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Forty-Third Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 8, 1959, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

W. B. Ochs, E. W. Dunbar, R. H. Adair, W. Melvin Adams, Jr., Wesley Amundsen, R. A. Anderson, W. R. Beach, E. L. Becker, O. A. Blake, C. W. Bozarth, N. F. Brewer, J. A. Buckwalter, J. E. Chase, J. E. Edwards, H. T. Elliott, A. A. Esteb, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., L. E. Froom, C. E. Guenther, H. W. Klaser, T. E. Lucas, L. L. Moffitt, W. E. Murray, J. R. Nelson, F. D. Nichol, A. V. Olson, C. E. Palmer, J. W. Peeke, L. R. Rasmussen, C. E. Randolph, M.D., H. E. Rice, E. E. Roenfelt, H. L. Rudy, L. A. Skinner, F. A. Soper, E. W. Tarr, C. L. Torrey, A. L. White

OTHERS PRESENT:

Herbert Ford, N. W. Litchfield, R. Ruhling, M. R. Thurber

The Chairman, W. B. Ochs, reported receipt of a telegram from Carl Becker, giving information of the accidental death of Elder B. A. Reile, of Santa Rosa, California, in an automobile collision on January 6, 1959. Brother Reile was an active evangelist and soul winner.

A. V. Olson led in prayer, remembering especially Mrs. Reile and daughter in their loss.

MINUTES of the meeting held December 31, 1958 were approved.

TURKEY--FIXED RATE OF EXCHANGE:

VOTED, That the fixed rate of exchange for Turkey, nine Turkish pounds to the dollar, or U.S.\$.11111, be effective beginning October 1, 1958.

TAIWAN--FIXED RATE OF EXCHANGE:

On request from the Far Eastern Division, it was

VOTED, That the fixed rate of exchange for Taiwan be changed from 33.333 to the U.S. dollar, or U.S.\$.03, to 35.00 to the U.S. dollar, or U.S.\$.02857143.

FAR EASTERN DIVISION--BUDGET SEGREGATION:

VOTED, To approve of the segregation of the Far Eastern Division budget, Sections I and II, as recommended by the division.

FAR EASTERN DIVISION--NEW YORK CITY BANK ACCOUNT:

The following resolution was adopted:

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Resolved, That we authorize the Far Eastern Division to open an account in the Guaranty Trust Company of New York City, and that the Guaranty Trust Company be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of C. L. Torrey, Treasurer, and/or O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer; W. L. Pascoe, M. N. Hempel, and C. H. Davis, ^{for the account which is in the name of the Far Eastern Division of ~~the General Conference of~~ Seventh-day Adventists,} to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money.

FIXED SUBSIDIES COMMITTEE--N. F. BREWER MEMBER:

VOTED, To appoint N. F. Brewer as a member of the Fixed Subsidies Committee.

H. L. DYER--MEMBER COMMITTEES:

VOTED, To appoint H. L. Dyer as a member of the Committee on Promotion of Offerings and of the Committee on Allowances and Adjustments.

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS OVERFLOW--

CHANGE IN 1961 ALLOCATION:

VOTED, That the following change be made in the allocation of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings overflow from that listed in the General Conference Committee minutes for April 3, 1958 (page 1143), as follows:

1961	First quarter	Middle East Division
"	Third quarter	South American Division

CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE:

On recommendation of the Officers, it was

VOTED, To appoint the following Committee on Civil Defense: W. B. Ochs, Chairman; J. E. Edwards, Vice-Chairman; C. E. Guenther, Secretary; C. W. Bozarth, E. E. Cossentine, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., Joyce Wilson Hopp, T. E. Lucas, J. R. Nelson, F. D. Nichol, Alice Smith, R. S. Watts, Maybelle Vandermark, and a Civil Defense representative from the Columbia Union.

MEDICAL INTERNSHIPS COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That authorization be given for the Medical Internships Committee to hold a meeting at a time to be arranged in connection with the College of Medical Evangelists' meetings, to be held in Los Angeles, California, the latter part of January, 1959.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

On request of the Northern European Division, it was

VOTED, That R. R. Figuhr be authorized to visit in England and Poland from August 24 to September 30, 1959.

Action was taken on October 30, 1958, inviting M. L. Mills to visit the Southern African Division in connection with a trip which he is planning on his own expense to Europe in June of 1959. It was

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VOTED, That authorization be given for M. L. Mills to spend from June 25 to August 25, 1959, in the Southern African Division.

RICHARD F. BROWN, M.D.--BANGKOK, THAILAND:

VOTED, That the deferred appointment of Richard F. Brown, M.D., be changed to that of an appointment to the Far Eastern Division, to connect with the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, in Thailand, at the close of his residency.

C. B. KEPPLER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of C. B. Keppler from Bolivia, because of ill health, and in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division.

JAMES H. NELSON, M.D.--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite James H. Nelson, M.D., now taking a residency at the White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles, California, to connect with the Inter-American Division for service as radiologist in the Bella Vista Hospital, in Puerto Rico, at the close of his residency.

DOCTOR FOR KOREA:

It was stated that because of failing health, Dr. G. H. Rue must return home from Korea.

VOTED, To approve of the plan for L. G. Steck, M.D., R. B. Maddox, M.D., and A. R. Twiss, M.D., of Chehalis, Washington, to act as relief doctors for the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital in Korea, on a rotating basis of four months each; the General Conference to pay their salary, and the doctors to meet their own transportation expenses.

MILENA SIMECKOVA, M.D.--RELEASED;
DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To release Dr. Milona Simeckova from return to the Dar Es Salaam Hospital, in Baghdad, Iraq; but that she be continued under deferred appointment.

DRS. KARL AND CHRISTA HEUCK--DOCTORS FOR BAGHDAD:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central European Division the call for Doctors Karl and Christa Heuck, of Bayreuth, Germany, to connect with the Middle East Division for service in the Dar Es Salaam Hospital, in Baghdad, Iraq.

G. H. A. McLAREN, M.D.--JAMAICA:

Information has come that G. H. A. McLaren, M.D., recently permanently returned from the Far Eastern Division to the United States, is not permitted to practice in this country and therefore obtain permanent residency. It was therefore

VOTED, To invite G. H. A. McLaren, M.D., to connect with the Inter-American Division, for service in the Andrews Memorial Hospital, in Jamaica; it being recognized that his homeland is Australia.

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E. C. FRANK, M.D.--KARACHI S.D.A. HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite E. C. Frank, M.D., of Los Angeles, California, to connect with the Southern Asia Division for service in the Karachi S.D.A. Hospital, West Pakistan.

A. G. GOUDE, M.D.--EAST NIGERIA:

VOTED, To invite A. G. Goude, M.D., of Hopkins, Michigan, to connect with the Northern European Division for service in the Ahoada County Hospital, East Nigeria.

RALPH THOMPSON,--BARBADOS, B.W.I.:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and the Lake Region Conferences to release Ralph Thompson, and to invite him to return to the Inter-American Division as pastor-evangelist for Barbados, British West Indies, with the understanding that this is without furlough privileges or any financial allowances.

FLORENCE HANSEN--EXTENSION FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To authorize an extension of one month's furlough for Miss Florence Hansen, on furlough from Puerto Rico.

DONOVAN W. OLSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Donovan W. Olson from Puerto Rico, in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

C. W. DUNSCOMBE, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of C. W. Dunscombe, M.D., from Puerto Rico, on his request for the education of his children, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

H. D. COLBURN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of H. D. Colburn from Nassau, Bahamas, for educational reasons, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

O. I. FIELDS--NYASALAND:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific and Upper Columbia Conferences to release O. I. Fields, and to invite him to connect with the Southern African Division as a worker for Matandani, Nyasaland.

THELMA OGREN--EXTENSION FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To authorize an extension of two months' furlough for educational purposes, for Miss Thelma Ogren, from Bechuanaland.

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E. LOGAN--EXTENSION FURLOUGH:

E. Logan plans to go to England next year on furlough, and desires at that time to obtain a degree at Newbold Missionary College.

VOTED, To authorize an extension of three months' furlough for E. Logan, from Southern Rhodesia.

JOYCE BOURNE--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Joyce Bourne from the call to the Heri Mission Hospital, in Tanganyika, inasmuch as she will not be available for mission service before 1960.

J. W. LEHMAN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of J. W. Lehman from the Belgian Congo, for health reasons, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern African Division.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries as follows:

J. A. Buckwalter--Columbus, Ohio, Religious Liberty work, January 11, 12; Cleveland, Ohio, Religious Liberty work, January 23, 24; Asilomar, California, and other points in Central California Conference, Ministerial-Medical Meeting, and Religious Liberty appointments, January 25-February 2;

A. O. Dart--Pacific Union Conference, speaking appointments, January 25-29 (extension of itinerary already voted);

Herbert Ford--Southwestern Union, itinerary, January 9-February 1;

Harry House, Jr.--Southern Union, Insurance business, January 12-21;

N. W. Litchfield and J. Wirsz--Chicago, January 11-14;

H. W. Lowe--Chicago, Research Committee project, January 18, 19 (en route to Michigan);

T. E. Lucas--Boston, Massachusetts, Youth Rally and North American Youth Congress business, January 14-20;

J. R. Nelson--San Antonio, Texas; Army tests for SDA Servicemen, January 12-15; North Pacific Union, MV Officers' Institute, January 16-February 8 (change of date); San Francisco, California, overseas literature for servicemen, February 9-11;

L. R. Rasmussen--to visit Southern New England Conference, January 24-26;

Henry Reissberg (furloughing missionary)--Staunton, Va., speaking appointment, January 10;

H. E. Rice--Los Angeles, California, meetings of Medical Internships Committee, Training of Hospital Administrators and Business Personnel Committee, January 22-31; Ardmore, Oklahoma, visit hospital two days in connection with above trip; Madison, Wisconsin, Workers' Meeting, February 1-3;

Carl Sundin--Phoenix, Arizona, meet with medical authorities to try to make arrangements for doctors' examinations to be given some other day than Sabbath, January 7;

H. B. Weeks--Florida and Charlotte, North Carolina, Public Relations Rally and Workshop, Interviews, State Fair Plans, January 7-12.

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ESDA SALES AND SERVICE--TITLE:

VOTED, That the word "Sales" be deleted from the name ESDA Sales and Service; the name hereafter to be ESDA Service.

FURTHER INGATHERING REPORT:

Elder J. E. Edwards shared with the Committee the Ingathering report through January 3, 1959 for North America. The Southern Union is the first union to raise \$800,000 in one campaign; the Northern and Southwestern Unions will surpass last year's record this week; fourteen conferences have exceeded their 1958 Ingathering record with a total thus far of \$82,058. The North American total now stands at \$3,778,492.20, which is \$471,173 ahead of the caroling total for 1957.

One minister in the Minnesota Conference reported that in twenty-three degrees below zero weather it was necessary for the church members to use "hand warmers" to keep the tape recorders from freezing and to enable the solicitors to receive the money.

The Houston Chronicle, the newspaper with the largest circulation in Texas, featured the Adventist carolers on their society page December 4, 1958, and then on the cover of their Sunday feature magazine, December 21, with this cover description: "For the last three years members of the choral group of the Central Adventist Church, dressed in period costumes, have been singing Christmas carols in residential areas of Houston. For background here is an ancient street gas lamp, originally in Philadelphia." It then gives the names in the choral group. As a result of this unique choral presentation of Christmas music in elite clubs and wealthy homes, a thousand dollars a week was raised by this small group of singers. The Texas Conference is at the present time \$9,000 ahead of its last year's record.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT:

J. A. Buckwalter presented W. Melvin Adams, Jr., who has recently connected with the Religious Liberty Department as an Associate Secretary.

Adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

W. B. Ochs, Chairman
E. W. Dunbar, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Forty-Fourth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 15, 1959, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

R. R. Figuhr, W. P. Bradley, R. H. Adair, W. Melvin Adams, Jr., R. A. Anderson, W. R. Beach, E. L. Becker, F. Brennwald, N. F. Brewer, J. A. Buckwalter, J. E. Chase, E. D. Dick, E. W. Dunbar, H. T. Elliott, A. A. Esteb, A. C. Fearing, L. E. Froom, J. O. Gibson, H. W. Klaser, F. B. Knight, H. W. Lowe, T. E. Lucas, E. L. Minchin, L. L. Moffitt, W. E. Murray, F. D. Nichol, C. E. Palmer, L. R. Rasmussen, C. E. Randolph, M.D., H. E. Rice, E. E. Roenfelt, H. L. Rudy, L. A. Skinner, E. W. Tarr, Howard Weeks, A. L. White

OTHERS PRESENT:

C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield, R. Ruhling, Don Yost

Prayer by L. R. Rasmussen.

R. R. Figuhr as Chairman spoke briefly regarding his recent trip to the Middle East Division, including Turkey; also to Ethiopia. He gave an encouraging report regarding various features of the work in these fields.

MINUTES of the meeting held January 8, 1959 were approved.

W. J. HUBERT--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

Among the recommendations adopted at the 1958 Autumn Council with regard to the Fund-Raising Service is a recommendation that an individual be appointed by the General Conference to lead out in the education and training of personnel for the establishment of this plan. It was

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union to release W. J. Hubert and to invite him to connect with the General Conference office to lead out in the Fund-Raising Service.

ROBERT MCINTYRE--ACTION RESCINDED:

In the meeting of the General Conference Committee held December 11, 1958 (page 185 of the minutes), action was taken authorizing Robert McIntyre to come to Washington, D.C., to attend the SDA Theological Seminary. Inasmuch as information has been received from the Pacific Union Conference that Robert McIntyre is now engaged in colporteur work and desires for the present to continue in that work, it was

VOTED, That we rescind, without prejudice for further decision, the action authorizing Robert McIntyre to attend the SDA Theological Seminary.

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SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION--
CHURCH MANUAL SUPPLEMENT:

A Committee had been appointed by the Officers to read and report on the Church Manual Supplement submitted by the Southern African Division. W. E. Murray, as Chairman of the Committee, reported favorably on the material. On the basis of this report, it was

VOTED, To approve of the Church Manual Supplement for the Southern African Division.

VICTOR KLUZIT--STATUS:

Additional information having been received concerning the status of Victor Kluzit, who is employed in denominational work in the Southern African Division, it was

VOTED, To rescind the agreement of the Officers, relative to Victor Kluzit, as recorded in the minutes of January 23, 1956, and to approve the recommendation of the Southern African Division that Victor Kluzit be regarded as an overseas worker and accorded furlough privileges to the United States.

DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS FOR 1959:

The report submitted by the Committee on Departmental Meetings for 1959, which committee had been appointed by the Officers, was adopted as follows:

We recommend, The following partial report:

Radio and TV Council	August 20-23)
Home Missionary Council	August 24-29) Minneapolis,
Sabbath School Council	August 29-September 3) Minnesota
MV Department Advisory Committee	September 28-October 3)
Temperance "	October 3-4) Denver, Colorado
National Temperance Convention	October 5-10)
Religious Liberty		
Advisory Committee	October 28-29) Miami Beach, Florida
Medical Cadet Corps	June 2-16) Camp Doss,
) Grand Lodge, Mich.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--DATES:

On recommendation of the Officers, it was

VOTED, That the closing date of the 1959 Autumn Council be October 25 instead of October 26; the dates now stand as October 20-25, 1959.

T. M. ASHLOCK--TANGANYIKA:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union and Ohio Conferences to release T. M. Ashlock, and to invite him to connect with the Southern African Division as station director for Ntusu, Tanganyika.

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MRS. GRACE BELL--SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To request the Potomac University to release Mrs. Grace Bell, and to invite her to connect with the Southern European Division, for a short-term appointment as an office worker.

J. R. SIEBENLIST--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of J. R. Siebenlist from South Africa, on his request, effective in August, 1959, in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern African Division.

WYNONA M. WILD--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Wynona M. Wild, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Werner A. Wild, from the Southern European Division to the United States, in harmony with the recommendation of the division.

EVELYN MARIE LINDBERG--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To change the appointment of Miss Evelyn Marie Lindberg, called to the Middle East College, in Beirut, Lebanon, to that of a deferred appointment, she to continue at Southwestern Junior College until a definite assignment is made.

E. O. WINTON, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of E. O. Winton, M.D., from Vietnam, on his request to take further studies, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

VOTED, To authorize visits to overseas fields as follows:

W. R. Beach--Northern European Division, May 12-June 12, 1959; Southern European Division, one week, time to be arranged;

G. A. Huse--Southern European Division, one week, in connection with a trip to Far East and Middle East;

G. M. Mathews--in counsel with South American Division to shorten trip to South America by two weeks;

L. R. Rasmussen--Southern African Division, July 1-September 30, 1959;

Walter Schubert--Middle East Division, August 15-September 15, 1959; Southern European Division, for evangelistic work in Italy, September 16-December 5, 1959.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries as follows:

W. Melvin Adams, Jr.--Riverside, California, to move to Washington; stop at Chicago en route west;

H. P. Bloum--Atlantic Union, auditing work, date to be arranged;

H. P. Bloum, F. Brennwald--Faith for Today, New York Transportation, Southern Union, Southern Publishing Association, Riverside Sanitarium, auditing work, dates to be arranged.

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E. L. Becker--Central Union, Northern Union, Christian Record, Lake Union, auditing work, dates to be arranged;

A. E. Mobley--Southwestern Union, Voice of Prophecy, Pacific Press, Western Insurance, auditing work, dates to be arranged;

E. L. Becker, A. E. Mobley--North Pacific Union, Pacific Union, Western Transportation, auditing work, dates to be arranged;

A. C. Fearing--Hinsdale, Illinois, Sabbath service, January 31; Wisconsin, Workers' Meeting, February 1-3;

L. B. Halliwell--Pacific Union, February (extension); North Pacific Union, March and April (change of date); Denver, Colorado, meet with nurses on Porter campus, few days in March;

Mildred Johnson--Lincoln, Nebraska, Leadercraft Course for Union College students, April 16-21 (extension of April trip already voted);

T. E. Lucas--Buffalo, New York; Atlantic City, New Jersey (extension on trip to Boston);

D. A. McAdams--Southwestern Union, Quarterly Training School, Sales Development Committee, Southwestern Junior College Institute, March 13-22;

E. L. Minchin--Southwestern Junior College, Spring Week of Prayer, March 6-14 (in connection with trip to Mexican Union);

C. E. Moseley, Jr.--Youngstown, Ohio, Spring Revival Meetings, March 6, 7, 8;

C. E. Randolph, M.D.--West Coast, February 2-15 (extension of itinerary), visit doctors;

Harley Rice--Melrose, Mass., Medical Staff meeting, New England Sanitarium, January 22;

C. E. Wittschiede--Southern Missionary College, Baccalaureate sermon, May 29-31;

Don Yost--St. Paul, Minnesota, receive certificate of merit in honor of his father from American Religious Town Hall, January 26.

REPRESENTATIVES ON DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

ASSOCIATED BOARDS:

VOTED, To authorize the substitution of F. R. Millard's name for that of W. P. Bradley on the Division of Foreign Missions Associated Boards.

The list now reads as follows:

Africa: E. W. Dunbar, E. E. Roenfelt

China: F. R. Millard, N. F. Brewer

Christian Medical Council: T. R. Flaiz, M.D., W. R. Beach

Japan: F. R. Millard, C. L. Torrey

Korea: F. R. Millard, C. L. Torrey

Cooperation in Latin America: Associate Member--N. W. Dunn

Near East: E. E. Roenfelt, R. H. Adair

Philippines: F. R. Millard, O. A. Blake

Radio, Visual Education and Mass Communication: E. R. Walde

Rural Missions Cooperating: F. L. Peterson

Southeast Asia (Burma, Indonesia, Malaya, Thailand,

Micronesia): F. R. Millard, T. R. Flaiz, M.D.

Southern Asia (India, Pakistan, Ceylon): E. E. Roenfelt, T. R. Flaiz, M.D.

Treasurers: F. B. Knight, W. E. Phillips

World Literacy and Christian Literature: E. E. Roenfelt, F. L. Peterson

General Representatives: W. R. Beach, W. P. Bradley

Adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

R. R. Figuhr, Chairman

W. P. Bradley, Secretary

Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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Forty-Fifth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 22, 1959, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

W. E. Murray, W. P. Bradley, R. H. Adair, Wesley Amundsen, R. A. Anderson, W. R. Beach, C. W. Bozarth, F. Brennwald, N. F. Brewer, E. W. Dunbar, H. T. Elliott, A. A. Esteb, A. C. Fearing, L. E. Froom, W. A. Higgins, H. W. Klaser, F. B. Knight, L. L. Moffitt, F. D. Nichol, A. V. Olson, C. E. Palmer, J. W. Peeke, L. R. Rasmussen, C. E. Randolph, M.D., E. E. Roenfelt, E. W. Tarr, Howard Weeks, A. L. White

OTHERS PRESENT:

A. W. Cormack, D. A. Delafield, W. E. Read, R. Ruhling, M. R. Thurber

W. E. Murray, as Chairman, referred to the 15th chapter of Acts. In this chapter an account is given of an important event in the history of the church when a council in Jerusalem was called. The question of circumcision had come to the church. There were strong exponents of various ideas concerning it. In council they settled this question. The Spirit of the Lord led these brethren in a wonderful way. The council at Jerusalem set the pattern for one aspect of unity in the church of God. We today still have need of unity. We may not always be uniform, but we are united. We thank the Lord for the wonderful pattern that has come down through the church to us at this time.

Prayer by A. C. Fearing.

MINUTES of the meeting held January 15, 1959, with one change, were approved.

SPECIAL DAYS AND OFFERINGS--REPORT OF COMMITTEE:

The Committee on Special Days and Offerings presented recommendations which with certain changes were adopted as follows:

"Attention has been drawn to the fact that in the Church Calendar for 1960 the opening day of the Week of Prayer and the program for Witnessing Laymen have both been set for the same date. With a view to resolving this difficulty,

"We recommend, That in the Calendar of Special Days and Offerings for 1960 the following changes be made:

"1. That the dates for the Week of Prayer be changed from November 5-12 to November 12-19.

"2. That the dates for the Ingathering Campaign be changed from November 19, 1960 to January 7, 1961 to November 26, 1960 to January 14, 1961.

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"Attention has also been drawn to the fact that in the Church Calendar for 1959 'Witnessing Laymen's Day' has been appointed for the same date as the opening day of the Week of Prayer. In this connection,

"We recommend, That since the calendar has already been published and, therefore, cannot be changed, suggestion be made that with a view to resolving this conflict the opening service for the Week of Prayer be conducted on Sabbath morning, and that the Witnessing Laymen's service be conducted either on Friday evening or on Sabbath afternoon."

It is understood that the Church Home Missionary Offering listed for November 7, 1959 will be taken as usual.

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CHURCH MANUAL--MATERIAL FOR REVISION:

A revision is being made of the Church Manual. The material appearing in the Church Manual must be voted at the time of a General Conference session. At the time of the 1954 General Conference session a statement on "The Relationships of Seventh-day Adventists to Civil Governments and War" was adopted, to be inserted in the Statement of Beliefs as given in the Church Manual. Consideration has been given to this statement and it is felt that certain parts of it should undergo revision. It was

VOTED, That we approve of the plan to withhold from the Church Manual for the present this statement on "The Relationships of Seventh-day Adventists to Civil Governments and War," and that further consideration be given to it at a future quadrennial session.

The Chairman made a statement concerning the work that is being carried on by certain of the General Conference workers who have been placed on retirement. L. E. Froom is compiling material for a book on the question of immortality. Miss Louise Kleuser has been assigned important work in connection with the Ministerial Association. W. E. Read is Editor of the Israelite Magazine, which now has a subscription list of 6,000. A. V. Olson assists in certain specially assigned problems.

L. E. FROOM--EXTENSION OF EMPLOYMENT:

VOTED, To extend the time of employment for L. E. Froom until June 30, 1959, to enable him to complete his assigned work in preparation of material on "Conditional Immortality."

LOUISE KLEUSER--STATUS OF:

In view of the work assigned to Miss Louise Kleuser by the Ministerial Association, it was

VOTED, That Miss Louise Kleuser remain on a partial retirement basis for six months from January 1 to June 30, 1959, and that then her retirement arrangements be effective; and that the Officers be authorized to set the rate of subsidy.

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SUBSIDIES TO RETIRED PERSONNEL
WITH ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES:

VOTED, To authorize a subsidy to A. V. Olson and W. E. Read, to be continued from January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959, and to whom certain responsibilities have been assigned; and that the Officers be given authority to set the rate of subsidy.

G. J. APPEL--RETIREMENT:

VOTED, To approve of the retirement of G. J. Appel, permanently returned from the Middle East Division, effective December 1, 1958; and that his name be referred to the Sustentation Committee for consideration.

G. E. VANDEMAN--FIELD PROGRAM:

It was reported that the work of G. E. Vandeman on the evangelistic films for the IT IS WRITTEN program has been completed. He is consequently available for field appointments.

VOTED, To make available the services of G. E. Vandeman for two evangelistic campaigns in the first six months of 1959, and two during the latter six months of 1959, details to be worked out by the Committee on North American travel.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries as follows:

E. W. Dunbar--North Pacific and Pacific Unions, visit colleges; also Dental College appointment, April 22-May 12;

C. E. Moseley, Jr.--Toledo, Ohio, Spring Revival, March 10, 11; Benton Harbor, Battle Creek, Michigan, speaking appointments, March 13-15; Detroit, Michigan, MV Week of Prayer, March 16-21;

E. E. Roenfelt--Southern, Southwestern, Central Unions, Hinsdale Sanitarium --Missions promotion, March, 1959;

E. W. Tarr--La Sierra, Pacific Union Colleges, and College of Medical Evangelists, speaking appointments, January 30-February 7 (in connection with trip to North Pacific).

DR. ALAN JONES--SAIGON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To request the Australasian Division to release Dr. Alan Jones, and to invite him to connect with the Far Eastern Division for work in the Saigon Adventist Hospital, in Vietnam.

T. R. POTTS--SOUTH INDIA UNION:

VOTED, To request the Australasian Division to release T. R. Potts, and to invite him to connect with the Southern Asia Division as evangelist in the South India Union.

JEANETTE MORGAN--CALL RESCINDED:

VOTED, To rescind the call to Miss Jeanette Morgan, of Australia, to serve as a secretary in the Southern Asia Division office, in view of her plans for marriage.

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MARION SNELLING--SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION:

VOTED, To request the Australasian Division to release Miss Marion Snelling, and to invite her to connect with the Southern Asia Division for secretarial work in the division office.

GLENDA RUTH JANSSEN--LIBYA:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and the Portland Sanitarium and Hospital to release Miss Glenda Ruth Janssen, and to invite her to connect with the Middle East Division as nurse for Benghazi, Libya.

L. E. BARBER--INDONESIA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union Conference and Hawaiian Mission to release L. E. Barber, to connect with the Far Eastern Division as manager of the Indonesia Publishing House in Bandung, Java.

E. C. CHRISTIE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of E. C. Christie and family from Mexico, on his request, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

RALPH COMBES--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Ralph Combes, from Haiti, for the education of his children, to be effective June 1, 1959, in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

D. J. DUNNETT--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of D. J. Dunnett and family to England from Trinidad, for educational reasons, effective May 31, 1959, in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

RUDOLPH FUSS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Rudolph Fuss, from Nicaragua, effective ^{January} ~~June~~ 21, 1959, in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

H. L. RITTENHOUSE, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of H. L. Rittenhouse, M.D., from Jamaica, as of present date, in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

ANDRE ROCHAT--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Andre Rochat, from Haiti, for educational purposes, to be effective July 31, 1959, in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

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NANCY REID--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Nancy Reid, daughter of Elder and Mrs. F. G. Reid, from the Southern African Division.

JAMES H. NELSON, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release James H. Nelson, M.D., from the call to serve as radiologist in the Bella Vista Hospital, in Puerto Rico, since he is not clear in accepting the call.

WORKING POLICY--REVISION OF
ON LOCATING CME GRADUATES, ETC.:

A report from a Special Committee appointed by the Officers with the Union and Local Conference Presidents at the time of the 1958 Autumn Council, with regard to revision in the Working Policy relating to the locating of graduates from the College of Medical Evangelists, was presented. After consideration of several pages of the report, it was

VOTED, That the report with regard to the locating of graduates from the College of Medical Evangelists be included in the material which is soon to be released to the Review and Herald Publishing Association for printing in the Working Policy, with the suggestion that it be held in galley-proof form, and that the report be referred to the 1959 Spring Council to be finalized on.

Adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

W. E. Murray, Chairman
W. P. Bradley, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Forty-Sixth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 29, 1959, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

V. G. Anderson, E. W. Dunbar, Wesley Amundsen, C. W. Bozarth, F. Brennwald, N. F. Brewer, J. E. Chase, A. C. Fearing, C. E. Guenther, H. W. Klaser, T. E. Lucas, E. L. Minchin, G. R. Nash, A. V. Olson, C. E. Palmer, J. W. Peeke, L. R. Rasmussen, E. E. Roenfelt, Walter Schubert, J. V. Scully, Howard Weeks

OTHERS PRESENT:

N. W. Litchfield, R. Ruhling, M. R. Thurber

The Chairman, V. G. Anderson, read as a Scripture reading Hebrews 12: 1, 2, and 9-14. He referred to an outstanding article in the February issue of Reader's Digest on leadership. After reading certain statements by Dwight Eisenhower concerning the price of leadership, in the article, he closed by saying, "We do our best with all information available, and then face the results."

Prayer by A. V. Olson.

MINUTES of the meeting held January 22, 1959, with one adjustment, were approved.

R. E. PARKS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of R. E. Parks and family from the Philippines, in view of Mrs. Parks' unfavorable state of health.

DAN W. PALMER, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Dan W. Palmer, M.D., from appointment to service in Montemorelos, Mexico, since he does not see his way clear to accept in view of his indebtedness and other problems.

B. B. JOHNSON, M.D.--REQUEST OF:

B. B. Johnson, M.D., on furlough from Ethiopia, desires to take a course in Orthopedic Surgery, and requests assistance in harmony with the policy.

VOTED, That the request of B. B. Johnson, M.D., be referred to the Northern European Division.

T. V. ZYTKOSKEE--APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union and Potomac Conferences to release T. V. Zytoskee, and to invite him to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Missionary Volunteer and Educational Secretary of the Indonesian Union Mission.

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CLAYTON R. JEPSON--THAILAND:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union and Ohio Conferences to release Clayton R. Jepson, and to invite him to connect with the Far Eastern Division as an evangelistic worker for Haad Yai, Thailand.

B. H. STICKLE--PAKISTAN UNION:

VOTED, To request the Canadian Union and Ontario-Quebec Conferences to release B. H. Stickle, and to invite him to connect with the Southern Asia Division as secretary-treasurer of the Pakistan Union.

H. W. BEAVON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of H. W. Beavon and family from East Africa, for educational purposes, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern African Division; to be effective in April, 1960, when his term of service ends.

R. S. BLACKBURN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of R. S. Blackburn and family from Jamaica, for health reasons, on his request, in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division; to be effective March 15, 1959.

JILL CARROLL--CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT:

On request of the Southern African Division, it was

VOTED, To change the assignment of Miss Jill Carroll, nurse from Australia, previously appointed to the Heri Hospital, to the Mwami Hospital, in the Nyasaland Mission.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries as follows:

W. H. Beaven, C. E. Wittschiede--Edmonton, Alberta, Evangelistic Council at Union Session, May 6-9 (Canadian Union to pay air travel);

Andrew Fearing--Portland, Oregon, Evangelistic Councils and Revival Meetings, March 4-22;

Carl E. Guenther--Pacific Union, Dorcas and Welfare work, March 6-April 4; North Pacific, Gladstone, Oregon, Dorcas-Welfare Workshop, March 9-12;

W. A. Higgins--Hinsdale, Illinois, Lake Union Institute, February 2-7;

Richard Hill--Grand Ledge, Michigan, appraisal of new academy buildings, April, to be arranged;

Harry House--Chicago, Illinois, Mutual Insurance Institute, April 6-May 1;

T. E. Lucas--Central California, Youth Congress, March 17-24, Montana, MV Rally, March 25-29;

Louise Meyer--Bermuda, Sabbath School Rally and counseling, April 10-19;

C. E. Moseley, Jr.--Charleston and Wilmington, North Carolina, Revival Meetings, February 7-21;

L. R. Rasmussen--Southern Missionary College, Board Meeting, and presentation address to seniors, February 15, 16;

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W. E. Read--Brookfield, Illinois, work on Jewish Journal, February 12-14 (in connection with trip to New York);

W. A. Scharffenberg--Pacific Union, conduct Temperance Councils and Rallies, February 27-March 21;

Maybelle Vandermark--Southwestern Union, Dorcas Federations and Welfare Institutes, April 5-15; Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Health and Welfare Workshop, April 18; Cleveland, Ohio, speaking appointment, April 19.

SPONSORSHIPS AND AFFIDAVITS:

VOTED, To authorize sponsorships and affidavits as follows:

Sponsorship for Lenel G. Moulds and family, from Australia, for studies at the SDA Theological Seminary, with the understanding that the Australasian Division will make available financial assistance for two years;

Sponsorship for Rudolph Fuss, returning to the United States from Nicaragua;

Exchange sponsorships for Miss Esther Causing and Miss Luz Sto Domingo, graduates of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, and who plan to come to the United States to connect with the New England Sanitarium and Hospital, for a period of up to three years; on recommendation of the Far Eastern Division;

Affidavit required by the Immigration Service for Miss Ellen McCartney, appointed to Japan, and called from the New England Sanitarium and Hospital; in order to preserve her United States residency which she has established;

Affidavit required by the Immigration Service for Charles Rochat, a worker in the Southern European Division, whose wife and children are citizens of the United States. He desires to preserve the residency which he has established. This will in no way affect his relationship to the Southern European Division, which is his homeland.

Adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

V. G. Anderson, Chairman
E. W. Dunbar, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary