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## One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 1, 1964, 10:00 A.M.

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## PRESENT:

M. V. Campbell, F. R. Millard, W. Melvin Adams, K. F. Ambs, R. A. Anderson, O. A. Blake, E. E. Cleveland, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, T. S. Geraty, J. O. Gibson, J. H. Hancock, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. J. Keith, J. C. Kozel, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas, J. R. Nelson, J. W. Peeke, F. L. Peterson, W. E. Phillips, H. D. Singleton, Clark Smith, A. F. Tarr, W. H. Teesdale, C. L. Torrey, R. S. Watts

## OTHERS PRESENT:

C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield

The Chairman, M. V. Campbell, read an article from The True Missionary, written by G. I. Butler, then President of the General Conference, in 1874, showing the promotion that was being given at that time to start work in foreign fields. The result was seen in about six months when J. N. Andrews was sent to Switzerland, as our first missionary.

Opening prayer by E. W. Dunbar.

MINUTES of the meeting held September 24, 1964, were approved.

## SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION--EXCHANGE RATES:

On recommendation of the South American Division, it was--

VOTED, To authorize rates of exchange, effective October 1, 1964, as follows:

Argentina Peso, from 125.00 to the U.S. Dollar, or .008; to 140.00 to the U.S. Dollar, or .0071428;

Brazil Cruzeiro, from 1,250.00 to the U.S. Dollar, or .0008; to 1,500.00 to the U.S. Dollar, or .000666666;

Chile Escudo, from 2.85 to the U.S. Dollar, or .35067; to 3.25 to the U.S. Dollar, or .30769;

Uruguay Peso, from 16.50 to the U.S. Dollar, or .060606; to 18.00 to the U.S. Dollar, or .055555.

## FAR EASTERN DIVISION--

## EXCHANGE RATE FOR INDONESIA:

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

VOTED, To authorize a change in the rate of exchange for Indonesia, from 1,000 Rupiah to the U.S. Dollar, or .001; to 1,500 to the U.S. Dollar, or .000666666; retroactive to September 1, 1964.

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## MARY ELLQUIST--OAKWOOD COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and Kentucky-Tennessee Conferences a call for Miss Mary Ellquist, to join the staff at Oakwood College to teach courses for Elementary Education majors, and for supervisory work.

## PAUL W. SCHMIDT--GUATEMALA MISSION:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences be requested to release Paul W. Schmidt, of Brawley, California, and that he be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Pastor-Evangelist for the Guatemala Mission.

## DANIEL R. PURPLE--SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to Daniel R. Purple, of Angwin, California, recently graduated from Pacific Union College, an invitation to serve as an Accountant in the South American Division office.

## DALE R. BEAULIEU--KOREA:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union and Idaho Conferences be requested to release Dale R. Beaulieu, Assistant Treasurer of Gem State Academy, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Treasury and Welfare Worker for Korea.

## WILMA LEAZER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Wilma Leazer be released from appointment as Advisor to the Indonesian Union College School of Nursing, on her request in view of an adverse turn in her health condition.

## ELWIN L. GERRANS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Elwin L. Gerrans be released from appointment to Puerto Rico as a Nurse for the Bella Vista Hospital, he having recently accepted a call to join the nursing staff of Pacific Union College.

## A. A. JONES, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN TO AUSTRALIA:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of A. A. Jones, M.D., from Saigon, Viet Nam, to Australia, effective in June of 1965; on his request in order to take advanced training in medicine in London, England; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

## MR. AND MRS. JOHNNY KASPERSON--PERMANENT RETURN TO NORTHERN EUROPE:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Kasperon, Physiotherapists, from Iran to Norway, on their request for personal reasons, effective October 2, 1964; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Middle East Division.

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## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee and the General Conference Officers be authorized as follows:

R. A. Anderson, O. A. Blake, W. P. Bradley--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Andrews University Board, November 10;

F. L. Bland--Atlanta, Georgia, South Atlantic Workers' Meeting and rallies, January 11-23, 1965;

M. V. Campbell--release, Boulder, Colorado, YPMV and Educational Councils, November 2-12;

A. O. Dart--Phoenix, Arizona, Thunderbird Academy Week of Prayer and Phoenix Church meetings, October 9-21;

D. A. Delafield--Beckley, West Virginia, speaking appointments, October 9-11;

T. S. Geraty--Boulder, Colorado, YPMV Quadrennial Council, November 2-6;

R. R. Hegstad--Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Religious Liberty Rally, October 29; speaking appointments, October 30-31;

G. A. Huse--Lincoln, Nebraska, College Industries' Meeting, November 18, 19 (on return from Minneapolis trip already authorized);

Marjorie Lloyd--Los Angeles, California, and Central California Conference, re "It-Is-Written" film, October 14-21;

H. W. Lowe--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Daniel Committee, November 5-8; Chicago, Illinois, research work, November 12-13;

Theodore Lucas--Galveston, Texas, Union YPMV Advisory Council, November 23, 24 (on return from West Coast);

J. W. Peeke--La Sierra, California, Insurance business, October 25-30;

W. E. Phillips--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Treasurers' Meeting, first week in November;

H. L. Reiner--Atlantic City, New Jersey, Laymen's Congress, October 1-4 (in place of G. E. Vandeman); Northern New England Conference, re "It-Is-Written" plans, October 10;

G. E. Vandeman, H. L. Reiner--Detroit, Michigan, Windsor, Canada, re "It-Is-Written" October 27-30.

Adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

M. V. Campbell, Chairman  
F. R. Millard, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary



## One Hundred and Thirtieth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 8, 1964, 10:00 A.M.

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## PRESENT:

W. E. Murray, F. R. Millard, W. Melvin Adams, K. F. Ambs, R. A. Anderson, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, E. L. Becker, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, W. P. Bradley, M. V. Campbell, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cossentine, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, R. R. Figuhr, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., T. S. Geraty, C. E. Guenther, J. H. Hancock, W. J. Harris, R. R. Hegstad, Mazie Herin, G. A. Huse, W. J. Keith, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas, G. M. Mathews, G. R. Nash, F. D. Nichol, W. L. Pascoe, F. L. Peterson, W. E. Phillips, H. D. Singleton, Clark Smith, G. E. Vandeman, R. S. Watts, A. L. White

## OTHERS PRESENT:

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

W. E. Murray, Chairman, said that we read a great deal about peace nowadays. The Lord not only counseled us to be peaceful, and to have peace, but He rather gave some splendid statements about being peacemakers. He read Matthew 5: 9, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." Elder Murray saw a note in the press that the Pope has just recently offered to be a peacemaker. We may look for him to assume that role in the not-far-distant future. The Pope has already posed as a peacemaker in the world. On a number of occasions, he says, he has brought peace to the world. Today we find a great many people that want to make peace.

Elder Murray read paragraphs from pages 27 and 28 of Mount of Blessing. In these paragraphs it is stated that Christ is "the Prince of Peace" and that whoever consents to renounce sin and open his heart to the love of Christ becomes a partaker of this heavenly peace. There is no other ground than this for peace. The individual who is at peace with God and his fellow men cannot be made miserable. "Whoever, by the quiet, unconscious influence of a holy life, shall reveal the love of Christ; whoever, by word or deed, shall lead another to renounce sin and yield his heart to God, is a peacemaker." Elder Murray closed by saying, What wonderful things we have to contemplate in the Scripture, and what a wonderful thing it is that Sister White gives us such good comments on important matters. These things can make us successful workers. While we all know these things, yet we must be like Peter who said he wanted to stir up their pure minds, by bringing these things to our awareness.

Opening prayer by Clark Smith.

MINUTES of the meeting held October 1, 1964, were approved.

## R. M. MILNE--RETIREMENT; APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES:

Elder and Mrs. R. M. Milne have returned to the United States after forty-five years of service in the China and the Far Eastern Divisions. In harmony with their desire, the Far Eastern Division has recommended their retirement.

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VOTED, That the name of R. M. Milne be referred to the Sustentation Committee for appropriate consideration. It was further--

VOTED, To record our appreciation for the long years of successful service given by Elder and Mrs. R. M. Milne in the Orient. Special mention was made of the fact that Mrs. Milne has helped to build up our educational work in that field.

W. A. HIGGINS--PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to W. A. Higgins, Associate Secretary in the General Conference Publishing Department, a call to connect with the Pacific Press Publishing Association as head of the Periodical Department.

W. C. WHITTEN--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference a call for W. C. Whitten, Union Publishing Secretary, to connect with Loma Linda University as Associate Director of Development for central United States.

HERBERT HASS--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and Greater New York Conferences a call for Herbert Hass to connect with Loma Linda University as Associate Director of Development for northeastern United States.

WM. L. CROFTON--SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union Conference a call for Wm. L. Crofton, Union Publishing Secretary, to connect with the Southern Publishing Association as Associate Manager of the Periodical Department.

MRS. L. A. THOMPSON--KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Publishing Association a call from the Southern Union Conference for Mrs. L. A. Thompson, a Secretary, to connect with the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference as a Secretary.

WILLIAM ARMOUR POTTER--JORDAN:

VOTED, That the Southwestern Union and Texas Conferences be requested to release William Armour Potter, of Tyler, Texas, and that he be invited to connect with the Middle East Division as Pastor-Evangelist for Jordan.

DAVID RONALD WATTS--NEW DELHI, INDIA:

VOTED, That the Canadian Union and Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conferences be requested to release David Ronald Watts, and that he be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as Pastor-Evangelist for New Delhi.

LUCIUS E. DANIELS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Lucius E. Daniels from Liberia, on his request for personal reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of

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Northern European Division. Brother Daniels served in the West African Union Mission for two and one-half terms.

RAYMOND H. WOOLSEY AND THOMAS A. DAVIS--TRANSFER:

VOTED, That Raymond H. Woolsey, Editor-elect of the Oriental Watchman Publishing House, in India, but unable to secure an entrance visa, be transferred to the Far Eastern Division to serve as Editor of the Philippine Publishing House; and that Thomas A. Davis, at present Editor of the Philippine Publishing House, be transferred to the Southern Asia Division, to serve as Editor, since his Canadian citizenship would facilitate his entry into India. This transfer is being made at the suggestion of the Southern Asia Division, with the concurrence of the Far Eastern Division, the details as to the actual transfer to be worked out between the two Divisions.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee, as follows:

W. Melvin Adams--Bass Memorial Academy, organize Religious Liberty Association of America Chapter; Montgomery, Alabama, visit city authorities; West Panama City Beach, Florida, visit city authorities; Gulfport, Mississippi, re Ingathering permit difficulties, November 3-7;

A. L. Edeburn--Chicago, Conference on Accounting and Statistical Office Methods, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, November 5-6;

E. J. Folkenberg--New York City for National Public Health Council, October 8;

Harry House--Orlando, Florida, Insurance business, October 8, 9 (extension of trip), Chicago, American Management Association, Fall Insurance Conference, November 9-11;

Clark Smith--Union Springs, New York, YPMV Officers' Institute, January 15-17.

Adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

W. E. Murray, Chairman  
F. R. Millard, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

## One Hundred and Thirty-First Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 15, 1964, 10:00 A.M.

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## PRESENT:

M. V. Campbell, D. S. Johnson, K. F. Ambs, R. A. Anderson, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, E. L. Becker, O. A. Blake, W. P. Bradley, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cossentine, R. M. Davidson, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, K. H. Emmerson, R. R. Figuhr, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., T. S. Geraty, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, W. J. Harris, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, G. A. Huse, J. C. Kozel, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas, G. M. Mathews, F. R. Millard, W. E. Murray, G. R. Nash, F. D. Nichol, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, F. L. Peterson, W. E. Phillips, M. H. Reeder, H. E. Rice, A. H. Roth, V. W. Schoen, J. V. Scully, H. D. Singleton, A. F. Tarr, W. H. Teesdale, R. S. Watts; Overseas Division Officers: J. J. Aitken, D. H. Baasch, C. R. Bonney, O. Bremer, R. C. Darnell, W. Duncan Eva, V. A. Fenn, Kenneth Fleck, R. R. Frame, Clyde O. Franz, Marius Fridlin, A. E. Gibb, O. Gmehling, C. B. Guild, J. I. Hartman, E. J. Johanson, H. D. Johnson, B. J. Kohler, R. S. Lowry, L. C. Naden, M. S. Nigri, E. W. Pedersen, R. H. Pierson, C. L. Powers, R. M. Reinhard, E. E. Roenfelt, C. P. Sorensen, R. Umnersten, R. A. Wilcox, W. A. Wild

## OTHERS PRESENT:

C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield

Opening prayer by F. L. Peterson and J. J. Aitken.

MINUTES of the meeting held October 8, 1964, were approved.

## FREDERICK HYDE--NEW YORK CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Press Publishing Association a call from the Atlantic Union Conference for Frederick Hyde, to connect with the New York Conference for pastoral service.

## ROY HOLDRIDGE--CHRISTIAN RECORD DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and Illinois Conferences a call from the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., for Roy Holdridge, to serve as Illinois District Representative.

## CARL TOWNE--CHRISTIAN RECORD DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and Kentucky-Tennessee Conferences a call from the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., for Carl Towne, of the Oneida Mountain Hospital in Kentucky, to serve as Kentucky District Representative.

## VERNON D. REES--LOMA LINDA MEDICAL CENTER:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union Conference and Washington Sanitarium and Hospital a call from Loma Linda University for Vernon D. Rees, Chaplain, to serve as Associate Chaplain in the Loma Linda Medical Center.

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CEDRIC L. HAYDEN--TRINIDAD:

VOTED, That Cedric L. Hayden, of Antioch, California, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division, to serve as a Dentist for Trinidad.

FRED M. LEE--TAIWAN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the Voice of Prophecy Board be requested to release Fred M. Lee, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as a Teacher in the Taiwan Missionary College.

AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION--

CALL FOR PRESIDENT FOR NEW CALEDONIA MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division a call from the Australasian Division for a President for the New Caledonia Mission.

BENJAMIN LeDUC, M.D.--PUERTO RICO:

VOTED, That Benjamin LeDuc, M.D., taking a residency, now under deferred appointment to the Inter-American Division, be assigned to the Bella Vista Hospital, in Puerto Rico, as an Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialist; with the understanding that he will be available in June, 1965.

FLORENCE DAGOBERG--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Florence Dagoberg be released from transfer to the Inter-American Division from the Far Eastern Division, for service at the Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico; since she feels she cannot accept this appointment.

FLORENCE DAGOBERG--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Florence Dagoberg from the Penang Sanitarium and Hospital.

KENNETH J. MITTLEIDER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Kenneth J. Mittleider be released from appointment to the Middle East Division as Ministerial Association Secretary, since he has made commitments to the North Pacific Union Conference for evangelistic work up to 1966.

CLARK SMITH--SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP CANCELED:

On recommendation of the Overseas Travel Committee, it was--

VOTED, To cancel the South American trip voted for Clark Smith, October 1-December 22, 1965.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

In harmony with recommendations from the Overseas Travel Committee, it was--

VOTED, To authorize visits to overseas fields as follows:

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R. A. Anderson--Inter-America, for Workshops in the Division meeting in Trinidad, and to the Antillian Union conventions for evangelism in the field, November 13-December 20, 1964;

Del Delker, Brad Braley--Mexico City, November 25-29, 1964 (special Evangelistic Meetings with Quartet, with understanding that all their expenses will be borne by the Inter-American Division);

G. E. Guenther--Central Europe, September 15-October 24; Northern Europe, October 25-November 30, 1965;

J. H. Hancock--South America, January 10-April 10, 1966;

J. R. Nelson--Europe, March 1-31, 1965, Military Retreat and visit other military establishments;

L. M. Nelson--Southern Europe, June 1-August 31, 1965.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee be approved as follows:

W. Melvin Adams--Chicago, Illinois, Green River Ordinances; Berrien Springs, Michigan, Religious Liberty business; November 19, 20;

R. C. Barger--Miami, Florida, Departmental Meetings (Southern Union), November 16-19;

E. A. Brodeur (Far East)--Pennsylvania Conference speaking appointments, October 16, 17;

M. V. Campbell, T. Carcich, E. E. Cleveland--Atlanta, Georgia, Union-wide Workers' Meeting, January 3-6, 1966 (T. Carcich--extension of trip);

J. E. Edwards--Miami, Florida, Departmental Meetings (Southern Union), November 17-21;

E. J. Folkenberg--South Lancaster, Atlantic Union College week-end appointments, November 20, 21; Stoneham, Massachusetts, New England Sanitarium and Hospital Commencement, November 21; Pacific Union Temperance Meetings, October 12-18;

W. J. Harris--Denver, Colorado, Home Missionary-Sabbath School Council, November 2-5; week-end appointments, November 6, 7; Minneapolis, Minnesota, Departmental Council, November 17, 18;

W. A. Howe--Lake Region Teachers' Convention, December 19-21;

Laurell Peterson--rescind authorization attend Education Quadrennial Council, Boulder, Colorado, November 8-13, 1964; also College Industries' Meeting, Lincoln, Nebraska, November 16-19.

W. E. Phillips--Denver, Colorado, President-Treasurers' Meeting, November 4, 5 (extension of trip to Lake Union Conference).

Adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

M. V. Campbell, Chairman  
D. S. Johnson, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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## One Hundred and Thirty-Second Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 20, 1964, 10:00 A.M.

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The 1964 Autumn Council was held in the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, the first meeting being called on October 20, 1964, at 10:00 A.M.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

W. Melvin Adams, J. J. Aitken, K. F. Ambs, Wesley Amundsen, G. T. Anderson, R. A. Anderson, D. H. Baasch, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, E. L. Becker, Orley M. Berg, D. J. Bieber, R. R. Bietz, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, C. R. Bonney, J. W. Bothe, W. P. Bradley, O. Bremer, E. A. Brodeur, M. V. Campbell, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cleveland, R. L. Cone, E. E. Cossentine, C. G. Cross, R. C. Darnell, R. M. Davidson, J. L. Dittberner, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, K. H. Emmerson, W. Duncan Eva, L. C. Evans, W. A. Fagal, V. A. Fenn, R. R. Figuhr, T. R. Flaiz, M. D. Karl Fleck, E. J. Folkenberg, R. R. Frame, Clyde O. Franz, Marius Fridlin, T. S. Geraty, A. E. Gibb, J. O. Gibson, Otto Gmehling, C. E. Guenther, C. B. Guild, W. J. Hackett, Richard Hammill, J. H. Hancock, W. J. Harris, J. I. Hartman, R. R. Hegstad, Mazie A. Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, W. A. Howe, G. A. Huse, I. H. Ihrig, E. J. Johanson, D. S. Johnson, H. D. Johnson, Werber Johnson, W. J. Keith, B. J. Kohler, J. C. Kozel, L. J. Leiske, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, R. S. Lowry, Theodore Lucas

G. M. Mathews, O. O. Mattison, D. A. McAdams, F. R. Millard, E. L. Minchin, W. E. Murray, L. C. Naden, C. J. Nagela, G. R. Nash, J. R. Nelson, F. D. Nichol, M. S. Nigri, R. H. Nightingale, Boardman Noland, W. B. Ochs, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, E. W. Pedersen, J. W. Peeke, F. L. Peterson, W. E. Phillips, R. H. Pierson, A. V. Pinkney, C. L. Powers, R. J. Radcliffe, M. H. Reeder, R. M. Reinhard, E. J. Remboldt, R. L. Reynolds, H. E. Rice, H. M. S. Richards, E. E. Roenfelt, A. H. Roth, V. W. Schoen, J. V. Scully, H. D. Singleton, Clark Smith, J. D. Smith, F. A. Soper, C. P. Sorenson, J. R. Spangler, Carl Sundin, A. F. Tarr, E. W. Tarr, W. H. Teesdale, C. L. Torrey, R. Unnersten, G. E. Vandeman, E. R. Walde, R. S. Watts, A. L. White, R. A. Wilcox, W. L. Wilcox, W. A. Wild, Neal C. Wilson

## BY SPECIAL INVITATION:

G. O. Adams, C. P. Anderson, Henry Baerg, W. S. Banfield, Carl Becker, K. C. Beem, F. W. Bieber, W. J. Blacker, M. J. Blair, L. L. Bock, L. F. Bohner, V. L. Bretsch, D. C. Butherus, C. E. Bradford, Fr. Brennwald, A. B. Butler, L. E. Carter, J. E. Chase, W. L. Cheatham, M. J. Church, W. O. Coe, A. W. Cormack, L. W. Crooker, Desmond Cummings, M. E. Dawson, W. A. Dessain, E. D. Dick, N. R. Dower, C. E. Dudley, H. T. Elliott, R. E. Finney, Jr., Vernon Flory, W. W. Fordham, L. E. Froom, T. R. Gardner, E. E. Gillis, A. J. Gordon, Don L. Gray, E. L. Green, Joseph C.



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Hansen, E. B. Hare, C. W. Higgins, A. N. How, R. T. Hudson, D. W. Hunter, H. T. Johnson, K. D. Johnson, W. B. Johnson, G. Eric Jones, R. S. Joyce, A. W. Kaytor, V. E. Kelstrom, H. W. Klaser, H. C. Klement, Louise Kleuser, G. M. Kretschmar, C. H. Lauda, B. E. Leach, W. S. Lee, G. W. Liscombe, O. F. Locke

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#### OTHERS PRESENT:

R. G. Campbell, Max J. Church, D. A. Delafield, H. L. Dyer, C. D. Forshee, V. J. Jester, N. W. Litchfield, R. M. Milne, L. L. Moffitt, E. A. Schmidt, Ella May Stoneburner

Following a song service led by W. Melvin Adams, Associate Secretary in the Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty in the General Conference, the delegates and others present were welcomed to the 1964 Autumn Council by W. J. Keith, Pastor of the Takoma Park Church. He said that the facilities of the Church were available for our use, and he offered to be of service in any way possible.

O. O. Mattison, General Conference Field Secretary, as Chairman of the Platform Committee, introduced the workers seated on the platform who were to take part in this, the opening meeting.

R. S. Watts, a Vice-President of the General Conference, announced the opening song, "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts."

Theodore Carcich, Vice-President for the North American Division, led in prayer. He asked that the remembrance of God's presence with us in the past be our strength and our comfort for the future. He prayed that the Spirit of God might brood over each gathering and over each committee and each assembly. He remembered those who because of illness could not be present, C. A. Scriven and R. P. Rowe. He asked that God would stand by the side of R. R. Figuhr, who will open the Book and give counsel, reproof, instruction, and courage.

A secretary in the ESDA Sales and Service office, Mrs. Jacqueline Irving, sang a solo. The chorus read as follows:

"Each step I take I know that He will guide me,  
To higher ground He ever leads me on;  
Until some day my last step will be taken,  
Each step I take just leads me closer home."

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## DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

R. R. Figuhr, General Conference President, said he appreciated the sentiment of this song, so beautifully rendered. He stated that the General Conference session and the Biennial Autumn Council are the most important meetings of the church.

He said, What a wonderful thing it is that in a world that is facing increasing problems and perplexities, beyond the ability of men successfully to meet, we can look to God. In His hands are all things.

There is a quality that is necessary for him who would live successfully for God and make a real success in life. It is expressed by a great word in any language. In English the word that expresses the thought is loyalty. This means unswerving allegiance. Not an allegiance that deviates, not an allegiance that is turned aside by circumstances or events, but an allegiance that holds through everything. We are told that Christ's earthly pilgrimage was cheered by the thought that He would win men back to loyalty to God.

It is more and more difficult to win people's affections from the world's attractions to allegiance to God. The rich young ruler found the price tag too high. John Bunyan, the tinkerer, was put in prison, because he felt called to preach. He showed unswerving allegiance to something he believed God wanted him to do. What a great thing to be so dedicated to a task that nothing can turn us from it.

Our danger today is not that we shall openly renounce the work of the Lord, but that we shall fail to take heed to ourselves and our hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, drunkenness, and the cares of this life, and that day take us unawares. Elder Figuhr suggested the reading of the chapter in Testimonies to Ministers entitled "Snares of Satan."

A number of illustrations were mentioned by Elder Figuhr. The experience of Daniel in Babylon was related. This incident brings out Daniel's qualities, his loyalty to God, courage for God, and dedication in the cause of God. That is the reason Daniel became great. Had he not been true to his religious convictions, his name would have passed into oblivion. Elder Figuhr read a letter written by a fourteen-year-old boy offering the services of himself and members of his family in a mission field. This shows loyalty to God.

The story of Douglas MacArthur and his return to Manila was given. He was welcomed by the prisoners, one saying, "You have come back; God bless you." This may be compared to the welcome which will be given by the faithful ones when the Saviour returns, and they will say, "You have come back." The results will be worth more than all we pay.

God wants us to be found faithful, faithful to the ideals and responsibilities entrusted to us. We cannot do better than to be loyal servants of the Lord. The Lord will put that in our hearts. In this time, when nations and organizations and families are falling apart, may the Lord give us grace and wisdom to be loyal servants of the Lord.

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Elder Figuhr invited those who desired to rededicate themselves to the service of the Lord to stand. The delegates stood. A moment was given for silent prayer.

C. L. Torrey, General Conference Treasurer, led in prayer. In the prayer he stated that our greatest desire is to be loyal to God, to the great cause we represent, and to one another. He asked the blessing of God on the brethren present and the fields they represent. He prayed that God would accept our consecration, and dedication to the finishing of the task.

W. R. Beach, General Conference Secretary, spoke of the devotional meetings to be held during the Autumn Council at 9:00 A.M. each day, also the evening report meetings, at 7:30 P.M. These meetings are open to all. He extended a welcome to our veterans, the retired brethren who are in attendance at the Council. He then closed the meeting with prayer, giving thanks to the Father in heaven for this service and for the lessons brought to us. He asked that we might apply them more effectively in the future than in the past, to the work entrusted to us.

"Sitting at the Feet of Jesus," was sung as the meeting closed at 11:15 A.M.

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The Council reconvened at 11:20 A.M. R. R. Figuhr served as Chairman of this, the opening business meeting.

"Bringing in the Sheaves," was sung. G. R. Nash, Sabbath School Department Secretary, led in prayer, asking that loyalty and devotion might be the key thought that will go with us through the Council.

The Chairman spoke words of welcome to our retired brethren, mentioning especially L. L. Moffitt, E. B. Hare, and others.

The Agenda booklets were distributed to the delegates.

Registration cards were distributed and completed.

#### DAILY PROGRAM:

VOTED, To adopt the following Daily Program for the Autumn Council:

A.M.	
8:00 - 8:50	Officers' Meetings and Special Committees
9:00 - 9:45	Devotional
10:00 - 12:30	Council
P.M.	
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch
2:00 - 3:45	Committees
4:00 - 5:30	Council
5:30 - 7:00	Supper
7:30 - 9:00	Council Reports

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## ATTENDANCE:

W. R. Beach spoke of the fact that members of the General Conference Committee resident in North America, overseas division officers, and overseas members of the General Conference Committee on furlough are invited to attend the Autumn Council. The Spring Meeting authorized invitations to the North American union secretary-treasurers and local conference presidents; and also up to twenty-five others. All together, we have 274 in attendance at the Council. We have present some twelve missionaries from overseas on furlough.

VOTED, To invite those present, as referred to in the above categories, to participate with us in our discussions.

## AUTUMN COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES:

VOTED, That Standing Committees for the 1964 Autumn Council be appointed as follows:

## AUDITING

Figuhr, R. R. Chairman  
Phillips, W. E. Secretary

Adams, G. O.	Crooker, L. W.	Kozel, J. C.	Reynolds, R. L.
Ambs, K. F.	Dittberner, J. L.	Leiske, L. J.	Roenfelt, E. E.
Beach, W. R.	Dunbar, E. W.	Millard, F. R.	Rowe, R. P.
Becker, E. L.	Dunn, N. W.	Murray, W. E.	Schmidt, H. H.
Bietz, R. R.	Emmerson, K. H.	Naden, L. C.	Smith, J. D.
Blake, O. A.	Evans, L. C.	Nelson, G. B.	Tarr, A. F.
Bohner, L. F.	Gordon, A. J.	Nightingale, R. H.	Torrey, C. L.
Bothe, J. W.	Hackett, W. J.	Osborn, J. W.	Watts, R. S.
Bradley, W. P.	Hudson, R. T.	Pascoe, W. L.	Wilcox, R. A.
Campbell, M. V.	Hunter, D. W.	Peterson, F. L.	Wilson, N. C.
Carcich, T.	Johnson, D. S.	Powers, C. L.	Wilson, Neal C.

## BUDGET

Torrey, C. L. Chairman  
Blake, O. A. Secretary

Ambs, K. F.	Butler, A. B.	Evans, L. C.	Kozel, J. C.
Beach, W. R.	Campbell, M. V.	Figuhr, R. R.	Leach, B. E.
Becker, E. L.	Carcich, T.	Flory, Vernon	Leiske, L. J.
Bietz, R. R.	Crooker, L. W.	Fordham, W. W.	Mattison, O. O.
Blacker, W. J.	Dittberner, J. L.	Hackett, W. J.	Maxwell, A. S.
Bohner, L. F.	Dunbar, E. W.	Johnson, D. S.	Millard, F. R.
Bothe, J. W.	Dunn, N. W.	Johnson, K. D.	Mills, M. L.
Bradley, W. P.	Emmerson, K. H.	Johnson, W. B.	Moore, Philip

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## STANDING COMMITTEES (continued):

## BUDGET

Murray, W. E.	Nightingale, R. H.	Rees, C. N.	Tilghman, K. W.
Nagele, C. J.	Pascoe, W. L.	Rudy, H. L.	Watts, R. S.
Netteburg, L. H.	Peterson, F. L.	Smith, J. D.	Welch, D. W.
Nichol, F. D.	Phillips, W. E.	Tarr, A. F.	Wilson, N. C.
			Wilson, Neal C.

## DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

Johnson, Werber, Chairman

Amundsen, Wesley	Johnson, H. D.	Smith, Clark	Radcliffe, R. J.
Davidson, R. M.	Kohler, B. J.	Litten, Lowell	
Gibson, J. O.	Scully, J. V.	McAdams, D. A.	

## FINANCE

Torrey, C. L. Chairman  
Kozel, J. C. Secretary

Ambs, K. F.	Crooker, L. W.	Hudson, R. T.	Nelson, Philip
Anderson, C. P.	Davidson, Ralph	Huse, G. A.	Nightingale, R. H.
Anderson, G. T.	Dawson, M. E.	Ihrig, I. H.	Nigri, M. S.
Baerg, Henry	Dessain, W. A.	Johanson, E. J.	Ochs, W. B.
Beach, W. R.	Dittberner, J. L.	Johnson, D. S.	Osborn, John
Becker, E. L.	Dower, N. R.	Johnson, H. D.	Palmer, C. E.
Beem, K. C.	Dudley, C. E.	Johnson, H. T.	Pascoe, W. L.
Berg, O. M.	Dunbar, E. W.	Johnson, Werber	Pease, N. F.
Bieber, D. J.	Dunn, N. W.	Jones, G. Eric	Pecke, J. W.
Bietz, R. R.	Edwards, J. E.	Joyce, R. S.	Peterson, F. L.
Blair, M. J.	Emmerson, K. H.	Kaytor, A. W.	Phillips, W. E.
Blake, O. A.	Evans, L. C.	Larson, A. C.	Pierson, R. H.
Bland, F. L.	Fenn, V. A.	Lauda, C. H.	Radcliffe, R. J.
Bohner, L. F.	Figuhr, R. R.	Leach, B. E.	Reed, H. V.
Bothe, J. W.	Franz, C. O.	Leiske, L. J.	Reinhard, R. M.
Bozarth, C. W.	Fridlin, M.	Marley, E. L.	Remboldt, E. J.
Bradley, W. P.	Gibson, J. O.	Mattison, B. W.	Rice, H. E.
Bremer, O.	Gmehling, O.	Mattison, O. O.	Roenfelt, E. E.
Butherus, D. C.	Gordon, A. J.	Millard, F. R.	Roth, A. H.
Campbell, M. V.	Green, E. L.	Miller, W. F.	Rowe, R. P.
Garcich, T.	Guild, C. B.	Mills, M. L.	Rudy, H. L.
Carter, Lee	Hackett, W. J.	Murray, W. E.	Sandefur, C.
Cheatham, W. L.	Hammill, Richard	Naden, L. C.	Sanders, F. O.
Cone, R. L.	Hansen, J. C.	Nagele, C. J.	Schlotthauer, B. L.
Cossentine, E. E.	Hartman, J. I.	Nash, G. R.	Schmidt, H. H.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES (continued)

## FINANCE (Cont.)

Short, D. K.	Tarr, A. F.	Watts, R. S.	Wilcox, W. L.
Smith, J. D.	Trout, Ben	Wernick, F. W.	Wilson, N. C.
Snider, J. D.	Unnersten, R.	Wilcox, R. A.	Wilson, Neal C.
			Wright, O. D.

## GUIDING

Figuhr, R. R.	Chairman
Bradley, W. P.	Secretary

Ambs, K. F.	Garcich, T.	Kozel, J. C.	Phillips, W. E.
Beach, W. R.	Dunbar, E. W.	Millard, F. R.	Tarr, A. F.
Becker, E. L.	Dunn, N. W.	Murray, W. E.	Torrey, C. L.
Blake, O. A.	Emmerson, K. H.	Pascoe, W. L.	Watts, R. S.
Campbell, M. V.	Johnson, D. S.	Peterson, F. L.	

## MUSIC

Hancock, John	Chairman
Adams, R. E.	Adams, W. M.

## NOMINATING

Figuhr, R. R.	Chairman
Beach, W. R.	Secretary

Banfield, W. S.	Dower, N. R.	Naden, L. C.	Smith, J. D.
Bietz, R. R.	Evans, L. C.	Nightingale, R. H.	Sorensen, C. P.
Bock, L. L.	Hackett, W. J.	Peterson, F. L.	Torrey, C. L.
Campbell, M. V.	Lowry, R. S.	Pierson, R. H.	Watts, R. S.
Garcich, T.	Murray, W. E.	Roelfelt, E. E.	Wilson, Neal C.

## PLANS

Murray, W. E.	Chairman
Dunn, N. W.	Secretary

Adams, W. M.	Anderson, R. A.	Beach, W. R.	Bietz, R. R.
Aitken, J. J.	Baasch, D. H.	Becker, Carl	Blake, O. A.
Ambs, K. F.	Banfield, W. S.	Becker, E. L.	Bock, L. L.
Amundsen, Wesley	Barger, R. C.	Bieber, F. W.	Bonney, C. R.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES (continued)

## PLANS (Cont.)

Bothe, J. W.	Gibson, J. O.	Mathews, G. M.	Scharffenberg, W.A.
Bradford, C. E.	Gillis, I. E.	Mattison, O. O.	Schoen, V. W.
Bradley, W. P.	Gray, Don L.	Maxwell, A. G.	Scully, J. V.
Bretsch, V. L.	Guenther, C. E.	McAdams, D. A.	Shepard, W. H.
Brodeur, A. E.	Hackett, W. J.	Millard, F. R.	Shipowick, L. A.
Campbell, M. V.	Hammill, Richard	Miller, Cyril	Singleton, H. D.
Carcich, T.	Hancock, J. H.	Minchin, E. L.	Smart, L. E.
Chase, J. E.	Harris, W. J.	Moline, O. T.	Smith, Clark
Church, M. J.	Hegstad, R. R.	Moore, R. W.	Smith, J. D.
Cleveland, E. E.	Herin, Mazie	Moseley, C. E.	Soper, F. A.
Coe, W. O.	Hetzell, M. Carol	Murdoch, W. G. C.	Sorensen, C. P.
Crooker, L. W.	Higgins, C. W.	Nelson, J. R.	Soule, J. A.
Cross, C. G.	Higgins, W. A.	Nelson, Lawrence	Spangler, J. R.
Cummings, Desmond	How, A. N.	Nelson, W. A.	Sundin, Carl
Darnell, R. C.	Howe, W. A.	Nichol, F. D.	Tarr, A. F.
Davidson, R. M.	Hunter, D. W.	Nightingale, R. H.	Tarr, E. W.
Dittberner, J. L.	Iversen, J. O.	Noland, Boardman	Teesdale, W. H.
Dunbar, E. W.	Jester, V. J.	Pascoe, W. L.	Thurber, M. R.
Edwards, J. E.	Johnson, D. S.	Patzner, A. J.	Tinkler, D. E.
Emmerson, K. H.	Johnson, Werber	Pease, N. F.	Torrey, C. L.
Esteb, A. A.	Keith, W. J.	Pedersen, E. W.	Vandeman, G. E.
Eva, W. D.	Kelstrom, V. E.	Pedersen, P. F.	Venden, D. E.
Evans, L. C.	Klaser, H. W.	Peterson, F. L.	Walde, E. R.
Fagal, W. A.	Klement, H. C.	Phillips, W. E.	Walton, W. D.
Fenn, V. A.	Kohler, B. J.	Pinkney, A. V.	Watts, R. S.
Figuhr, R. R.	Kozel, J. C.	Powers, C. L.	Welch, H. J.
Finney, R. E.	Kretschmar, G. M.	Reeder, M. H.	Welch, J. T.
Flaiz, T. R.	Lee, W. S.	Remboldt, R. C.	Wells, F. B.
Fleck, K.	Leiske, L. J.	Ratzner, H. C.	White, Arthur L.
Flory, Vernon	Liscombe, G. W.	Reynolds, L. B.	Wild, W. A.
Folkenberg, E. J.	Locke, O. F.	Reynolds, R. L.	Wieland, R. J.
Frame, R. R.	Loewen, M. E.	Roberts, V. L.	Williamson, G. C.
Gardner, T. R.	Lowe, H. W.	Roth, A. H.	Wilson, F. E.
Geraty, T. S.	Lowry, R. S.	Russell, James	Wilson, Neal C.
Gibb, A. E.	Lucas, T. E.	Rustad, G. H.	Woolsey, R. H.

## PLATFORM COMMITTEE

Mattison, O. O. Chairman

Bland, F. L.

Forshee, C. D.

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**GREETINGS:**

W. R. Beach said that a number of organizations have sent in greetings to the Autumn Council. A. A. Esteb, Associate Secretary in the General Conference Home Missionary Department, over in Pakistan, with G. W. Maywald, Home Missionary Secretary of the Southern Asia Division, sent special greetings to this Council. A telegram from our Trans-Africa Division family and 3,900 workers, contained Christian greetings to our brethren meeting in Autumn Council. This was signed by E. D. Hanson of the Division staff.

From the Middle East Division, a cable signed by R. W. Wilmot conveyed greetings from the workers and members, and prayed God's blessing on the Council. L. L. Moffitt has written, "If you find an opportunity, please convey to the Officers, to whom I served as secretary for my last four years at the General Conference, my warmest greetings and Christian love." F. G. Clifford, for many years in the service of the old Trans-Africa Division, has written passing on greetings and sending assurance of his prayers and thoughts as we meet in Council. He writes that the burden of his prayer will be that God will give wisdom and inspiration to the brethren to make advance moves, especially in evangelism. Though physically his powers are limited, he is wholeheartedly with us.

**VOTED,** That we acknowledge these greetings and others, and reciprocate with an appropriate message.

On suggestion from the floor, it was--

**VOTED,** That we send greetings to C. A. Scriven and R. P. Rowe, whose names were especially mentioned in the opening prayer, and give them assurance of our collective and personal interest and prayers.

**REPORTS:**

R. R. Figuhr said that during the time of the council it is expected that we shall have reports from the following organizations and institutions: Harris Pine Mills, Loma Linda University, Andrews University, Review and Herald Publishing Association, Pacific Press Publishing Association, Southern Publishing Association, Oakwood College, Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today, and the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc.

**REPORT BY THE SECRETARY:**

The Secretary, W. R. Beach, presented a report entitled "A Mission to the World." He said that the summons to a world mission today is beset with awesome but challenging responsibility. This is a time marked with foment and change. To say that the age is revolutionary has become a truism. The repercussions run like a chain reaction through the political, economic, social, and religious structures. Such a time requires Issachar men with "understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do." 1 Chron. 12: 32.

Elder Beach then referred to certain new facts in the situation of the world and the Christian mission today, as follows:



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First, the birth of what we must call a single world civilization. Every part of the world, even to the most remote villages, is being drawn irresistibly into the current of a single global civilization dominated by the science and technology of the West. Second, really a part of the first, and stemming from it, is the change in the world cultural tide. The movement of expansion in the main has been halted, or reversed, or more generally stabilized. This fact creates a new situation. World mission no longer can nor should be associated with a foreign expanding, cultural or political power. Third, the rebirth of the non-Christian religions.

Fourth, the fast-changing world situation has fostered a rash of new sovereign states without an equating dissolution of existing ones. Of the 124 independent national units only thirteen are without a Seventh-day Adventist presence. The total lands with a Seventh-day Adventist presence represent approximately 99 per cent of earth's 3.15 billion people. Fifth, mankind's woefully misplaced loyalties confront the missionary venture with perhaps the greatest challenge. Sixth, and finally, there is what Archbishop Temple called "a great new fact of our era," the existence of an ecumenical family of churches. Ecumenicity today moves relentlessly toward an all-embracing religious union.

The Advent message and the church of the remnant were tailored for this day. At a time of uncertainty, Seventh-day Adventists can be sure. When "the faith once delivered unto the saints" has been travestied and mutilated; when for more than one hundred years many scientists, theologians, and educators have moved consistently toward religious nihilism; when a respectable writer and citizen of the world can proclaim, "God is dead. But let this bring no note of sadness--He is also no longer necessary. Man has discovered wonder drugs and social security." At such a time Seventh-day Adventists can charge into the fog of doubt with a positive, saving message.

Elder Beach spoke of this people having been called to set out upon a world task. We are conscientious collaborators. This acceptance of a world task eliminates any distinction between "home" and "foreign" missions. The matter of geographic difference is irrelevant. To finish the task, workers will be sent everywhere. The ultimate ideal, then, will be for every land to send workers across the street and across the seas. Every Seventh-day Adventist must carry the flaming torch of evangelism. In 1963, 114,156 souls were brought into church membership through baptism and profession of faith. Eight world divisions (seven in addition to North America) have become home bases from which faithful, well-qualified workers march into lands beyond. The total of new and returning workers sent in 1963 reached 519, which is a dramatic increase over the 1962 total of 449. In addition, 26 nationals returned from additional training in the U.S.A. to their home divisions for service. Thus the stream of workers sent overseas not only is maintained, but in 1963 reached an all-time high for recent years.

A look at the church's overseas worker group from another angle is informative. Today more than 2300 workers serve the world field on overseas status. Of this total, 1305 were called from the North American Division. A further look at the North American group reveals the type of worker sent to the world field:

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Administrative	281
Medical	220
Educational	162
Ministerial	72
Wives, with no special assignment	<u>570</u>

Total 1305

Of interest is the fact that the list of administrative workers, particularly in ratio to others, is of growing importance. Administrative workers represent 38.3 per cent of the total overseas contingent.

A very heartening fact is the present ready absorption of all permanently returned missionaries, particularly in the North American Division. This fact indicates, among other things, that the quality of workers sent overseas is such that when they return to their homeland they can be readily placed.

The Advent Movement possesses among others three essentials to victory: 1. A good cause--God's cause; 2. Good material support for that cause; and 3. A membership worthy of that cause and that support. These factors constitute a winning combination. Then let us not falter. Let us meet the challenge of this new day with understanding, joy, courage, and unshakable faith. Let us continue to be up and doing until all nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples have heard the glorious, saving messages of God.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE--ITEMS REFERRED:

VOTED, To refer to the Nominating Committee certain items that have been listed for consideration.

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Announcements were made by K. H. Emmerson re food accommodations at the Review and Herald Cafeteria, and transportation arrangements for delegates who are rooming in Silver Spring, Maryland.

A series of recommendations from the Working Policy Committee was distributed to the delegates.

The closing prayer was offered by W. P. Bradley, Associate Secretary.

Adjourned at 12:30 P.M. to 4 P.M.

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

## One Hundred and Thirty-Third Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 20, 1964, 4:00 P.M.

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The second business session of the Autumn Council was called to order promptly at 4:00 o'clock by Chairman W. E. Murray.

J. W. Bothe, President of the Canadian Union Conference, offered the opening prayer.

## ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO STANDING COMMITTEES:

VOTED, To accept the report of the Committee on Additional Personnel to Standing Committees, as follows:

To Auditing Committee: L. F. Bohner  
To Finance Committee: L. F. Bohner, W. A. Dessain, J. O. Gibson  
To Plans Committee: W. S. Lee, J. T. Welch

## HARRIS PINE MILLS--REPORT FROM C. J. NAGELE:

C. J. Nagele, General Manager of the Harris Pine Mills, reported that the General Conference is entering its fourteenth year of operating the Harris Pine Mills industry. Under the blessing of God, \$115,000,000 worth of business has been done. Every year has been a profitable year with tremendous growth; and this year will break all existing records in sales in the history of the company.

The furniture division is operating in twelve plants in ten states, using 500 to 600 students. These students have a part in this great production program; Harris Pine Mills is glad to have this part in the great denominational educational program. These students turn out 6,000 pieces of furniture a day. Mr. Nagele mentioned the immense quantity of lumber cut, the box division, the redwood products division, and the upholstery plants that make the cushions for the patio furniture. The Lord has blessed in helping sell these various products.

Dry kiln experts say one must not stop the process in the middle of drying, but through these thirteen years, and before, all the switches have been pulled before the Sabbath, and not one foot of lumber has been run during Sabbath. The furnaces are in excellent condition, although they have been closed down on Sabbath. Truly the Lord has had a hand over these things.

In the brochure handed out to visitors at the Harris Pine Mills plant, they have mentioned the world-wide institutions of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, and that to this worthy cause all of the surrendered gains of the company are donated, after payment of the same local, state, and federal taxes applicable to any other company of its kind. The plants receive good Ingathering donations from their contacts. Mr. Nagele expressed deep appreciation to the General Conference for all their assistance during the years.

## SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION--REPORT FROM I. H. IHRIG:

I. H. Ihrig, General Manager of the Southern Publishing Association, reported

that the publishing house in the south is solvent. They enjoy the highest rating given by Dun and Bradstreet. Their sales have increased substantially in all departments. The Message Magazine subscription list stands at 37,849. That is 8,947 subscriptions larger than it was last year. Through the first nine months of this year the literature evangelists have sold \$424,589 worth of single copies of this Message Magazine. This is spreading the third angel's message in a very substantial way--over 132,000 more copies than they sold during the same period last year. These Times subscription list stands at 152,264, a gain of 7,986 over last year. The literature evangelists' sales of subscription books for the past nine months amount to \$2,246,855, a gain of 28%, and sales total of more than the entire year of 1963. He mentioned expensive equipment which they have had to purchase to care for the increased sales. Now their greatest need is expansion--greater than can be made on their present site, so they have acquired 25 acres of land and their board has looked with favor on beginning to plan earnestly to house the SPA in new quarters. He expressed deep gratitude for the abundant blessings of God, and the cooperation of leaders and laity.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT -- C. L. TORREY:

C. L. Torrey, Treasurer of the General Conference, mentioned some of the troublous conditions in the world today, but in spite of the turmoil and trends today, never in the history of our work has the truth advanced more rapidly than now. The Spirit of God is being poured out upon many people in many lands and tens of thousands are taking their stand for the truth and other tens of thousands are studying. We rejoice in what we have seen and heard which brings assurance that God has His work in His own charge and will finish it in accordance with His plan.

Tithes and Mission Offerings: The tithe received in 1963 for the world field amounted to \$68,972,736.77, an increase of 28.84% over the figures presented at our last biennial council in 1960 for the year 1959. This is truly a wonderful record--the very best in the history of our work. The mission offerings in 1963 totaled \$18,444,879.04. In 1960 we reported \$15,630,955.87 for the year 1959. The gain for the period amounted to \$2,813,923.17, or 18%. Had the percentage increase in mission offerings kept pace with the increase in tithe, the mission offerings would have amounted to over \$20,000,000.00. Elder Torrey commended our leaders for their faithfulness in strongly promoting the mission offerings, and included the Sabbath School, the Home Missionary, and other departments for what they have done to help provide funds for the finishing of our work. Also we do not forget the loyalty and devotion of our people who have been so generous with the cause and made possible the rapid advancement of our work in so many parts of the world. C. L. Torrey felt this is the very finest report of tithes and offerings he has ever given.

Financial Statements: C. L. Torrey called upon O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer, to present the Financial Statement as of June 30, 1964. (See attached) O. A. Blake gave the following information: The assets totaled \$28,283,314.71. The total liabilities were \$10,779,396.11; the total Net Worth, \$17,503,918.60. The actual Operating Capital was \$10,391,780.50. This exceeded the required Operating Capital by \$1,852,562.72. The total operating expenses for the first six months of 1964 were \$19,726,277.22, an increase of \$1,017,913.48 over the previous year.

Additional pages were distributed which gave the following information concerning the Sustentation Fund: The total assets as of June 30, 1964 amounted to \$10,936,177.12; the total liabilities were \$1,917.40; the net worth balance amounted to \$10,934,259.72.

Our world work is now so far-flung that the General Conference must maintain an adequate working capital reserve to protect our work and workers at all times against unforeseen contingencies which might arise. As of June 30, 1964, the authorized operating capital amounted to \$8,539,217.78 and is in accord with the policy provision. This is not excessive, in view of the extent of our work. The General Conference constitution provides for such a protective reserve.

The General Conference financial statement shows total assets of \$28,283,314.71. However, if the General Conference were to liquidate the accounts payable, deferred items, together with the trust funds and the net worth reserve, it would have at its disposal only its operating capital amounting to \$10,391,780.50. The authorized operating capital is \$8,539,217.78, or a difference of \$1,852,562.72. This difference will be taken into consideration when appropriating funds to the world field for 1965. The General Conference is passing on to the world field all available funds for the budget. We only wish the appropriations might be much larger and we look for the time to come when our people will fully realize the times in which they live and the nearness of the end, and will make greater sacrifices and provide more money for the finishing of our work. We feel that the finances of the General Conference are sound.

C. L. Torrey presented a report of the Treasurer of the General Conference for the year ending May 1, 1866, showing \$1,739.43 on hand May 12, 1865; receipts during the year \$1,751.22; total: \$3,490.65; disbursements \$1,460.27; showing a balance in the Treasury May 1, 1866 of \$2,030.38. How times have changed!

Appropriations: As a result of the loyalty and devotion of our people to the great cause of truth, and the determination to finish the work by increasing their contributions to the church, the General Conference has been able to increase the budgets of the world field, thus making it possible to maintain our present work strongly and advance into new fields.

With more funds available, additional ministers, teachers, doctors, nurses, et cetera, have been employed and new buildings constructed to advance the cause. Large number have been baptized year by year, thereby increasing tithes and mission offerings.

The appropriations to the world field for 1960 amounted to \$27,881,182.64. In 1964 the appropriations had increased to \$33,333,186.31, or a net increase of \$5,452,003.67. This is an average annual increase of \$1,363,000.92.

Budget Requests: The budget requests for the world field for 1965 total \$33,938,758.40, an increase of \$1,400,000 in one year. The total estimated income for 1965 is \$30,051,361.24. Estimated income exceeds base appropriations by \$1,239,028.78. The net amount available for Specials in 1965 is \$1,852,562.72.

Conclusion: C. L. Torrey introduced the other Treasurers of the General Conference and mentioned their specific duties: K. F. Ambs, K. H. Emmerson, J. C. Kozel, W. L. Pascoe, W. E. Phillips.

C. L. Torrey expressed deep gratitude to our loving, heavenly Father for a loyal and generous-hearted people. Their sacrifices and liberality have made possible the continued support and onward progress of our work in many lands. We enter the future with confidence that the Master will give us the spirit of the pioneers that we may continue to follow them in the true spirit of sacrifice and service.

(The Treasury Reports for the first six months of 1964 are given on the following pages.)

Announcements.

Adjournment at 5:30, until 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, October 21.

Closing prayer by Jere D. Smith, President of Lake Union Conference.

W. E. Murray, Chairman

N. W. Dunn, Secretary

Marjorie Marsh, Recording Secretary

GENERAL CONFERENCE  
OF  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Treasury Reports  
For the  
Autumn Council of 1964

October 20 - 26, 1964  
Washington, D. C.  
C. L. Torrey, Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

## GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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Balance Sheet

June 30, 1964

ASSETSCASH, BANKS, AND INVESTED FUNDS:

Cash	9 920 00	
Banks	3 698 550 94	
Invested Funds (Schedule 2)	<u>22 868 448 07</u>	
Total		26 576 919 01

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Personal	327 574 90	
Publishing Houses	63 951 45	
Transportation Offices	146 448 46	
Miscellaneous	<u>496 532 45</u>	
Total		1 034 507 26

NOTES RECEIVABLE		104 083 63
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INVENTORIES, PREPAID ITEMS AND DEPOSITS	<u>567 804 81</u>	
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TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>28 283 314 71</u></u>
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## GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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EXHIBIT ABalance Sheet  
June 30, 1964LIABILITIESCURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	8 724 096 81
Trust Funds	2 027 945 84
Deferred Items	<u>27 353 46</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES

10 779 396 11

NET WORTHREGULAR:

Balance, January 1, 1964	8 574 497 79
Increase for six months	<u>1 817 282 71</u>

Balance, June 30, 1964 (Schedule 1)	10 391 780 50
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NET WORTH RESERVES:

Balance, June 30, 1964	<u>7 112 138 10</u>
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TOTAL NET WORTH

17 503 918 60

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

28 283 314 71

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Statement of Financial Position

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June 30, 1964

Schedule 1

Total Cash, Banks, and Investments 26 576 919 01

Provision for the following items:

1. Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	8 724 096 81	
Trust Funds	2 027 945 84	
Deferred Items	<u>27 353 46</u>	10 779 396 11

2. Net Worth Reserves		<u>7 112 138 10</u>
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Total Commitments	<u>17 891 534 21</u>
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Remaining balance of Cash, Banks, and Investments	8 685 384 80
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Other Current Assets:

Accounts Receivable	1 034 507 26	
Notes Receivable	104 083 63	
Inventories, Prepaid Items and Deposits	<u>567 804 81</u>	<u>1 706 395 70</u>

Total Operating Capital	<u><u>10 391 780 50</u></u>
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REQUIRED AND ACTUAL OPERATING CAPITAL COMPARED

ACTUAL OPERATING CAPITAL:

Total Current Assets	28 283 314 71	
Less: Current Liabilities	10 779 396 11	
Net Worth Reserves	<u>7 112 138 10</u>	<u>17 891 534 21</u>
Actual Operating Capital	10 391 780 50	

REQUIRED OPERATING CAPITAL AND FIXED RESERVES:

Operating Capital required is 6% of 1963	
Appropriations - \$32 843 145 31	1 970 588 72
Fixed Reserves Requirement is 20% of 1963	
Appropriations - \$32 843 145 31	<u>6 568 629 06</u>

Total Required Capital & Reserves	<u>8 539 217 78</u>
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Actual Operating Capital EXCEEDS Required Capital by	<u><u>1 852 562 72</u></u>
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EXHIBIT B

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth  
For Six Months Ending June 30, 1963 and 1964

	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	
<u>TITHE:</u>			
<u>North America:</u>			
Union 1%	240 603 23	264 748 46	24 145 23
Local Conference Percentage	4 742 281 93	5 147 679 95	405 398 02
Special Percent for Exchange	3 168 765 33	3 199 924 10	31 158 77
Miscellaneous Tithe	30 775 54	29 861 74	( 913 80)
	<u>8 182 426 03</u>	<u>8 642 214 25</u>	<u>459 788 22</u>
<u>Overseas Divisions:</u>			
Regular 1%	<u>96 563 12</u>	<u>103 335 91</u>	<u>6 772 79</u>
Total Tithe	8 278 989 15	8 745 550 16	466 561 01
<u>MISSION OFFERINGS:</u>			
<u>North America:</u>			
Dollar-A-Week Funds	9 005 180 01	9 381 781 88	376 601 87
Miscellaneous	6 919 26	23 529 57	16 610 31
Total	<u>9 012 099 27</u>	<u>9 405 311 45</u>	<u>393 212 18</u>
<u>Overseas Divisions:</u>			
Revertible Funds	1 172 327 72	1 479 191 66	306 863 94
Non-revertible Funds	1 465 160 37	1 591 403 88	126 243 51
Total	<u>2 637 488 09</u>	<u>3 070 595 54</u>	<u>433 107 45</u>
Total Mission Offerings	11 649 587 36	12 475 906 99	826 319 63
<u>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME:</u>			
Commissions	1 465 20	5 722 10	4 256 90
Dividends, Interest and Gain on Investments	1 097 622 09*	1 023 191 16	(74 430 93)
Miscellaneous Interest	8 055 80	6 263 30	( 1 792 50)
Legacies and Matured Annuities	200 328 63	7 936 46	(192 392 17)
Royalties	1 039 11	12 37	( 1 026 74)
Specific Mission Donations	29 482 50	80 840 52	51 358 02
Total Miscellaneous Income	<u>1 337 993 33</u>	<u>1 123 965 91</u>	<u>(214 027 42)</u>
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	21 266 569 84	22 345 423 06	1 078 853 22
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	18 708 363 74	19 726 277 22	1 017 913 48
Net Operating Gain	2 558 206 10	2 619 145 84	60 939 74
<u>NON-OPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE):</u>			
Net Worth Adjustments	<u>3 017 80</u>	<u>(6 746 45)</u>	<u>( 9 764 25)</u>
	2 561 223 90	2 612 399 39	51 175 49
<u>TRANSFER OUT:</u>			
Excess of 2% of interest and dividends on investments plus gain on sale of securities	894 725 26*	795 116 68	(99 608 58)
Net Increase to Regular Net Worth	<u>1 666 498 64</u>	<u>1 817 282 71</u>	<u>150 784 07</u>
*Adjusted for comparison purposes.			

EXHIBIT B

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth  
For Six Months Ending June 30, 1963 and 1964

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	<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE:</u>			
Departmental expenses	765 792 38	783 664 34	17 871 96
Transportation expenses	34 714 81	33 164 99	( 1 549 82)
General operation expenses	113 395 72	112 508 90	( 886 82)
Totals	<u>913 902 91</u>	<u>929 338 23</u>	<u>15 435 32</u>
<u>APPROPRIATIONS:</u>			
<u>North America:</u>			
Regular Base	1 781 487 96	1 928 212 79	146 724 83
Ingathering Overflow	2 866 424 06	2 935 872 37	69 448 31
Comeback - 18.4%	764 660 59	812 627 79	47 967 20
Missions Extension Overflow	-	-	-
No. American Missions Reversion	72 048 92	72 227 57	178 65
Sub-totals	<u>5 484 621 53</u>	<u>5 748 940 52</u>	<u>264 318 99</u>
<u>Overseas Divisions:</u>			
Regular base	6 936 718 38	7 172 302 02	235 583 64
Revertible funds	1 172 327 72	1 479 191 66	306 863 94
Spring in Tithe and Offerings	109 430 85	194 197 81	84 766 96
Sub-totals	<u>8 218 476 95</u>	<u>8 845 691 49</u>	<u>627 214 54</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>13 703 098 48</u>	<u>14 594 632 01</u>	<u>891 533 53</u>
<u>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES:</u>			
Miscellaneous & Fixed Appropriations	893 717 66	932 640 20	38 922 54
Non-Tithe Funds exchanged	3 168 765 33	3 199 924 10	31 158 77
Specific Donations Paid	28 879 36	69 742 68	40 863 32
Total Miscellaneous Expense	<u>4 091 362 35</u>	<u>4 202 306 98</u>	<u>110 944 63</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>18 708 363 74</u>	<u>19 726 277 22</u>	<u>1 017 913 48</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
 Forty-, Fifty-, Sixty-, Seventy-, Eighty-cents and Dollar-A-Week Funds  
 Raised from 1934 - 1963, less Reverted Funds  
 North American Division only

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Year	Alaska, etc. Reversions Memo only	Funds Raised For Missions	Basis of Mem- bership	Cents per Week per Member	Comeback Funds, 18.4%	Overflow of Ingathering & Miss. Ext.
1934	13 809 90	1 898 971 67	135 672	.269	302 639 79	-
1935	14 723 54	2 020 227 87	143 777	.270	321 967 33	-
1936	18 252 82	2 195 087 77	151 216	.278	348 293 59	36 251 79
1937	19 504 39	2 366 557 84	155 964	.292	423 498 19	44 627 51
	<u>66 290 65</u>	<u>8 480 845 15</u>			<u>1 396 398 90</u>	<u>80 879 30</u>
1938	21 370 07	2 346 628 96	160 810	.275	427 847 63	54 048 15
1939	22 121 94	2 420 026 98	164 310	.283	441 214 52	66 203 92
1940	18 588 46	2 693 203 10	169 815	.305	492 129 09	84 557 44
1941	24 056 71	3 108 243 01	175 894	.340	499 030 77	223 237 51
	<u>86 137 18</u>	<u>10 568 102 05</u>			<u>1 860 222 01</u>	<u>428 047 02</u>
1942	42 052 88	3 695 547 98	183 033	.388	580 500 17	299 161 72
1943	54 807 97	4 814 205 77	189 566	.488	743 944 16	429 733 81
1944	66 230 15	5 622 591 16	198 955	.570	844 996 39	578 393 77
1945	68 431 64	6 022 259 88	203 217	.570	877 781 69	709 965 36
	<u>231 522 64</u>	<u>20 154 605 09</u>			<u>3 047 222 41</u>	<u>2 017 254 66</u>
1946	54 510 57	6 634 309 11	209 193	.610	945 625 23	864 318 59
1947	62 163 10	6 550 882 31	215 451	.585	913 425 95	914 668 64
1948	53 570 73	6 990 903 04	223 062	.603	952 981 24	1 054 851 87
1949	47 577 78	7 282 781 14	230 595	.596	966 352 54	1 189 972 44
	<u>217 822 18</u>	<u>27 458 875 60</u>			<u>3 778 384 96</u>	<u>4 023 811 54</u>
1950	47 379 26	7 534 372 64	237 917	.609	986 336 86	1 273 880 19
1951	50 901 25	8 051 853 61	245 334	.631	1 033 818 04	1 429 425 64
1952	52 538 50	8 577 168 42	253 933	.650	1 096 937 97	1 536 600 27
1953	58 725 55	9 050 787 46	263 164	.661	1 110 419 76	1 771 930 89
	<u>209 544 56</u>	<u>33 214 182 13</u>			<u>4 227 512 63</u>	<u>6 011 836 99</u>
1954	60 703 23	9 330 969 08	270 808	.663	1 133 289 08	1 865 847 35
1955	58 770 95	9 897 694 67	279 085	.669	1 192 899 75	2 013 377 21
1956	58 543 88	10 410 233 25	288 588	.694	1 237 029 27	2 174 396 30
1957	52 950 61	10 806 730 38	295 890	.702	1 264 714 89	2 324 955 74
	<u>231 968 67</u>	<u>40 445 627 38</u>			<u>4 827 932 99</u>	<u>8 378 576 60</u>
1958	54 136 76	11 009 241 24	308 695	.686	1 283 289 29	2 388 354 48
1959	51 765 49	11 721 549 33	318 939	.706	1 370 366 97	2 519 504 36
1960	63 772 51	12 461 889 93	332 364	.721	1 470 759 60	2 631 113 40
1961	70 205 15	12 803 397 71	343 664	.716	1 512 240 85	2 702 563 53
	<u>239 879 91</u>	<u>47 996 078 21</u>			<u>5 636 656 71</u>	<u>10 241 535 77</u>
1962	69 908 68	13 103 830 62	351 048	.718	1 553 027 92	2 753 577 74
1963	73 789 23	13 708 502 58	361 878	.728	1 625 570 57	2 875 543 03

See next page for comparison of Quadrennial Periods.

## COMPARISON OF MISSION FUNDS RAISED PER QUADRENNIAL PERIOD

North American Division only

<u>Quadrennial Period</u>	<u>Total Mission Funds</u>	<u>Less Comeback &amp; Overflows</u>	<u>Net Available For Missions</u>	<u>Percent for Mis-sions ne.</u>
1934 - 1937	8 480 845 15	1 477 278 20	7 003 466 95	82.58
1938 - 1941	10 568 102 05	2 288 269 03	8 279 833 02	78.35
1942 - 1945	20 154 605 09	5 064 477 07	15 090 128 02	74.87
1946 - 1949	27 458 875 60	7 802 196 50	19 656 679 10	71.59
1950 - 1953	33 214 182 13	10 239 349 62	22 974 832 51	69.17
1954 - 1957	40 445 627 38	13 206 509 59	27 239 117 79	67.35
1958 - 1961	47 996 078 21	15 878 192 48	32 117 885 73	66.92
1962 & 1963	<u>26 812 333 20</u>	<u>8 807 719 26</u>	<u>18 004 613 94</u>	<u>67.15</u>
Totals for 30 years	215 130 648 81	64 763 991 75	150 366 557 06	69.90
Average per year	7 771 021 60	2 158 803 06	5 012 218 57	69.90
Average percent	100 00	30 10	69 90	

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Ingathering Benefit to Missions

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North American Division only

<u>Union</u>	<u>1933 Net</u>	<u>1961 Net</u>	<u>1962 Net</u>	<u>1963 Net</u>
Atlantic	64 660 40	206 519 92	212 110 47	220 656 88
Canadian	28 250 26	121 175 39	118 312 17	112 710 32
Central	41 304 45	167 131 26	172 866 96	177 435 84
Columbia	78 379 26	390 600 14	402 832 52	416 585 22
Lake	37 015 22	311 517 80	314 888 10	331 239 27
Northern	-	90 674 92	90 753 22	96 179 06
North Pacific	32 107 02	166 342 12	170 511 98	177 683 53
Pacific	96 991 28	386 106 98	390 902 70	417 802 94
Southern	32 546 61	372 995 30	377 641 83	381 940 34
Southwestern	18 089 43	201 649 39	202 673 28	208 142 59
Net Ingathering available to Missions	429 343 93	2 414 713 22	2 453 493 23	2 540 375 99
Increase over previous year	-	39 641 61	38 780 01	86 882 76
Total Ingathering raised	511 123 73	5 313 868 63	5 410 460 72	5 608 171 01
Less: Net Ingathering available to Missions	429 343 93	2 414 713 22	2 453 493 23	2 540 375 99
Reverted to Unions with Comeback included	81 779 80	2 899 155 41	2 956 967 49	3 067 795 02
Percent of Ingathering reverted to Unions	16.00	54.56	54.65	54.70
Percent for Missions	84.00	45.44	45.35	45.30

INGATHERING BY DIVISIONS  
Years 1929, 1932, and 1963

<u>Division</u>	<u>1929</u>	<u>1932</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>Total Receipts 1908 - 1963</u>
Australasia	78 100 15	63 793 55	389 006 60	6 490 897 81
Central Europe	87 031 61	85 556 95	41 365 09	1 451 511 70
China - 1931-1954*	-	17 889 45	-	1 388 910 43
Far Eastern	57 024 93	17 154 08	209 880 49	3 363 354 29
Inter-American	29 851 69	19 540 39	305 097 57	4 453 760 62
Middle East	-	-	2 794 73	80 321 60
North American	851 416 55	528 710 69	5 608 171 01	95 029 135 24
Northern Europe	92 489 65	73 164 31	416 151 80	8 698 295 04
South American	34 168 76	27 775 75	187 866 58	4 201 015 15
Southern Asia	5 246 05	8 825 71	105 141 46	1 449 478 75
Southern Europe	42 323 29	46 512 06	185 313 53	2 750 117 86
Trans-African	27 186 15	24 086 53	283 989 83	5 260 669 85
Europe to 1928	-	-	-	1 014 473 35
Totals	1 304 838 83	913 009 47	7 734 778 69	135 631 941 69

\*South China Island Union receipts 1931-1954 included in China.  
Beginning with 1955 they were included in the Far Eastern Division.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Amount of Mission Offerings for \$1 Tithe  
Years 1899 to 1963

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North America only

1899	.154	1932	.672
1900	.302	1933	.623
1901	.334	1934	.588
1902	.283	1935	.561
1903	.241	1936	.532
1904	.245	1937	.514
1905	.225	1938	.502
1906	.213	1939	.494
1907	.279	1940	.499
1908	.316	1941	.468
1909	.358	1942	.412
1910	.384	1943	.405
1911	.358	1944	.401
1912	.409	1945	.398
1913	.416	1946	.407
1914	.485	1947	.381
1915	.528	1948	.362
1916	.477	1949	.369
1917	.468	1950	.357
1918	.620	1951	.333
1919	.480	1952	.326
1920	.590	1953	.322
1921	.663	1954	.325
1922	.670	1955	.310
1923	.635	1956	.311
1924	.625	1957	.2975
1925	.622	1958	.288
1926	.673	1959	.286
1927	.650	1960	.277
1928	.662	1961	.276
1929	.646	1962	.267
1930	.676	1963	.264
1931	(High Year)	.679	

1963 Total Tithe

\$51 835 738 27

1963 Mission Offerings

\$13 708 502 58

If Mission Offerings had been given by our members in North America in the year 1963 as they were given in the year 1931, as compared with the tithe given, we would have had \$35 196 466 29, or \$21 487 963 71 more than what was actually received.



GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
June 30, 1964

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Schedule 2 - Investments:

Government Bonds and Savings and Loan Accounts	3 114 280 84
Corporate Bonds and Notes	6 762 162 02
Common and Preferred Stocks	9 525 853 55
Mortgages	182 997 59
Other Investments	<u>3 875 000 00</u>

Total	23 460 294 00
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Less: Reserve for depreciation	<u>591 845 93</u>
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Net Investments	<u><u>22 868 448 07</u></u>
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Evening Meeting: On October 20, 1964, at 7:30 P.M., the evening meeting of the Council was held in the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church. For special music, the Hilltoppers quartet, of Columbia Union College sang "Gleams of the Golden Morning," and, assisted by Mrs. Janetta Williams Manuel, "A Song of Heaven and Homeland." Dr. Douglas Potts, of Silver Spring, Maryland, played as a violin solo "Deep River."

L. C. Naden, President of the Australasian Division, reported in behalf of the Division, and E. E. Roenfelt, President of the Northern European Division, for that field.

### One Hundred and Thirty-Fourth Meeting

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1964, 9:00 A.M.

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Devotional Service: The opening song for the devotional meeting, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," was announced by A. V. Pinkney, President of Oakwood College. L. J. Leiske, President of the Southern Union Conference, led in prayer. Mrs. Esther Atchley, whose husband is a Bible teacher at Columbia Union College, sang "O To Be Kept for Jesus."

M. V. Campbell, Vice-President of the General Conference, the devotional speaker at the 9:00 A.M. service, read John 17: 3, J. B. Phillips' translation, to introduce his remarks: "This is eternal life, to know you, the only true God, and Him whom you have sent--Jesus Christ." Here we have two great Christian opportunities brought to our attention. First, and most important, is the opportunity to know God, the Creator of this universe, the ruler of heaven and earth; and Jesus Christ, His Son. Resulting from this knowledge and acquaintance with God, it is pointed out, we will have eternal life. We should not pass by quickly the reward that is brought to our attention here, eternal life. Eternal life is life without end, life without cessation--years and years--billions of years. It isn't to be eternal life in a land like this with all of its defects and limitations, but a land where there is no death, no sorrow, no sickness, no sighing--a land of happiness and joy, a land where we will become better acquainted with God every day.

It is most important that we know God. We should know Him better than we know any human friend. There are times in the experience of all of us when God seems to be far away. Job recognized the difficulty of contacting God. You will remember the long trial he had. In the 23rd chapter of Job he says, "Oh that I knew where I might find Him!" In the next verse he says, "But He knoweth the way that I take." Even though he could not find God by turning to the right or to the left, by going forward or backward, he realized God knew the way that he was taking. God knows all about us, and He wants us to become acquainted with Him. Enoch, who lived before the flood, walked with God. Abraham, after the flood, was called the "friend of God." David was "a man after God's own heart." When the angel came to Daniel, he said, "O man greatly beloved." John was the disciple whom Jesus loved. In the Gospel which John wrote are these words, "Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus." He loved each one individually. He loves you and me just as He loved Mary and Martha and Lazarus.

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Just as the Lord talks to us through His word, so we can talk to God--a two-way conversation. We can talk to Him through prayer. We can come into His presence immediately--at a moment's notice. When we have unreserved intercourse with God, where we tell Him everything that is on our hearts, then we gain acquaintance with God through prayer. We become acquainted with the Lord as we labor for Him. As people bear the yoke of Jesus they learn of Him. Attending meetings brings us also near to God. He is where His people meet together. He is here with us. We are becoming acquainted with Him because He is here, and we can talk to Him. Acquaintance with God fills the longing of the human heart. The greatest need of our lives is to deepen our acquaintance with Jesus Christ. In closing, Elder Campbell read from Hosea, the 6th chapter, 3rd verse, Revised Version: "Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord. His going forth is sure as the dawn. He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth." We should use our energy, our time, and our talents to know the Lord better--to increase our acquaintance with Him and to become true friends of God.

"Face to Face with Christ, my Saviour," the closing hymn, was announced by H. E. Rice, Associate Secretary of the Medical Department. W. B. Ochs, a retired worker, offered the closing prayer.

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R. S. Watts, Vice-President of the General Conference, called to order the third business session of the Autumn Council at 10 A.M.

"There is Sunshine in My Soul Today," was sung. Otto Gmehling, President of the Central European Division, offered prayer in the German language.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES--ADDITIONS:

On recommendation of the Committee on Additional Personnel to Standing Committees, it was--

VOTED, That Vernon Flory, Home Missionary Secretary of the Lake Union Conference, A. N. How, President of the Newfoundland Mission, and V. J. Jester, Secretary-Treasurer of the Oregon Conference, be added to the Plans Committee.

#### INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY AND

##### GENERAL CONFERENCE INSURANCE SERVICE--LEGAL MEETINGS:

C. L. Torrey served as Chairman of the legal meeting of the International Insurance Company Takoma Park, Maryland, and the General Conference Insurance Service, called at 10:00 A.M.

The official call for the annual meeting of The International Insurance Company Takoma Park, Maryland, and the General Conference Insurance Service, appeared in the August 20, 1964, and August 27, 1964, issues of the Review and Herald. It was--

VOTED, To waive the reading of these notices at this time.

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A definition of the membership was given by J. W. Peeke. He then presented the Manager's Annual Report. He introduced to the delegates W. A. Benjamin, who has perhaps had more to do with the success of the Insurance Department than any other single individual. Mr. Benjamin's original idea of establishing the General Conference Insurance Service and the International Insurance Company has saved the General Conference insurance premiums to the extent of over \$4,000,000, plus a net worth of over \$4,000,000, making the idea worth over \$8,000,000 overall.

In connection with the reading of his report, J. W. Peeke displayed two large charts. One was headed "Comparative Report, General Conference Insurance Agencies and Company." The highest graph of red lights on the chart represented the net worth of our General Conference Insurance Services and denominational company. At the end of 1962 the net worth was \$3,895,549.80, while for 1963 this had increased to \$4,164,441.67, representing an increase of \$268,891.87.

The second largest graph of blue lights indicated the premiums written. 1959 was the first year in our history that we exceeded premiums of \$1,000,000 in any one year. Now we can report that we have exceeded \$1,000,000 premium income per year for the last five years with the figure for 1963 being \$1,625,897.15, which is an increase of \$111,415.87 over 1962, the previous year.

The last line of yellow lights on the chart indicated the net retained income. In 1963 this amount came to \$268,891.87 compared with \$350,550.96 in 1962. This was one of our best years in spite of the high payments of \$642,081.79 in losses.

The second chart showed the total insurance in force in millions of dollars. At the beginning of our operations in 1936, the amount of insurance in force in our denominational company was only \$690,245. For the year ending 1963, the amount of insurance in force in our own denominational company amounted to \$422,171.736, representing an increase of \$45,218,135 over the previous year.

Mimeographed financial reports for the year 1963 had been distributed. The net worth at September 30, 1964, is \$4,428,907.61. This compares with a net worth of a year ago at this time of \$4,113,396.03, an increase of \$315,511.58.

Action was taken referring to the Nominating Committee the matter of filling vacancies in the Board of Directors whose terms of office expire this year. The names of those whose terms expire are as follows: E. E. Cossentine, T. R. Gardner, and Harry House, Jr.

On recommendation of the International Insurance Company Takoma Park, Maryland, Board of Directors, it was--

VOTED, To approve the following amendments of the Bylaws:

ARTICLE 4--DIRECTORS. Section 6. The Directors shall elect annually from their members a president, a vice-president, a treasurer, an assistant treasurer, a secretary, and an assistant secretary.

ARTICLE 5--DUTIES OF OFFICERS. Section 6. The assistant secretary shall be vested with the power to perform the duties of the secretary in the absence or disability of the secretary. The assistant secretary shall also perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by the Directors.

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The Auditor's Certificate was then read and accepted.

The Chairman stated we are happy for what has been accomplished by our International Insurance Company and the General Conference Insurance Service. J. W. Peeke has visited some of the overseas fields and given help to our brethren there. We wish to commend the Insurance Service brethren for what they have accomplished.

Adjournment was taken at 10:30 A.M.

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INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION--MEETING:

M. V. Campbell, Chairman, called a meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association at 10:30 A.M.

The dates of the notice of this meeting had been published in the September 24, 1964, and October 8, 1964, issues of the Review and Herald. It was voted to waive the reading of the notice.

The election of the Board of Trustees for the ensuing biennium was presented as an item of business. In order to facilitate the business, and since there was no suggestion of a change, it was--

VOTED, To re-elect the present Board of Trustees for the coming term.

A further item of business was presented. There are at present eighteen vacancies in the Voting Membership of the International Religious Liberty Association. It was--

VOTED, To refer to the Nominating Committee the matter of filling the vacancies in the Voting Membership.

Statement was made that we are now in receipt of the Articles of Incorporation of the Religious Liberty Association of America. This was incorporated, according to these papers, in September, 1964.

VOTED, That we accept the Religious Liberty Association of America into our family, and that we refer the matter of the approval of their Bylaws to the Board of Trustees of the International Religious Liberty Association.

M. E. Loewen, Secretary of the Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, said that at the Quadrennial Council of the Religious Liberty Association it was voted that the Autumn Council delegates be informed of the latest developments in calendar reform. On October 25, 1963, the Vatican Council stated they had no objection to a perpetual calendar. The actual vote of the Vatican Council safeguarded the weekly cycle. Further inquiry has revealed it is necessary for us to change the definition of certain terms, for we discover now that some of the members of the Vatican Council believe there will always be a seven-day week, beginning with Sunday and ending with Saturday; but their conviction is that they can put as many days between the weeks as they wish. The Calendar Reform

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Association is becoming active again. A Jewish Rabbi has written that there was a blank day in the Jewish calendar. The World Calendar people are taking this at face value and are promoting it everywhere. They feel they have been able to answer the Adventist argument that there has never been a break in the weekly cycle.

The target date for inaugurating this new calendar is 1978. Articles in Civiltà Cattolica and Osservatore Romano have endorsed the idea of a blank day. These articles have been sent to the United Nations. It was our purpose to tell you that the General Conference has appointed a Strategy Committee. We have a number of councilors and others who are working, compiling a fund of material we will need to answer this question. Elder Loewen concluded by inviting suggestions for this basic committee here.

W. Melvin Adams, Associate Secretary in the Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, spoke of the circulation of Liberty in the large cities. It is done on a new aspect. The principles of the gospel commission have been applied to religious liberty. We now have religious liberty mission fields. In other words, there are areas where the extent of our own church is very small compared to the tremendous population. Three years ago, there was organized the Large City Liberty Fund. He called attention to a pink sheet distributed, and asked that the delegates refer to this sheet. This gave the amount of funds received from various conferences in 1962, 1963, and 1964, and the cities receiving help in the way of Liberty subscriptions during these same years; also the Conference Percentage of Goal.

Elder Adams reported that we have going into these large cities a total of 30,000 extra Liberty Magazines--just a trickle into these tremendous populous areas. He appealed to the conference presidents to think beyond the borders of their local conferences and remember the mission fields. He thanked them for the funds they have given. D. W. Hunter, in turn, thanked those who have contributed to the Large City Liberty Fund in behalf of Philadelphia; and W. A. Nelson expressed thanks for the contribution on behalf of Chicago. Elder Adams said that we appreciate the number of conferences taking part in contributing to this Fund. The recipients, practically all of them, have also reached their goals.

R. R. Hegstad, Associate Secretary in the Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, said that the story of Liberty Magazine circulation during the past two years since the General Conference is--prayer, faith, work, and accomplishment. Two years ago, the circulation was 250,000; with the last issue it reached 370,000. That is a very material increase. During the Advisory Council in Atlantic City we adopted the challenge of 700,000 on our preferred list for literature, who are not receiving the magazine.

The business being completed, the meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association was adjourned at 10:55 A.M., to the call of the Chair.

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R. S. Watts called a meeting of the American Temperance Society and the International Temperance Association, at 10:55 A.M. He introduced W. A. Scharffenberg, who spent eighteen years in the Temperance Department. He began his work as Secretary of the Temperance Department in a small room in the Seminary.

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He devoted his full energy to the Temperance work. Last April, due to personal reasons, he resigned as Secretary of the Temperance Department. This was accepted. In his place, E. J. Folkenberg was asked to take the responsibility as Secretary of the Department. Brother Scharffenberg expressed a desire to carry the Secretaryship of the two organizations, the American Temperance Society and International Temperance Association, for the time being. He will now present his Secretary's report.

W. A. Scharffenberg, the Executive Secretary of the International Temperance Association and the American Temperance Society rendered a brief report, in which he called our attention to the organization of our first temperance society in 1879, and of how every Seventh-day Adventist was expected to sign the pledge and become a member of the temperance society. The initial fee was 25¢, and the annual membership dues were 10¢. Membership was not limited to Seventh-day Adventists, for our young people were encouraged to work their way through college by enlisting their friends, neighbors, and the public at large as members of the society. Upon the enlistment of 1,000 members they were granted a scholarship to attend Battle Creek College.

He expressed the hope that some plan would soon be developed that would enlist the support of hundreds of young people who would work their way through the Academy and college by soliciting members in the American Temperance Society.

Elder Scharffenberg then referred to the progress that had been made since the International Temperance Association, and the American Temperance Society were launched in 1946. We now have 65 national temperance societies affiliated with the International Temperance Association. A number of incidents were referred to which indicated that the Lord had miraculously blessed this phase of our work. Special mention was made of "One in 20,000" which has become the most popular film in the world on the tobacco issue; to Smoke Signals which was launched by faith and which in February of 1964 had reached a circulation of 2,500,000 copies; of the providential guidance in the setting up of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism, as well as the Institutes of Scientific Studies that have been established in various parts of the world; and to Listen, Alert, and the other publications that have been launched by the International Temperance Association, that have not only revived the temperance issue among us as a people, but that have placed Seventh-day Adventists in the forefront in launching a new total abstinence movement throughout the world, the influence of which has been far reaching.

It took us, reported Elder Scharffenberg, ten years to raise the first million dollars for temperance, five years to raise the second million, three years for the third million, and if the present trend continues we will be raising a million dollars a year by 1965 for the cause of temperance.

Seventh-day Adventists are now in the forefront so far as the promotion of a world-wide educational program in behalf of total abstinence is concerned.

After expressing his appreciation for the wonderful cooperation and support of the immediate members of his staff, the officers and members of the General Conference Committee, he, in harmony with his announcement at the Spring Council, passed his formal resignations as executive secretary of the International Temperance Association and the American Temperance Society to the Chairman of the Board, R. S. Watts.

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J. V. Scully, Associate Secretary in the Temperance Department, said that Seventh-day Adventist youth are carrying on temperance activities in almost every school throughout North America and in many of our schools overseas. With a continual harassing of newspaper, radio, and television advertising of tobacco and alcoholic beverages, and news stories about glue sniffing, using of pep pills and cough medicine which youth try for a kick, I am glad to report that we have an army of Christian youth who are carrying active programs to bring before other youth the results of an intemperate life.

Southern Missionary College last year, for example, visited some thirty high schools in the Chattanooga area, and spoke to over 15,000 young people through their temperance program. This list of schools included Catholic and Church of God high schools. Our students continue to show films and share their orations and ideas with others. Fifty-seven per cent of our entire American Temperance membership is among our young people in our academies and colleges. We are looking forward to greater activities as we read letter after letter telling us of one hundred per cent memberships in the various schools, and of their plans to accept the challenge of working for youth and adults in the vicinity where their school is located.

We are thankful for what Seventh-day Adventist youth stand for in this hour of earth's history, and are glad to cooperate with the Department of Education, Missionary Volunteer, and other departments in giving our youth a reason for and a challenge to share their faith. The Temperance Chapters in our schools is another avenue of service.

F. A. Soper, Associate Secretary in the Temperance Department, expressed the conviction that nothing strengthens and stabilizes the temperance work more than good literature. In our worldwide temperance endeavor, Alert is the voice of the International Temperance Association. It was launched in 1950 for two purposes:

1. To report temperance information and facts from around the world.
2. Setting a pattern from which national temperance sources could start their own temperance papers in various geographic and language areas.

To date some thirteen editions of Alert have been started, some of the major ones being the following:

British Alert--one non-Adventist organization alone takes 3,000 of each issue. This Alert was used as the pattern for the official government anti-alcohol publication in Yugoslavia.

Australian Alert--consideration is now being given to translating this into various languages of the South Pacific area.

French Alert--it is our hope that this can be utilized in all French-speaking areas, including those in Inter-America.

South African Think--some 40,000 of these are circulated each issue.

Spanish Alert--for both Inter-American and South American Divisions.



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Holland Alarm--this has placed our Dutch Temperance Society in very good relations with government officials.

Arabic Alert--temperance is our entering wedge in Moslem countries.

India Alert--In India there is an English language edition as well as two editions in native languages.

German Alert--this is being started for the German-speaking areas of Southern Europe and we hope it can also be utilized in Germany soon as well.

Elder Soper has just returned from a major itinerary in the Northern and Southern European Divisions, visiting some eleven countries. He found that many government officials are receiving Alert, and that this publication is contributing much to the over-all favorable impression of our temperance program and is making many friends among these leaders for us as a people. We look forward in the future to greater strengthening of our temperance literature.

W. A. Scharffenberg expressed deep appreciation for the wonderful help these men have given in the Temperance work. He also spoke of the wonderful support that the men in the field have given this work throughout the world. He said--How much we think of you and what you have done throughout the years. He then submitted his resignation as Secretary of the American Temperance Society and International Temperance Association.

R. S. Watts said that we appreciate the work accomplished by Elder Scharffenberg in this particular Department; he has built up a real image for the organization. We are sure the new Secretary will continue to build upon the broad program he has already established in the Temperance work.

R. R. Figuhr said there is no question but what Brother Scharffenberg has been busy, and his tracks have been practically all over the earth in the cause of temperance. Elder Figuhr spoke of the work done by Elder Scharffenberg as director of the Fireside Correspondence School in China (called the Fire School since Brother Scharffenberg kept it aflame in two divisions). He came back to the homeland and engaged in the Home Missionary work for a while, and put some sparks into that. He has made an impact upon our denomination and other denominations on behalf of Temperance that will never be forgotten. One of the finest things has been the birth of the literature work. Literature makes a lasting impact. We need to carry on a good, enlightening, interesting, challenging program for our youth. We are glad for the years of service of Brother Scharffenberg; glad for the vision he has brought to us. As the brethren go forward they will continue to build. The Five-Day Smoking Plan Clinic will add to it in a very definite way. Elder Figuhr then extended to Elder Scharffenberg our sincere appreciation for his years of service, and for his giving himself unstintedly and unreservedly to a great cause.

R. S. Watts stated that W. A. Scharffenberg retired as from September 1, 1964. He is, however, still taking an active and direct part in the International Congress on Smoking and Health, to be held in New York City sometime in 1966, instead of 1965 as formerly planned.

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VOTED, To accept the resignation of W. A. Scharffenberg as Secretary of the American Temperance Society and International Temperance Association; and express deep appreciation for the service that he has rendered the cause of temperance. It was further--

VOTED, To refer to the Nominating Committee the appointment of a Secretary for the American Temperance Society and International Temperance Association.

An audited financial statement for the International Temperance Society and the American Temperance Society for the year 1963 had been previously distributed by the Treasurer; and due to shortness of time it was voted to accept the statement without reading it.

Adjourned at 11:40 A.M., to the call of the Chair.

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The Council resumed its business, R. S. Watts being the Chairman.

The Chairman referred to Agenda items 12, 13, and 14, as follows: Date of 1965 Spring Meeting; Date and Place of 1965 Autumn Council; Autumn Council Authorized Meetings. Actions were taken as follows:

**SPRING MEETING--DATE AND PLACE:**

VOTED, That the 1965 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee be held in Takoma Park, D.C., April 13-15.

**AUTUMN COUNCIL--DATE AND PLACE:**

VOTED, That the 1965 Autumn Council be held in Takoma Park, October 20-25.

**AUTUMN COUNCIL AUTHORIZED MEETINGS:**

A number of requests for special meetings have been gathered together. On suggestion of the Secretary, it was--

VOTED, That a special committee, comprised of Theodore Carcich, Vice-President of the General Conference for the North American Division; W. P. Bradley, Associate Secretary for the North American Division; and the Union Conference Presidents for North America, be requested to consider these requests for special meetings, and to report to this Autumn Council.

**LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY--REPORT:**

In reporting for Loma Linda University, G. T. Anderson expressed appreciation for the fine support given in the last offering taken for Loma Linda University. There was an excess of \$110,000; a fifteen-per-cent increase. Just the day previous he received a letter from a man in Chicago enclosing a gift, and passing on words of courage regarding the program followed for the school.

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In the school year under way, they have a total enrolment of 1,096. There are always more applications than they can accept because of the limitations on their facilities. The School of Medicine enrolment is down a bit during this transition period, from 96 to 82. They hope when they get away from consolidation they can go back to a higher figure.

Elder Anderson spoke of the religious convocations that are being held at the University, which include a devotional talk. The young people respond very well, and these have been a great blessing. It is planned that Dr. Earle Hilgert of the Seminary will be at the University to lead out in the studies during the Fall Week of Prayer. One of the local ministers will present studies on the Los Angeles Campus.

Dr. A. Graham Maxwell is in attendance at this meeting. He will be happy to give information about the program of teaching. A week ago a faculty retreat was held up in the mountains. Study was given to matters pertaining to the new school year, particularly the religious life of the students and faculty. The theme was the matter of change, how to address ourselves to these changes, and how to hold fast to the things that should not change.

There is a missions emphasis in the school. This year, Dr. Gordon Hadley is back with us, having served in India, and more recently in Afghanistan. He is Chairman of the Missions Committee. Others, such as Dr. C. E. Stafford, are very much interested in this. They are working together to promote this amongst the students. The picture is being changed, and all looks well for the future of staffing our overseas institutions.

Dr. Anderson referred to the new division of Public Health and Nutrition, which carries forward certain overseas programs such as in Tanganyika, and over in New Guinea. We have been studying with the Middle East Division a matter of affiliating with their school there a plan that we feel can be mutually helpful--helpful to them in rotating some of our faculty through their school and also give an opportunity to our folks to increase their vision, to live in another part of the world where there will be various problems to face.

The new Medical Center is progressing satisfactorily. The ground was broken for it last June 7, on Commencement Day. Excavation has been going on, the pouring of the foundation of the footings and that sort of things in the interim. The fund-raising program is moving forward. We have ten men now out in various areas on the trust agreement, the annuity, life-income plan. The Lord is blessing their efforts. We received recently a gift of a bookstore in Los Angeles containing over 60,000 volumes. These are general books, a good share of them. Probably two-thirds are usable books that we have not had in our library. Many of the others will be valuable for trading purposes.

Dr. Anderson in closing read from a lead editorial which appeared in the San Bernardino Sun, on October 9, 1964, entitled "A Mission of Love." Among the statements read were the following:

"The Mission of Love which the Loma Linda University carries into all parts of this troubled planet is a marvel to ponder. Impressive indeed was a journey in August by twenty-nine Loma Linda University students and teachers to southern Mexico where they performed more than 8,000 medical and dental procedures for the

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Indian patients. ... The efficiency of the medical contingent is manifested in the incredible achievement of processing 2,800 patients in less than eight full days of work in the Indian villages. Besides treating the patients for parasitic infestations, malnutrition, and skin diseases, the medical men arrested an epidemic in the village of Mutinango Devia. ... Here indeed is foreign aid by America that is appreciated and will long be remembered by the recipients. Loma Linda University, an educational institution, operated by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, deserves high praise for its never tiring and dedicated efforts to tell the American story abroad in deeds rather than in words."

It is this story that we feel is worthy and will enable us to tell the story of the message that we love to this particular community. We solicit your understanding, and we hope you will be free to let us know anything we can do to be more helpful in carrying on the program in this particular area.

**REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION--  
REPORT:**

C. E. Palmer, as Manager of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, said there is a great army of consecrated men and women who are carrying gospel-filled literature up and down our streets. Because of their efforts and the success they are having under the blessing of the Lord, the Review and Herald Publishing Association is enjoying a good degree of prosperity.

As to signs of progress, Mr. Palmer said there has been an increase in volume of business for the last several years. Our volume has been between nine and ten million dollars a year, retail value, with each year a little increased. Each year we have come out on the right side of the ledger financially. The profits are not lush. We are not raising our prices to gouge anyone. We are trying to operate within the safe limits that are prescribed so that we may have those funds that are so useful and needed, not only for the strengthening of the work in the plant, but also to contribute to the work of the denomination.

We have doubled the space of our warehouse over by the B and O Railroad track. Probably the most spectacular improvement is the installation of a large, four-color offset press. It is the first and only press of this kind in our denominational publishing houses. Just one quick comparison--the output of that press might be equal to 24,000 impressions an hour compared with the old rate of 1,800 impressions an hour on the flat-bed presses. The work is increasing, and we are finding full use for that wonderful press. We have also put in a good deal of new bindery equipment, high speed machinery.

Mr. Palmer thanked the conference presidents for their part in promotion of the Review and Herald circulation. The circulation is around 80,000 at present. He referred to the increase in the Liberty Magazine circulation. We are most thankful for this great surge of interest. Life and Health, being a sales journal only, has to make its living entirely by the sales of our colporteurs. This year this magazine is out well in the black, and will come out on the right side. He said that he does not give up easily on the ideal that each one of these periodicals should stand on its own financial foundation.

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This year will be the greatest year for the circulation of the Missionary Book of the Year. He expressed a word of appreciation that the Review and Herald Publishing Association has been given a part in the publishing rehabilitation program. The institution will again participate in that program. He gave a brief report re results of the work of the General Conference program at the New York World's Fair, as received from the Columbia Union Conference. A number of contacts have resulted in sales, callbacks, and Bible Course enrolments. He closed this interesting report by inviting the delegates to visit the Review and Herald office, and see the new press operate. It is only by the blessing of the Lord that this prosperity is attending our work. It has made us solvent and able, willing, and desirous to make the kind of contribution that this Council would want our publishing house to make and that will have heaven's blessing.

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R. R. Figuhr said that the Oakwood College and Kettering Memorial Hospital reports are to be given in the meeting this afternoon.

Recommendations from the Working Policy Committee were presented and adopted as follows:

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION:

VOTED, That the following revisions be made in the policy governing the operation of the North American Division Committee on Administration (Working Policy, pages 46-49): \*

1. Revise Sec. 2 to read:

"An Associate Secretary and a second Associate Secretary of the General Conference shall be assigned to carry the work of this division."

\* (New material is underlined; portions to be deleted are crossed out.)

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2. In Sec. 5, to add "in the North American Division" so that the section will read:

"The Committee on Administration shall be responsible for fostering the following lines of work in the North American Division."

3. Revise 5.e. to read:

"The work of the North American Regional Department."

4. Delete 5.f. which reads: "Directing the work of the National Service Organization in North America."

5. Revise 5.i. (2) to read:

"The fund for foreign-language work in North America."

6. Delete Sec. 7, which reads: "This Committee shall function between councils of the General Conference Committee. During the councils all matters pertaining to the North American Division work shall be considered by the General Conference Committee." [Working Policy, page 48]

#### DEBT LIQUIDATION IN DIVISIONS OTHER THAN NORTH AMERICA:

VOTED, That the date "December 31, 1955" (mentioned twice), on page 223, par. 23, section a, be revised to read "December 31, 1962," in harmony with the last revision of par. 24, section a, page 224.

#### PERMANENTLY RETURNED NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES--DESTINATION:

VOTED, That in par. 5, pages 211, 212, the word "homeland" be revised to read "home division," so that the section will read:

"5. The division is responsible for transporting a permanently returned worker, with his authorized freight, to the field in the home division in which he has been called to labor or to his former home, as may be recommended by the Committee on Allowances and Adjustments, the General Conference assuming the responsibility in all other cases. If the worker is not immediately placed upon arrival in the home division, necessitating his setting up housekeeping, the General Conference, upon his accepting a call, will move his personal effects and household goods in use in his first place of residence to his place of permanent employment, including goods actually brought from the mission field, provided that in no case shall the total amount moved be more than 4,000 pounds for couples plus 500 pounds for each child."

#### COUNTRY WHERE MISSIONARY SPENDS FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That under the heading "Place of Furlough or Leave of Absence," Working Policy page 207, par. 64 be revised to read:

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"Place of Furlough or Leave of Absence.--64. Furloughs or leaves of absence granted under the policy should be spent in the home division. Furloughs or leaves of absence in other than the worker's home division, are granted only upon approval by the division committee where the worker is serving and the General Conference Executive Committee. It should be clearly understood, however, that a worker laboring outside his home division is by no means necessarily entitled to furlough or leave of absence."

#### EMPLOYMENT OF WIVES OF MISSIONARIES:

VOTED, 1. That in the General Conference Working Policy, page 164, the third paragraph be terminated with the words "consistent with home duties," so that the paragraph will read:

"The missionary family stands as a unit in the mission field. The wife is regarded as an associate missionary with her husband in influence and service, and is expected to learn the language and to engage with him in the work as far as is consistent with home duties."

2. That the remainder of the third paragraph, page 164, be revised and inserted on page 185 as a separate section under the heading "Employment of Wives of Missionaries," as follows:

"It is the practice in mission fields that wives do not receive a separate salary, when employed in a general way in assisting their husbands in the work of the mission. However, when for the interest and advancement of the work wives who are qualified by training and experience for duties such as teaching, nursing, accounting, or other specific lines of mission service, are employed by governing committees or boards, they may be paid, as far as conditions and circumstances will permit, at the same salary rate as unmarried workers in the same field of service, when assignments of tasks and hours of work are the same."

#### SCHOLARSHIP GRANT POLICY--FIFTH YEAR OF STUDY:

VOTED, That the first paragraph of the policy "Scholarship Grants to Dependents of Workers," Working Policy, page 285, be amended to read:

"In the North American Division the children of heads of families in permanent full-time denominational employment, who are enrolled in Seventh-day Adventist schools on elementary, secondary, or liberal arts college levels, or technical or professional schools on the under-graduate level, or a fifth year of college or graduate work required to secure teaching credentials, may be eligible for scholarship grants on the following basis:"

#### RENT ALLOWANCE POLICY, OVERSEAS AND NORTH AMERICA:

VOTED, That the policy which provides assistance in the renting of homes in mission fields, Working Policy, page 181, be revised by changing the figure 10.5% to 10%.

#### GRADUATE STUDY FOR MINISTERS--AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE:

VOTED, That the following section be inserted in the Working Policy, page

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275, preceding the "Travel Equalization Fund" section, as a part of the "Financial Policies Relative to Andrews University Students:"

"Graduate Study for Ministers--Amortization and Reimbursement Schedule

"A minister who is approved by his controlling committee for a leave of absence for advanced study under the above provisions shall be under obligation to serve the sending organization five months for each month of leave of absence for such graduate study. At the time he returns to his field of service the controlling committee and the minister shall come to a written and itemized understanding regarding the total amount of the obligation which shall include salary and living and educational allowances (also travel if not enrolled in the Theological Seminary), and which shall be amortized by service on the schedule indicated above. In case a call is placed for the worker before the obligation is fully amortized the amount uncared for shall be assumed by the calling organization, or, in the event of the appointment being to overseas service, by the calling division. In case the call is to overseas service, this provision may be waived."

Announcements were made by E. W. Dunbar.

Adjourned at 12:30 P.M. until 4 P.M.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Kimber D. Johnson, President of the Iowa Conference.

R. S. Watts, Chairman  
W. P. Bradley, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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One Hundred and Thirty-Fifth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1964, 4:00 P.M.

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The fourth business session of the Autumn Council convened at 4:00 P.M., with R. S. Watts as Chairman.

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO STANDING COMMITTEES:

The Committee on Additional Personnel to Standing Committees gave a report, and it was

VOTED, That N. F. Pease be assigned to the Plans Committee.



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## OAKWOOD COLLEGE--REPORT FROM A. V. PINKNEY:

A. V. Pinkney, President of Oakwood College, reported that over 380 students are enrolled in the college this year, representing 32 states and 14 countries and islands. There is every indication that Oakwood College will surpass the 500 mark in 1965. The school needs additional facilities to meet this enrollment. Some have thought that with integration, what is the need for a regional college? Thirty years ago when secular universities and colleges began to open their doors, it was thought then that schools like Lincoln, Morgan State, and Howard University would have to close their doors because their day of service had passed. But the record proves that those schools are still growing. Oakwood College can give a training to regional young men and women that no other college in North America can give. It is now fully accredited with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. At present Oakwood College has fourteen individuals on its faculty who have the doctor's degree, or approximately 41% of the total faculty. The Southern Association requires a minimum of 35%. The regional conferences are largely staffed by individuals whose training was received at Oakwood. President Pinkney expressed appreciation for the loyal support through the annual Oakwood College Offering. He also mentioned the spiritual blessings which came to them when the Voice of Prophecy number one team was with them for an entire week. He expressed the hope that it can be arranged to bring a branch of Harris Pine Mills to Huntsville, so that the young men at Oakwood may have this avenue for financial help.

## KETTERING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL--REPORT FROM G. B. NELSON:

George B. Nelson, Administrator of Kettering Memorial Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, spoke of the beginnings of the hospital, the unfolding of a miracle of modern medical missions. Another miracle followed when they were ready to open the building and admit patients, the staff was there to provide the needed care and service. The medical staff consists of 426 physicians and dentists, 120 of whom are on the active staff, 45 are members of the associate staff, 15 are consulting physicians, and the other 246 are on the courtesy staff. On that dark, sleet-filled night when he arrived in Dayton, there was one Seventh-day Adventist physician in the total metropolitan area. Today there are 10. In the 33 weeks the hospital has been in operation, 3,900 patients have been admitted. They have cared for 2,240 patients in the emergency department which was opened July 1 of this year; and in the outpatient department, approximately the same number. The hospital's 231 beds are filled to capacity, with a waiting list. The fourth floor is scheduled to be completed in January, which will raise the capacity to 300 beds, and as rapidly as these beds can be staffed, they will be occupied. The new fifth floor which contains 100 beds for medical, surgical, and longterm patients, is scheduled for completion in March or April. At that time it is thought that the occupancy will rapidly rise to approximately 400. At the present time the income is running at a rate of \$3,750,000 a year. The hospital is planned for 300 beds and have only 231 at their disposal, so they are not on a balanced budget yet.

The hospital is owned, controlled, and operated entirely by the Columbia Union Conference. On their own initiative, the board has set up a Civic Advisory Council, with Mr. Kettering as Chairman, and Mrs. Kettering a member. They selected fourteen other prominent leaders in business, the professions, and the community. About a month ago at the time of the regular quarterly meeting of the Civic Advisory Council, Mr. Nelson told them the story of the opening and the operating of the

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hospital, and explained to them, with appropriate simple charts and diagrams, the operating problems as they relate to the limitation of the number of beds now available. Within days, several of the leaders were moved to do something to help with the extra financial problem brought about by reason of the operating costs over which they have no control. A total of \$25,000 came to the hospital immediately, just because they explained the problem to these men. About patient reaction--they have been receiving letters of appreciation from approximately every 36th patient in the hospital. The stack is growing. Various intensely interesting incidents have followed as a result of contacts of the public with the hospital or its staff, and if there were five chaplains they wouldn't be able to answer all the calls.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY'S REPORT--E. L. BECKER:

E. L. Becker, Statistical Secretary for the General Conference, presented statistics of the denomination briefly, and noted that the complete report is given in the Yearbook. A few copies have been bound separately in case of need.

In connection with the report he mentioned a slogan given at a certain sales meeting, when the manager instructed the sales representatives: "Don't exaggerate. The facts are big enough." This is truly applicable to our denominational report.

He gave the statistics as for an average member, making average contributions financially and materially, in an average church, with an average school, etc. Then he concluded, "No, nobody likes to be average: everyone wants to be outstanding. But our statistical report for 1963, with its 62 solid pages bristling with figures and historical data, has hidden within it the story of a very unaverage person--the 'average' Seventh-day Adventist church member. Let us thank God for him, in all his multiplied hundreds of thousands around the world, and let us support him and encourage him in the task which, in the final analysis, belongs to him--the glorious finishing of the work of God in all the world."

Announcements were made.

Adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Closing prayer: R. J. Radcliffe

R. S. Watts, Chairman  
A. F. Tarr, Secretary  
Marjorie Marsh, Recording Secretary

An "It-Is-Written" film was shown at the Church on Wednesday evening, October 21, at 7 P.M. It was entitled "Stairs Into Space."

Music for the evening meeting was given by the John Nevins Andrews School Choir and Treble Trio. They sang "A Song of Thanksgiving," and "Thanks Be to God." Jean Herman sang "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled."

Otto Gmehling, as President, reported in behalf of the Central European Division. His report, given in German, was translated into English by O. Bremer, Treasurer of the Division.

C. P. Sorensen, President of the Far Eastern Division, assisted by E. A. Brodeur, A. E. Gibb, and H. D. Johnson, of the Division staff, reported for that field.

### One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Meeting

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 22, 1964, 9:00 A.M.

"Lift Up the Trumpet," was sung to open the Devotional Service on October 22, at 9:00 A.M. The song was announced by W. S. Banfield, President of the South Atlantic Conference. C. H. Lauda, President of the Potomac Conference, served as leader of music.

J. R. Nelson, Associate Secretary in the YPMV Department, gave information which had been received by telephone call from Fairbanks, Alaska, to the effect that four of our finest young men draftees were facing court-martial for refusing to work on Sabbath. He suggested prayer that a proper decision will be reached, and that as in times past men who are forced into the Armed Forces be given the privilege of worshipping God according to the dictates of their conscience.

The opening prayer was offered by Neal C. Wilson, President of the Columbia Union Conference.

"The Wonder of it All," was sung by R. S. Watts, Vice-President of the General Conference.

The devotional speaker was F. L. Peterson, Vice-President of the General Conference. His topic was "Through Tragedy to a Glorious Triumph." He read Matthew 24:1, "And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple." The disciples heard the lament of Jesus over the City of Jerusalem and remembered His words, "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." Matthew 23:38.

These words came as a violent blow to His uncomprehending disciples. How could this be! Jerusalem, now pulsating with breathtaking beauty, with her magnificent temple glittering in the sunlight--the pride and glory of the Jewish nation. It was commonly believed that to be born in Jerusalem was an honor bestowed upon one by God and gave a sense of security, and to be buried on a slope of her valleys gave priority in the judgment. To the Jews, the durability of the temple would

defy the lapse and wear of time. Her rabbis were so impressed by the grandeur of the city that it was said "He who has not seen Jerusalem in its beauty has never seen a beautiful city."

Neither the Jews nor the disciples understood that when Jesus went out of the temple this would be His last visit. To Him it had been God's holy house, and there He had witnessed the presence and power of His Father. In the temple He, himself, had taught many precious lessons and performed many acts of mercy. But that day when He went out of the temple the glory of the Lord departed from it.

When He sat down in restful meditation, Peter, James, John, and Andrew came to Him and said, "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Matthew 24:3. Jesus first spoke very cautiously to them by saying "Take heed that no man deceive you." He knew there would be many theories advanced concerning the end of the world and His second coming. He wanted His disciples to know that He was well qualified to say what He meant. He urged them to be careful what they believed. For their guidance and assurance He said, "There shall be signs."

Elder Peterson referred to a number of the Biblical signs of the second coming of Jesus, quoting also from the late President John F. Kennedy and J. Edgar Hoover concerning the critical and crucial period in which this world finds itself. He read II Timothy 3:1-5. Also a statement from the late Nicholas Murray Butler, President Emeritus of Columbia University, that what we are facing is a world-wide crisis, which appears in every form in every land, and that the end cannot be far distant.

In concluding this stirring talk, Elder Peterson said that the end of the reign of sin is nearly closed. It is time to arouse the people of God as never before to the nearness of the coming of the Lord. The primary thing challenging the people of God today is personal dedication and having a part in the preaching of the gospel in all the world. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children. The Church must now be made ready to enter into such an experience. We have the truth. What we need is the power of the Spirit. May God help us to move forward as a unit--that nowhere in the world will there be found a trace of separateness among us--so that we may be participants of the Spirit and power that shall be poured out upon God's triumphant Church.

Charles L. Brooks, Superintendent of Education in the Allegheny Conference, sang "Overshadowed by His Matchless Love."

C. E. Dudley, President of the South Central Conference, offered the closing prayer.

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After a recess of five minutes, the fifth business session of the Autumn Council was opened at 10:05 A.M., Theodore Carcich being Chairman.

"I Am Thine, O Lord," was sung, R. E. Adams, National Director of Narcotics Education, Inc., being the song leader.

E. E. Cossentine, Secretary of the Department of Education, led in prayer.

## TEXTBOOKS FOR DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS; APPRECIATION FOR:

The Department of Education have been working for the past fifteen years on the development of textbooks for young people. R. R. Figuhr opened the way for a report to be given concerning the textbooks which were on display on a table in the front of the Auditorium.

E. E. Cossentine said that Miss Ethel Young and Miss Natelkka Burrell have been the teachers who have worked on new textbooks and readers, recently. The task is more or less finished for the moment. G. M. Mathews, Associate Secretary in the Department of Education, is in charge of this work.

Speaking of the books displayed, E. E. Cossentine said these are our textbooks, of which there are seventy-nine, for use in our schools. These are written to make Seventh-day Adventists of our boys and girls. For example, every division of the world field is represented in these reading books. There is a story from every division of the world field. When the child finishes reading these books he has the principal history of this denomination, told in story form.

He urged that the leaders present inform the teachers out in the field concerning these textbooks. It is our desire to get these books into the hands of our boys and girls. The delegates were invited by E. E. Cossentine to look through the books. These are Seventh-day Adventist books, designed to bring to our boys and girls a knowledge of God.

VOTED, To record our gratitude and appreciation for this wonderful contribution to the Church.

## ANDREWS UNIVERSITY--REPORT FROM RICHARD HAMMILL:

Dr. Richard Hammill, President of Andrews University, said we have had a very auspicious beginning in the school year. We have the largest number of students we have ever had in the divisions of the University. There are 1390 students enrolled in courses offered at the College, 130 enrolled in the Graduate School, and 191 in the Seminary, making 1,700 students there. And in our Extension Divisions we have 184. This totals 1,884 students--a very fine, outstanding group of young people. Many are workers of experience--missionaries, ministers, and teachers, in our Graduate School and Seminary.

Our graduates nearly all go out into the work. Of 150 who received degrees this summer, practically every single one of these went out into our work this fall.

We are trying to plan the program of our Seminary so that the young men may have some experience in soul-winning activities. We had five field schools of evangelism this past summer. More than 150 were baptized as a result. We plan to have seven next summer. We currently have ninety young men in some type of field activity in the churches, to get practical experience in winning souls, and in building up the Church of God, and preparing it for the last days in which we are entering now.

Dr. Hammill said they wish they had more time to help these young men, particularly in the Seminary, to be educated for the difficult work they have to do. The minister in the Seventh-day Adventist Church must be a practical man. He must be a man who knows how to pray and to preach with power and conviction. As

the Church enters the troubled conditions of the last days, our only safety is to have a ministry who are men of deep faith, and given to study of the Bible, and who know how to preach it with efficiency and power. It is our hope and desire to train ministers to preach in such a way that the hearers will understand the basic doctrines of the Bible. It is our hope we can help our young men become strong preachers, who can preach the word of God systematically and accurately, without wresting it. This type of work will protect the Church and cause it to grow.

Dr. W. G. C. Murdoch is in attendance at the Council. We would like to have you brethren speak to us and make your suggestions as to how to give you a better product. We stand ready to receive suggestions, and guidance, and counsel from you men who are connected with the cause of God--men who know what the Seventh-day Adventist Church is, what its mission is, and for what it stands.

#### CHRISTIAN RECORD BRAILLE FOUNDATION, INC.--REPORT:

C. G. Cross, Director of the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Incorporated, reported on work for the blind. He displayed a copy of the Braille Bible. It is customary, he said, among blind people to memorize great portions of the Scriptures. We try to motivate these people to become the finest citizens it is possible for them to become in their respective communities. We urge those with great abilities to use these abilities for the sake of humanity. Sixty-five per cent of blind people are sixty-five years of age or older. A very large number have been professional people.

Brother Cross read a poem written by a blind woman in Joplin, Missouri, bearing the title, "It Is the Soul that Sees."

He brought greetings from 126 Christian Record workers, half of whom are on the payroll. The others do their work entirely free. It is amazing the amount of work which they accomplish.

Elder Cross reported on a number of encouraging contacts recently made, with librarians and others interested in the work for the blind. The next few years, he said, should be terrific years in the work for the blind people.

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Theodore Carcich suggested that the delegates stop in Lincoln, Nebraska, and visit the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Incorporated, plant. He felt sure they would be impressed by what they saw.

R. R. Figuhr stated that the Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today organizations would report in the afternoon.

Announcement was made by Theodore Carcich that one conference, Alabama-Mississippi, has already reached its Vanguard goal for 1964. The information is that of last evening they reached their \$25.00 Silver Vanguard goal in Ingathering. He suggested the delegates say Amen to the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, in the Southern Union Conference. The President of the Conference, W. O. Coe, is in attendance at the Council. There were enthusiastic responses of Amen.

Further recommendations from the Working Policy Committee were presented and adopted as follows:

OPERATING CAPITAL AND CASH REQUIREMENTS OF INSTITUTIONS:

VOTED, That the Working Policy regarding Operating Capital and Cash Requirements of Institutions, page 271, be revised to read:

"1. The operating capital of our educational and medical institutions in North America shall be not less than the following percentage of the operating expense of the latest complete fiscal year: Colleges, junior colleges, and sanitariums, 20 per cent; academies, 15 per cent.

"2. The operating capital norm for North American publishing houses shall be 70 per cent of annual sales and this percentage shall be reviewed from time to time at Autumn Council.

"3. Cash and negotiable securities shall be maintained at a level sufficient to cover all liabilities and net worth reserves."

TRAVEL EXPENSE--FURLOUGHING MISSIONARIES:

VOTED, That paragraph 27-a, pages 195, 196, be amended to read:

"a. When a missionary is authorized by the local conference president or a local pastor to accept speaking appointments in nearby churches within the local conference, he may report the actual travel expense incurred in meeting such appointments to points within a radius of 50 miles, up to a maximum of 450 miles per month. Said expense shall be met by the General Conference."

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## INDEBTEDNESS ASSISTANCE--SHORT-TERM SINGLE WOMEN MISSIONARIES

VOTED, The insertion of the following additional policy under the Financial Allowances in the Short-Term Policy for Single Women, page 178:

"h. Financial assistance on indebtedness may be granted under the general policy (page 171) applying to such assistance on the following basis:

"(1) The appointee will not be allowed to go to the mission field with an indebtedness exceeding \$300.

"(2) When the total indebtedness exceeds \$300, the General Conference may grant a contingent appropriation on the excess above \$300 in an amount up to \$240 for each year of service to which the worker is appointed.

"(3) This contingent appropriation shall be amortized by the General Conference and credited to the worker's indebtedness account during the worker's overseas service period in equal amounts for each year."

VOTED, That the following be added to the end of the second paragraph, Section 1, on page 171:

(For the application of this policy in the case of single women who are appointed for short-terms, see page 178.)

## INSURANCE POLICY ITEMS

VOTED, (1) That paragraph 1-c, of the "Fire Protection in Denominational Buildings," page 237, be revised by deleting the phrase "without direct exits" so the paragraph will read:

"c. New frame construction of more than one story should not be considered unless totally protected by an automatic sprinkler system."

(2) That paragraph 2-b, page 238, be amended to read:

"b. Automatic sprinkler systems should be planned for and installed in existing combustible construction of two stories or more."

(3) That paragraph 2-c, be amended to read:

"c. All open stairways in existing buildings should be enclosed and have Class B fire doors installed in such a way as to close off each floor. Such construction should have a minimum fire-resistance of ninety minutes and doors should be installed to swing with the exit traffic. They should be equipped with self-closing devices to keep them closed at all times."

(4) That the phrases "Underwriters' Laboratories" and "Extinguishers using carbon tetrachloride as an extinguishing agent should not be used" be added to paragraph 2-e, so that it will read:

"e. Underwriters' Laboratories approved fire extinguishers of the proper type and quantity should be placed throughout the premises. Extinguishers using carbon tetrachloride as an extinguishing agent should not be used."



(5) That paragraph 2-f of the same section be revised to read:

"f. Electrical wiring should be maintained to standards as would be required in accordance with the National Electrical Code."

(6) That paragraph 3-a be revised to read:

"a. All dormitories should have Underwriters' Laboratories approved interior fire alarms installed according to code."

(7) That paragraph 3-b be revised to read:

"b. Sleeping quarters, such as dormitories not of fire-resistive construction should all be completely supplied with Underwriters' Laboratories approved sprinkler system."

#### PER DIEM ALLOWANCE--FACULTY MEMBERS ON GRADUATE LEAVE:

VOTED, That the following be inserted as a second paragraph under section 3, of the Working Policy, page 94:

"When the worker attending an institution of higher learning on a leave of absence for advanced study is separated from his family, thus increasing the family's living expense, a special living allowance of one half the General Conference daily travel allowance is granted by the sending organization."

#### ASSISTANCE FOR CURRENTLY EMPLOYED WORKERS ATTENDING THE SEMINARY:

VOTED, That the following be deleted from the policy on "Assistance for Currently Employed Workers Attending the Seminary," Working Policy, page 274, section 6: "and it is necessary for him to take his meals at a cafeteria or restaurant."

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MISSIONARY APPOINTEES:

VOTED, That the section of the Working Policy under "Financial Assistance to Missionary Appointees from Home Bases," appearing on pages 171, 172, and 173 be amended to read as follows:

(1) That the initial paragraph on "Assistance on Indebtedness" be amended to read:

"Assistance on Indebtedness.--Desirable appointments to the mission field have sometimes been prevented by indebtedness of the prospective appointees. While it is not wise to send out missionaries who are extravagant or careless in financial matters, there are those who have unavoidable living and school debts incurred during the period of their education, internship, and in-service training whom the General Conference Committee would very much like to send to fill pressing calls. The calling of those whose qualifications make them greatly desired, but who otherwise could not respond because of financial obligations, is made possible under the following provisions:"

(2) That the amounts stated in the Working Policy on Assistance on Indebtedness to missionary appointees, page 171, be increased, and that the policy read:

"1. When in the judgment of the Committee it seems necessary, appointees shall be allowed to go to the mission field with an indebtedness not to exceed \$300, on condition that assurance is given of satisfactory arrangements having been made between the appointee and the person or institution owed, for liquidating the indebtedness; it being understood that the General Conference does not assume responsibility for the indebtedness or for collections.

"In special cases, where the total indebtedness does not exceed \$1,500, a contingent appropriation of up to \$1,200 may be granted by the General Conference in order to reduce the appointee's obligations to \$300, when circumstances and the urgency of the need for his services make this seem advisable. Twenty per cent of the amount of this appropriation shall be amortized by the General Conference and shall be credited to the worker's indebtedness account annually during the first five years of service in the mission field. The above appropriation shall be covered by note and contract between the General Conference and the appointee."

(3) That the following be added as a new paragraph in section 1, page 171, between the present second and third paragraphs:

"In the case of appointees who have indebtedness under the provisions of the National Defense Education Act of 1958 not exceeding \$2,000, the provisions of this policy may apply. It is understood that under this plan up to \$1,200 of the indebtedness could be amortized from denominational funds on the basis of service over a period of five years, and that the missionary could go to the field with an indebtedness under this Act of up to \$800 which he would be under obligation to repay, together with interest at the rate of 3% per annum, within a maximum period of ten years."

(4) That the following revisions be made beginning with the last paragraph on page 171:

"If for any reason the missionary appointee under contract who has received the above-mentioned contingent appropriation does not enter upon mission service, or withdraws from the contract or returns from mission service before the indebtedness has been fully retired, the contingent appropriation thus made to him, or the amount owing at the time of withdrawal or return, shall be assumed by the denominational organization by which he is next employed, or shall become due and payable to the General Conference by the individual at the rate of not less than 20 per cent of the total grant per year, at six per cent interest per year on the balance due at the end of each year until the entire balance of the loan plus interest has been paid.

"2. Indebtedness Assistance to Medical and Dental Appointees.—In the case of physicians and dentists whose total indebtedness incurred during their period of preparation for service, together with Loma Linda University deferred tuition notes and student loan notes does not exceed \$5,800, a contingent appropriation of up to \$5,200 may be granted in order to reduce the indebtedness to \$600. The appointee shall sign notes for the assistance thus received, and the General Conference and the calling division shall share equally in canceling 20 per cent of such notes for each year the appointee serves ~~in the overseas field~~ until the whole amount is canceled.

"Ordinarily no physician or dentist shall be allowed to go to the field if he has a net indebtedness in excess of \$600 after receiving the assistance provided

above. Exceptions may be made only where necessary in order to meet special needs in the field or to secure doctors with certain skills or qualifications, and provided that satisfactory arrangements can be worked out between the General Conference, the calling division and the appointee.

"If the \$600 indebtedness to be carried personally by the physician or dentist includes deferred tuition notes or student loan notes, the Loma Linda University shall be authorized to send annual charges of 20 per cent of the appointee's account to the General Conference which in turn shall debit the division concerned, and the division, the physician or dentist appointee in the field.

"If for any reason the appointee under contract does not enter upon mission service after receiving the loan, or withdraws from the contract or returns from mission service before the indebtedness has been fully retired, the loan thus made to him or the amount owing at the time of the withdrawal or return, shall become due and payable to the General Conference (including the division portion) at the rate of not less than 20 per cent of the total grant per year, at 6 per cent interest per year on the balance due at the end of each year until the entire balance of the loan plus interest has been paid; or in case he enters other employ within the denomination, the unamortized balance shall be assumed by the employing organization.

"Assistance to Medical and Dental Deferred Appointees.-- In the case of Prospective medical and dental missionary appointees, who either at the time of their entry into medical school at Loma Linda University or prior to the end of their senior year indicate their desire to devote their lives to mission service, may be placed under deferred appointment and if eligible may receive financial assistance based on anticipated mission service. This assistance is given in the form of a loan for which the student signs a contract with the General Conference. Under this plan the following payments may be made to the deferred appointee:

Junior year assistance .....	up to \$2,100.00
Senior year assistance .....	up to 2,100.00
Internship year assistance .....	up to 1,000.00

"The funds advanced under this plan shall be provided equally by the General Conference and the calling division and shall be amortized by each organization simultaneously at the rate of 20 per cent a year for each year the appointee serves in the mission field. An appointee receiving assistance under this plan would not be eligible for aid under the plan for Indebtedness Assistance to Medical and Dental Appointees, nor would he be eligible if he had other indebtedness unless he could present a plan acceptable to the General Conference and the calling division for liquidation of such indebtedness prior to leaving for the mission field. It is the intent of this plan that such financial assistance shall enable the student to complete his medical or dental course and internship without incurring further indebtedness.

"If for any reason the appointee under contract does not enter upon mission service after his internship or residency immediately following internship, or withdraws from the contract or returns from mission service before the indebtedness has been fully retired, the loans thus made to him, or the amount owing at the time of the withdrawal or return, shall become due and payable to the General Conference (including the division portion) at the rate of not less than 20 per cent of the total grant per year, at 6 per cent interest per year on the balance due at the end of each year until the entire balance of the loan plus interest has been paid;

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or in case he enters other employ within the denomination, the unamortized balance shall be assumed by the employing organization.

"Candidates for deferred appointment are processed through the Appointees Committee and General Conference Committee in the same way as any regular appointee and when cleared are eligible to apply for the financial aid available under this policy.

"The name of each medical and dental deferred missionary appointee in an approved residency training program shall be reviewed annually by the General Conference Committee before continued financial assistance is granted."

#### AUTOMOBILE DEPRECIATION--MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That the policy on "Automobile Depreciation--Missionaries on Furlough," page 196, be amended to read:

"28. A missionary family or single worker who purchases a car when on furlough in the North American Division is granted an automobile depreciation for each month during which he actually drives the car, the amount to be stipulated from time to time by action of the General Conference Committee.

"Other divisions may adopt a plan granting automobile depreciation to missionaries furloughing in their territory.

"29. Physicians accepting a furlough residency plan of study shall be allowed the regular automobile depreciation only during the authorized furlough period. the total amount to be made available to the physician in national currency upon his return to the field; but depreciation will not be granted during leave-of-absence period of residency."

#### ELEVATING A SCHOOL OF LOWER GRADE TO ACADEMY STATUS

VOTED, That on page 89 under the heading "Establishing New Academies," an additional statement be added under section 3, so that the section will read:

"3. Approval of the application to operate an academy, if given, shall be for a two-year probationary period. In elevating a lower school to the status of an academy, permission to offer the eleventh grade will be granted only in cases where it is expected that the school will be upgraded to the twelfth grade within the two-year limit."

#### EDUCATION OF OLDER CHILDREN:

VOTED, That in the policy "Education of Older Children," pages 183, 184, the following revisions be made:

"1. b. The grant may be continued for a maximum period of four school years or the equivalent (except when suitable secondary educational facilities are not available in the field as under a above) or until the student finishes his college course, except as provided in paragraph 5."

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That following 3.b, an additional section be added, and that the succeeding sections be re-numbered accordingly.

"c. The above grants are for a standard school year of two semesters. Where the school operates on a trimester or other plan, thus shortening the time required for the completion of the senior college course, the amount granted shall be computed on a proportionate basis."

E. W. Dunbar read announcements re committees called. W. P. Bradley announced that a meeting of the North American Division Committee on Administration is called for Friday afternoon. He read the list of those who comprise membership of the North American Division Committee on Administration.

Closing prayer by W. P. Bradley.

Adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Theodore Carcich, Chairman  
D. S. Johnson, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary