of G. A. Lindsay from the Northern European Division to the United States, at the time of the General Conference session, in harmony with his desire, and with the concurrence of the Northern European Division. In taking this action it was stated that Elder Lindsay has spent thirty-six years in service overseas.

GENERAL COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS--
DONATION:

VOTED, To appropriate from the General Conference Contingency Fund \$146 to make up the portion which we are requested to donate to the General Commission on Chaplains, \$525 having already been voted in the 1958 Budget.

ELEMENTARY TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE--REPLACEMENTS:

Changes have occurred in the personnel of the Elementary Textbook Committee. D. A. Ochs has retired. D. E. Rebok has changed his work. K. J. Reynolds is now connected with the College of Medical Evangelists. It was

VOTED, That the following replacements be made in the Elementary Textbook Committee: V. G. Anderson, who formerly represented the Southern Union, to serve in the place of D. A. Ochs; H. S. Hanson to represent the Southern Union; L. Richard Hammill to replace K. J. Reynolds; and N. W. Dunn in place of D. E. Rebok.

March 6, 1958

THELMA WELLMAN--MUSIC COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To appoint Miss Thelma Wellman to serve as a member and also as secretary of the Music Committee for the 1958 General Conference session in Cleveland, Ohio.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

R. H. Adair--Los Angeles, Calif., for Insurance Board, March 12 (in connection with trip to San Francisco);

W. P. Bradley, W. J. Harris, B. J. Kohler--Cleveland, Ohio, session arrangements, March 10-12;

E. D. Dick--annual visit colleges, in the interests of the Potomac University and the SDA Theological Seminary, dates to be arranged;

J. E. Edwards--Southern Union, Laymen's Congress and Evangelistic workshop, March 21-25;

W. A. Higgins--Oklahoma City, Okla., Publishing Departmental rally, March 15 (from San Antonio, Texas);

G. A. Huse and W. E. Phillips--Lincoln, Nebraska, survey Christian Record, Treasury meeting, March 17-19;

Mildred Johnson--Indianapolis, Indiana, Leadercraft Course, March 28-30; Toledo, Ohio, Leadercraft Course, Western States MV Federation, April 5, 6;

F. B. Knight--Chicago, Inter-Church Transportation Committee, March 21;

D. A. McAdams--Canadian Union College, Publishing Department Leadership School, April 6-19;

T. L. Oswald--Southern Union, Dorcas Federation meetings, April 20-30;

W. B. Ochs--Conference sessions:

New York--April 6;

Northern New England--April 13;

Southern New England--April 18;

Greater New York--April 20;

W. A. Scharffenberg--Indiana, Temperance work, April 25, 26;

J. V. Scully--Pacific Union, Temperance promotion, March 18 to April 6.

RAYMOND MOORE--SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Potomac University the request of the Southern Union for Raymond Moore, to give the commencement address at Southern Missionary College, May 25.

W. H. BEAVEN--UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Potomac University the request of the Central Union for W. H. Beaven, to give the commencement address at Union College, June 1.

C. E. WITTSCHIEBE--INDIANA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Potomac University the request from the Lake Union for C. E. Wittschiebe, to attend a Workers' Meeting in Indiana, August 18-20.

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ROCKLYN ROUSE--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, To authorize a five-months' extension of furlough for Rocklyn Rouse, on furlough from the Southern Asia Division, to enable him to secure an M.A. degree, on recommendation of the division. ✓

INSTITUTES OF SCIENTIFIC STUDIES--ATTENDANCE:

VOTED, That in harmony with the appointments made by the divisions, we authorize W. E. Rudge and A. P. Dyason, from the Australasian Division, to attend the Institute of Scientific Studies for Prevention of Alcoholism in Loma Linda, California, July 7-18, 1958; and R. C. Darnell and Neal C. Wilson, from the Middle East Division, to attend the Institute of Scientific Studies for Prevention of Alcoholism in Washington, D.C., July 21-August 1, 1958.

Adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

H. L. Rudy, Chairman
N. W. Dunn, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Two Hundred Fifty-second Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 13, 1958, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

L. K. Dickson, E. W. Dunbar, R. A. Anderson, V. G. Anderson, H. W. Barrows, W. R. Beach, W. P. Bradley, F. Brennwald, N. F. Brewer, G. W. Chambers, A. W. Cormack, E. B. Dick, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, H. T. Elliott, A. A. Esteb, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., J. O. Gibson, A. L. Ham, Richard Hammill, E. B. Hare, W. J. Harris, H. W. Klaser, Louise C. Kleuser, F. B. Knight, H. W. Lowe, G. M. Mathews, L. L. Moffitt, A. V. Olson, W. E. Phillips, E. E. Roenfelt, W. A. Scharffenberg, J. V. Scully, W. H. Teesdale, Howard Weeks, A. L. White, F. H. Yost

OTHERS PRESENT:

Herbert Ford, N. W. Litchfield, R. Ruhling, Don Yost

Prayer by A. L. Ham.

MINUTES of the meeting held March 6, 1958 were approved.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION--APPROPRIATION:

On recommendation of the Spirit of Prophecy Committee, it was

VOTED, To appropriate to the Southern African Division \$575.00 from the Spirit of Prophecy Book Fund to assist in printing the book Sons and Daughters of God, by Mrs. E. G. White, in the Swahili language.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION BROCHURE--

PRINTING ORDER:

VOTED, To authorize the printing of 200,000 copies of the brochure which is being prepared for use at the 1958 General Conference session-- For You in the Space Age.

L. B. HALLIWELL--RETIREMENT;
APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE:

L. B. Halliwell has made request through the South American Division that he be retired, and placed on Sustentation status.

VOTED, To record the approval of this Committee for the retirement of L. B. Halliwell, and that we refer the application to the Sustentation Committee.

FURTHER VOTED, To express to L. B. Halliwell our appreciation for his work during the nearly forty years of service given to this cause.

March 13, 1958

F. R. LASAGE--DEATH:

Information has been received of the death of F. R. LaSage, a layman in Mindanao, Philippines. He passed away February 25, 1958. During the war he was married to the former Miss Ruth Atwell, who was sent to the Far East as a missionary in 1932. Brother LaSage has rendered many services and given liberally to our work in the Philippines.

VOTED, To express to Mrs. F. R. LaSage the sympathy of this Committee in the loss of her husband.

CARLYLE B. HAYNES--DEATH;

CONDOLENCE TO RELATIVES; FLORAL TRIBUTE:

Announcement has been made of the death of Carlyle B. Haynes on March 11, 1958, at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, Takoma Park, Maryland. Elder Haynes began his ministry in the New Jersey Conference in 1905. He served as a pastor and evangelist for a number of years, and also as president of the Greater New York and Michigan Conferences. During the years 1926-1931 he was president of the South American Division. From 1940-1954 he was secretary of the General Conference War Service Commission, having also acted in this capacity for a short period during World War I. He was the author of several books, among them The Other Side of Death, and Seventh-day Adventists, Their Work and Teachings. He was highly regarded as a stalwart and valiant worker in the Advent cause.

Resolved, That we record our appreciation for the wonderful service which God permitted Carlyle B. Haynes to give to this cause, and that we express to Mrs. Haynes and the son Donald, as well as other relatives, our sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

VOTED, To authorize the Treasury to arrange for a floral tribute for the funeral of Carlyle B. Haynes.

MRS. J. J. IRELAND--DEATH;

CONDOLENCE TO RELATIVES; FLORAL TRIBUTE:

Information was given of the death of Mrs. J. J. Ireland on March 12, 1958, in Olney, Maryland. She was the widow of J. J. Ireland who served as an assistant treasurer in the General Conference.

VOTED, To record an expression of sympathy to the relatives of Mrs. J. J. Ireland.

FURTHER VOTED, That the Treasury be authorized to arrange for a floral gift for the funeral.

ATLANTIC UNION--APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, To appropriate to the Atlantic Union Conference from the General Conference Emergency Fund the sum of \$5,000 to assist in installing fire escapes and a catwalk around the girls' dormitory of ~~Atlantic Union College~~, in order to meet the requirements of the fire warden. *South Lancaster Academy*

March 13, 1958

MONTEMORELOS HOSPITAL--APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, To authorize an appropriation of \$7,500 from the General Conference Emergency Fund to the Inter-American Division and Mexican Union, to assist in defraying losses sustained by the Montemorelos Hospital and Sanitarium, in Mexico, in connection with an explosion which occurred recently at the institution.

SOUTHERN UNION--AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW:

In response to the request of the Southern Union, it was

VOTED, To approve of the Palatka Sanitarium in Florida borrowing \$100,000 to provide housing for their workers, with the understanding that the Southern Union has submitted a plan for liquidating the indebtedness in five years.

SPONSORSHIP--MRS. EDITH MADSEN:

VOTED, To grant sponsorship for Mrs. Edith Madsen of the United States on a nonimmigrant basis to accompany her to the Theological Seminary, on recommendation of the Northern European Union with their guarantees.

Miss Eva Linscott said this should read--"the South Lancaster Academy dormitory".

DR. ROBERT L. HORNER--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To appoint Dr. Robert L. Horner, an orthopedic surgeon, of Glendale, California, to engage in private practice in Puerto Rico, with the understanding that he will also serve in the Bella Vista Hospital, in Mayaguez.

RILLA DEE ASHTON--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union Conference and Washington Sanitarium and Hospital a request for the release of Miss Rilla Dee Ashton, and to invite her to connect with the Inter-American Division for nursing service in the Bella Vista Hospital, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

WM. J. MOFFAT--BUGEMA MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Central California Conference to release Wm. J. Moffatt, of Monterey Bay Academy, and to invite him to connect with the Southern African Division as agricultural and science teacher in the Bugema Missionary College, in Uganda.

PHILIP TAN--YOUNGBERG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Philip Tan, a student at Walla Walla College, the invitation to return to his homeland, as a medical worker (technician) in the Youngberg Memorial Hospital, in Singapore, on the basis of the policy of the Far Eastern Division regarding returning workers.

ROMEO D. BRION--SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Romeo D. Brion, of Inkster, Michigan, the invitation to connect with the Southeast Asia Union College, in Singapore, with the privilege of furloughs to the Philippines, on the basis of the policy of the Far Eastern Division as regards returning workers.

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RUTH LUST--RIVER PLATE COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences to release Miss Ruth Lust, of Lynwood Academy, and invite her to return to South America, her homeland, to serve as music director in River Plate College, Argentina.

H. W. MILLER, M.D.--TOKYO SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

Information has been received by cable from Japan confirming word as to the critical situation that exists in supolying the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital with licensed doctors. In view of this situation, it was

VOTED, To invite H. W. Miller, M.D., of Arlington, California, to go to Japan for a short term of service, possibly six months, to assist in the medical work in the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital, on the understanding that the Loma Linda Food Company is willing to release him for that period of time.

JUAN VALDEZ--MOUNTAIN VIEW COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Juan Valdez, now resident in Washington, D.C., and taking school work, the invitation to return to his homeland, the Philippines, as teacher in the Mountain View College, on the basis of the Far Eastern Division's policy applicable to returning workers.

JOHN FORD, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release John Ford, M.D., of San Diego, California, from the call to connect with the Rangoon Seventh-day Adventist Hospital in Burma, on his request in view of his inability to sell his home and practice.

HORTENSE FEHR--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Hortense Fehr from the call to nursing service in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, since it has been difficult to find a replacement for her in our Gland Sanitarium, in Switzerland.

B. L. COOK--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release B. L. Cook, of Wyoming, from the call to serve as treasurer and auditor of the Nile Union Mission, he having declined acceptance.

JOHN GARR--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of John Garr from the Antillian College, in Santa Clara, Cuba, on his request, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

RICHARD A. FIGUHR--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Richard A. Figuhr, now director of the North Sumatra Training School, on his request to take postgraduate work, and with the approval of the Far Eastern Division.

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R. C. LARSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of R. C. Larson from Singapore, on his request because of family circumstances, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

G. L. GOODWIN--LUWAZI MISSION STATION:

VOTED, On request of the Southern African Division, that the appointment of G. L. Goodwin to the Ruia Mission Station in the Zambesi Union Mission be changed to the Luwazi Mission Station in Nyasaland.

DONALD E. CASEBOLT, M.D.--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To place Donald E. Casebolt, M.D., now in a general practice residency in Modesto, California, under deferred appointment to the Far Eastern Division, with the understanding his services will be available in July of 1959. It is stated there will be no financial assistance needed, but the action is taken with the understanding he could obtain qualifications in Canada for practice.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

W. H. Bergherm--Alaska Mission, Servicemen's Retreats, April 30-May 6; Washington Conference speaking appointments, May 9-10;

J. A. Buckwalter--Walla Walla College, speaking appointments and contact ministerial students, March 29-April 1 (from Pacific Union);

E. E. Cleveland--Atlanta, Georgia, for fourth anniversary of Calvary Call Broadcast, March 20 (travel expense paid by South Atlantic Conference);

D. A. Delafield--St. Louis, Mo., for revival meetings, March 28-April 6;

T. R. Flaiz, M.D.--Denver, Colorado, for Porter Sanitarium problem, March 17;

C. E. Moseley, Jr.--release from appointment Oakwood College Week of Prayer, March 29-April 5;

L. R. Rasmussen--South Lancaster, Mass., to study relocation of Academy, March 19;

H. L. Rudy--Emmanuel Missionary College for college Bible teachers' section meeting, June 12-18;

Arthur White--Green Bay, Wisconsin, for youth rally and speaking appointments, April 25, 26; Roosevelt, Union Springs, Syracuse, New York, speaking appointments, August 29-31.

Adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

L. K. Dickson, Chairman
E. W. Dunbar, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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Two Hundred Fifty-third Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 20, 1958, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

R. R. Figuhr, A. L. Ham, E. W. Dunbar, R. H. Adair, R. A. Anderson, C. W. Bozarth, W. P. Bradley, N. F. Brewer, G. W. Chambers, J. E. Edwards, H. T. Elliott, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, Richard Hammill, W. J. Harris, W. A. Higgins, H. W. Klaser, F. B. Knight, D. A. McAdams, L. L. Moffitt, A. V. Olson, T. L. Oswald, J. I. Robison, E. E. Roenfelt, A. H. Rulkoetter, W. A. Scharffenberg, F. A. Soper, C. L. Torrey, B. E. Wagner, Howard Weeks, A. L. White

OTHERS PRESENT:

D. A. Delafield, C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield

Prayer by C. W. Bozarth.

MINUTES of the meeting held March 13, 1958 were approved.

A. N. ANDERSON--DEATH;

CONDOLENCE TO RELATIVES:

Elder A. N. Anderson passed away at the Hinsdale Sanitarium, in Illinois, on March 16, 1958. He spent some thirty-five years as a missionary in the Orient, serving in Japan and later in the Philippines. In view of Elder Anderson's long period of service and life of dedication to the work in the Far East, it was

VOTED, To record our appreciation for the Christian life and service of A. N. Anderson, and that the Secretary be requested to send an expression of sympathy to the relatives.

JOSE DE SA--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, To grant a student sponsorship for Jose de Sa, of Angola, to attend Emmanuel Missionary College, on request of the Southern European Division.

F. D. NICHOL--UPPER COLUMBIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Publishing Association the request from the North Pacific Union for F. D. Nichol, to attend district meetings in the Upper Columbia Conference, May 3-10, 1958.

RAYMOND MOORE--HUTCHINSON, MINN.:

VOTED, To pass on to the Potomac University the request from the Northern Union Conference for Dr. Raymond Moore, to attend a Secondary Teachers' Institute at Hutchinson, Minnesota, November 23-26, 1958.

March 20, 1958

HAROLD SHRYOCK, M.D.--ATHENS, TEXAS:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the request from the Southwestern Union ^{Conference} for Harold Shryock, M.D., to attend a meeting of doctors at Athens, Texas, May 2-4, 1958.

EDWARD E. HERR--SANTA CATARINA MISSION:

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union and Oklahoma Conferences to release Edward E. Herr, and to invite him to connect with the South American Division as a departmental secretary for the Santa Catarina Mission, in Brazil.

MRS. RUTH FORSYTHE--BAGHDAD:

VOTED, To request the Inter-American Division and British West Indies Union Mission to release Mrs. Ruth Forsythe, of Jamaica, and to invite her to connect with the Middle East Division as a nurse for the Dar Es Salaam Hospital, Baghdad, Iraq; with the understanding that Jamaica will be regarded as her homeland.

PHILIP S. NELSON, M.D.--INDIA:

VOTED, To request Philip S. Nelson, M.D., of Seattle, Washington, to connect with the Southern Asia Division as a physician in the Giffard Mission Hospital, Nuzvid, South India.

MILTON E. P. BROCKMEIER--NILE UNION:

VOTED, To request the Central Union and Porter Sanitarium to release Milton E. P. Brockmeier, and to invite him to connect with the Middle East Division as treasurer and auditor of the Nile Union. Opportunity is to be given him to spend about a month in one of our conference offices in North America, and also perhaps to gain a few weeks' experience in one of the offices in the Middle East Division, before taking up the work involved in this appointment.

WAYNE ROYCE VAIL--RUIA MISSION, AFRICA:

VOTED, To invite Wayne Royce Vail, of Takoma Park, Maryland, to connect with the Southern African Division, as director of the Ruia Mission, Southern Rhodesia.

EVANGELINE VOTH--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Evangeline Voth from the Dar Es Salaam Hospital, Baghdad, on her request, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Middle East Division.

RUTH TOBIASSEN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Ruth TobiasSEN from the Dar Es Salaam Hospital, Baghdad, to her homeland in Norway, on her request, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Middle East Division.

March 20, 1958

E. W. ESTEY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of E. W. Estey from the Bella Vista Hospital, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, on his request because of the family situation, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

MARGUERITE PEUGH--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Marguerite Peugh from the Montemorelos Hospital and Sanitarium, in Mexico, since she desires to return for personal reasons, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

ARIEL A. ROTH--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release A. A. Roth from the call to the Spicer Memorial College, India, inasmuch as a visa has not been received to date, and he has an offer of employment in California.

IRA BAILIE, M.D.--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, To authorize a six-months' extension of furlough for Ira Bailie, M.D., from Paraguay, to enable him to complete a residency and to adjust family problems, the South American Division having concurred in this arrangement.

BYRON ELLER, M.D.--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

In harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division, it was

VOTED, To grant an extension of furlough to Byron Eller, M.D., to allow for a two-year residency, plus travel time both ways, also time for the daughter's hospitalization, and one-month's visitation before returning to the field; this residency to be under the policy for furloughing physicians, with assistance from the Far Eastern Division.

JOSEPH N. NOZAKI, M.D.--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To place under deferred appointment Joseph N. Nozaki, M.D., of the Los Angeles County Hospital, Los Angeles, California, to connect with the South American Division, for service in the Belem Hospital, Brazil.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

- O. A. Blake, E. E. Cossentine, L. R. Hammill--Oakwood College special committee on budget and accreditation, April 7;
- James E. Chase--Cleveland, for session business, March 20, 21;
- E. E. Cossentine--Canadian Union College commencement, and Committee on Campus Planning, May 30-June 1;
- Carol Hetzell--Cleveland, to study physical arrangements of auditorium, March 21;
- G. A. Huse--Miami, Florida, Inter-American publications, April 7-11;
- C. E. Moseley, Jr.--Birmingham, Alabama, for conference session, April 5, 6;

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T. L. Oswald--Oshawa, Ingathering paper business and speaking appointments, April 6-12; Southern Publishing Association, Ingathering paper business, April 16-20 (in connection with trip to Florida); Maybelle Vandermark--Nashville, Tennessee, Ingathering layout, April 16-18; Howard Weeks--Cleveland, for session publicity, March 20, 21.

Adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

R. R. Figuhr,
A. L. Ham, Chairmen
E. W. Dunbar, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Two Hundred Fifty-fourth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 27, 1958, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

R. R. Figuhr, W. B. Ochs, E. W. Dunbar, R. H. Adair, Wesley Amundsen, R. A. Anderson, V. G. Anderson, W. R. Beach, O. A. Blake, C. W. Bozarth, W. P. Bradley, D. Lois Burnett, T. Carcich, G. W. Chambers, J. E. Chase, A. W. Cormack, E. E. Cossentine, E. D. Dick, L. K. Dickson, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, H. T. Elliott, A. A. Esteb, L. C. Evans, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., L. E. Froom, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, A. L. Ham, Richard Hammill, E. B. Hare, W. J. Harris, G. A. Huse, H. W. Klaser, F. B. Knight, L. E. Lenheim, H. W. Lowe, T. E. Lucas, G. M. Mathews, D. A. McAdams, L. L. Moffitt, H. S. Nelson, W. A. Nelson, F. D. Nichol, R. H. Nightingale, A. V. Olson, T. L. Oswald, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, L. R. Rasmussen, W. E. Read, D. R. Rees, J. I. Robison, E. E. Roenfelt, H. L. Rudy, A. H. Rulkoetter, W. A. Scharffenberg, C. A. Scriven, F. W. Schnepfer, W. H. Shephard, L. A. Skinner, F. A. Soper, Carl Sundin, J. D. Smith, M. C. Taft, C. L. Torrey, B. E. Wagner, E. R. Walde, Howard Weeks, A. L. White, F. H. Yost

OTHERS PRESENT:

Herbert Ford, C. D. Forshee, G. Eric Jones, N. W. Litchfield, R. Ruhling, H. A. Shepard, C. E. Weniger

Prayer by L. C. Evans.

MINUTES of the meeting held March 20, 1958 were approved.

1959 UNION CONFERENCE SESSIONS:

A recommendation as to dates for the 1959 Union Conference Sessions was presented from the Officers and Union Presidents and adopted as follows:

North Pacific Union.....	February 2- ⁵ 7
Pacific Union.....	February 9-12
Southwestern Union.....	February 16-19
Central Union.....	February 23 ²⁵ -26
Northern Union.....	March 2-5
Lake Union.....	March 9-12
Atlantic Union.....	March 16-19
Columbia Union.....	March 23-26
Southern Union.....	April 20-23
Canadian Union.....	May 4-7

POTOMAC UNIVERSITY--LOCATION:

Consideration had been given to the location of the Potomac University in the meeting of the Officers and Union Presidents. The following recommendations were presented and with changes and additions adopted:

March 27, 1958

We recommend, 1. That the Potomac University be located on a larger tract of land than the present site, suggesting a location approximately ten miles from the present location.

2. That the General Conference plan with the Columbia Union and Potomac University Board and Washington Missionary College Board to secure a location advantageous to both the University and the College, making it possible to unite on the use of common facilities as far as practicable.

3. That disposition be made of the surplus land in the present site for the University.

4. That a commission be appointed by the Officers to define clearly the relationships of the organizations concerned as well as the areas of responsibilities both of operating plan and capital investment of the General Conference and the Columbia Union; and that this commission include in its studies the facilities required and based upon a careful evaluation of the needs in the matter of future enrolments.

5. That the General Conference Committee in consultation and co-operation with the organizations concerned be authorized to proceed with the purchase of a suitable site.

This program would undoubtedly mean some delay in moving forward with the buildings, and, therefore, it is understood the Board is authorized to do the necessary planning for the needs of the University.

WASHINGTON SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL--COLUMBIA UNION:

Until the present time the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital has been recognized as a General Conference institution. The consensus of opinion of the Officers and Union Presidents as they considered this item was that it be recognized as a Columbia Union institution. It was

VOTED, That the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital be recognized as belonging to the Columbia Union Conference.

EVANGELISTIC FUNDS--DISTRIBUTION OF:

VOTED, To appropriate \$7,500 from the Evangelistic Funds to each union conference, with the exception of the Columbia Union Conference, to be used for evangelism, in addition to the amounts for films and for TV stations already provided.

VOTED, further, That since \$5,000 was voted for TV stations, where the TV station plan is not practical, the funds may be used for evangelistic efforts.

MISSIONARY MAGAZINES--CAMPAIGNS:

In harmony with the recommendations of the Southern Publishing Association and the Pacific Press Publishing Association Boards, it was

VOTED, That beginning with 1959 the campaigns for the missionary magazines These Times, The Message Magazine, and The Signs of the Times, be held in the month of April, and that May and June be recognized as the two months when the subscriptions are received on the campaign special offer.

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CHURCH ELDERS' BOARD:

In response to a request from the field for counsel regarding the advisability of organizing the church elders into a board of elders in our churches, it was

VOTED, To inform the field that we have no such plan in our policy.

VOTED, further, To refer to the Church Manual Revision Committee the suggestion that this item be clarified in a contemplated revision of the Church Manual.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION PLAN:

In harmony with a request of the Southern Union Conference, it was

VOTED, That permission be granted this field to experiment on the new Magazine Assistant Subsidy Plan for the North American Division, beginning March 15, 1958, it being understood that the results of the plan will be reviewed at the 1958 Autumn Council when the new policy is presented.

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER:

VOTED, That the first Sabbath of the 1958 General Conference session, June 21, be appointed as a special day of fasting and prayer, and that we invite our people in the churches to join in this appointment.

JEWISH WORK--REPORT ON:

Opportunity was given to W. E. Read to report briefly on progress of the work being done for the Jewish people. He gave an encouraging report. The subscription list for the Jewish journal, Israelite, has reached almost 5,000. A Bible Correspondence Course with forty lessons has been prepared. The enrollment in the Course is almost 4,000. There are a number of remarkable interests throughout the field. We have a Committee on Jewish work, also what is known as the Hebrew Scripture Association, of which the Jewish Committee is a part. The Hebrew Scripture Association was formed for the particular purpose of giving guidance and direction for the various activities we have in operation in our efforts for the Jews. Advertisements have been inserted in certain papers for the tract called "The Health Laws of Moses Vindicated by Modern Science." Requests were made for 8,700 copies of this tract. Meetings are being held at present in the New York City Evangelistic Center, each Friday evening, with an attendance of from seventy to eighty-five individuals who have become interested in our message through having enrolled in the Bible Correspondence Course.

INSTITUTES OF SCIENTIFIC STUDIES--

TEMPERANCE ACTION REAFFIRMED:

W. A. Scharffenberg briefly referred to the Institutes of Scientific Studies conducted annually at Loma Linda, California, and at the American University in Washington, D.C. It was--

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VOTED, That we reiterate the importance of our Temperance secretaries becoming well qualified to lead out in the launching of a new total abstinence movement in their respective territories that will win the respect and support of the God-fearing citizens in every community, thus placing the Seventh-day Adventists in a strategic position in developing a public sentiment in behalf of total abstinence and the complete elimination of the traffic in alcoholic beverages; and that we reaffirm the following action taken at the 1956 Autumn Council:

"1. That wherever possible the Temperance Society in each conference, as a missionary project, offer a fellowship grant covering a round-trip railroad coach fare, and the matriculation and tuition fees, to one non-Adventist each year to attend the Institute of Scientific Studies.

"2. That such persons be chosen from professional men, educators, and businessmen, who have shown a keen interest in temperance.

"3. That in order to enable conference Temperance secretaries to become more fully qualified for their work, and keep pace with rapidly changing trends and scientific developments, arrangements be made for them to attend an Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism at least every third year."

D. N. HARTMAN--VOICE OF PROPHECY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Faith for Today Board the call from the Voice of Prophecy Board for D. N. Hartman, of the Faith for Today Office, to become treasurer of the Voice of Prophecy.

J. J. B. COMBRINCK--SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION:

In harmony with a request from the Southern European Division, it was

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern African Division the call for J. J. B. Combrinck, to serve for six months on a temporary basis as the head of the Israel Mission, while A. M. Potlin is on furlough, with the understanding that the Southern European Division will meet the salary and expenses of J. J. B. Combrinck during the time.

R. G. LUCHT--NORTHERN ARGENTINE:

VOTED, To request the Northern Union and North Dakota Conferences to release R. G. Lucht, and to invite him to connect with the South American Division to fill the call for an evangelistic worker, speaking the German language, in Northern Argentine.

LEWIS ARNOLD WYNN--SONGA MISSION:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and Carolina Conferences to release Lewis Arnold Wynn, and to invite him to connect with the Southern African Division as station director in the Songa Mission, Belgian Congo.

DAVID PARKER--PERMANENT RETURN:

P. A. Parker and family, of Burma, are on furlough at present. It is desirable that their son David remain in this country for educational purposes. It was

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VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of David Parker.

DONALD WARREN--TAIPEI:

On suggestion from the Far Eastern Division, it was

VOTED, That the appointment of Donald Warren to Clearwater Bay, Hong Kong, be changed to the Taiwan Training Institute, Taipei.

BAGHDAD HOSPITAL---FOOD DIRECTOR:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division the call from the Middle East Division for a food director for the Dar Es Salaam Hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, it being suggested possibly some one from the Skodsborg Sanitarium in Denmark may be recommended to fill this need.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

R. A. Anderson--Seattle, Washington, for Workers' Meeting, March 3, 4; Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 5;

A. L. Edeburn--San Francisco and La Sierra, California, to set up accounting department of General Conference Insurance Service in California, first part of April;

W. J. Higgins--British Columbia, to get pictures for session program, March 28-April 3; Walla Walla College for Publishing Institute, April 5-12;

Harry R. House--Lake and Northern Unions for Insurance business, April 8-27;

W. B. Ochs--Syracuse, New York, for speaking appointment, April 5;
Moncton, New Brunswick, Workers' Meeting and Audit Meeting,
April 8-10;

Atlantic Union College, speaking appointments, April 14-17;
New York City, speaking appointments, April 18-20.

Adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

R. R. Figuhr,
W. B. Ochs, Chairmen
E. W. Dunbar, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary