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March 2, 1967, 10:00 A.M.

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OTHERS PRESENT:

C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield, M. R. Thurber

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD:

The Chairman, R. S. Watts, read Ephesians 6: 10-13, also 1 Corinthians 16: 13; and two paragraphs from Gospel Workers. The first scripture emphasizes the necessity of being strong in the Lord, and putting on the whole armor of God; the second exhorts to standing fast in the faith and being strong. The quotation from Gospel Workers, page 133, begins with the sentence "Men whom God will connect with His work are not limp and fiberless, without muscle or moral force of character," and stresses individual independence and power; also a modulated, refined, and elevated character. We shall have obstacles and difficulties to encounter at every turn, and we must with firm purpose decide to conquer them. Elder Watts commented: This is good, sound counsel.

Opening prayer by E. E. Cleveland.

REPORTS:

E. E. Cleveland, Associate Secretary in the Ministerial Association, said that in working on individual soul winning, reports come from across the world. He has two brief reports which will bring joy to our hearts. In Western Indonesia five men in that Muslim country have each baptized over one hundred people in campaigns this year. Their names are as follows: F. A. Hamel, Marthin Hutapea, M. T. A. Siahaan, Dj. H. Sibotang, and Titus Taebeno. Brother Hamel baptized 193 souls. In the City of Cebu, in the Philippines, L. E. Montañā baptized 214.

J. J. Aitken, Radio-TV Secretary, reported they have just received word that for the first time in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in all Asia, we are operating our own radio station. Even though it is a small unit, it is set up and we are broadcasting. Starting last week, we are reaching two million people with a little 25-watt station from our evangelistic center in Djakarta, Indonesia.

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A. A. Esteb, Lay Activities Associate Secretary, referred to a picture which came to his desk just yesterday from the Orient, of a layman in the Philippines who had his one-thousandth convert baptized; and had just raised up his twenty-first church.

Elder Esteb said reports are now coming in from the ten divisions. The number of visitation contacts has not only doubled, but in some unions has trebled and quadrupled. Many more Bible studies are being given since the inception of this gift Bible evangelism. There is a tremendous increase in contacts, Bible studies, and literature given away in North America.

MINUTES of the meeting held February 23, 1967, were approved.

INSTITUTE ON HOSPITAL FUND ACCOUNTING:

The Medicare program in the United States makes necessary a restructuring of the accounting system of our hospitals. The Auditing and Medical Departments have co-operated in bringing out a new Manual of Accounting for our hospitals. The desirability of holding an Institute on Hospital Fund Accounting has been considered.

VOTED, That an Institute on Hospital Fund Accounting be held at Denver, Colorado, April 10-12, 1967; and that the following be invited to attend: M. V. Campbell, R. M. Davidson, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, R. J. Radcliffe, H. E. Rice, R. F. Waddell, M.D., North American Union Conference Auditors, North American Hospital Administrators, and North American Hospital Controllers and/or Chief Accountants.

H. E. RICE--VISIT TO INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION:

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

VOTED, That H. E. Rice be authorized to visit the Inter-American Division for the period March 15-26, 1967, during which time he will visit the hospitals in Puerto Rico and Jamaica.

S. THOMAS--RELEASED:

On request of the Trans-Africa Division, it was--

VOTED, That S. Thomas, of India, be released from the one-year appointment as Evangelist to the Trans-Africa Division.

A. F. PENSTOCK--RELEASED:

VOTED, That A. F. Penstock be released from appointment as Principal of the Lasalgaon School, India; he having declined for personal reasons.

DAVID I. WOLCOTT--RELEASED:

VOTED, That David I. Wolcott be released from appointment as Pilot-Mechanic for Bahia, Brazil, since his present employers desire him to continue in their employ, and he has requested release from the call.

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GABRIEL CASTRO--PACIFIC COLOMBIA MISSION:

VOTED, That the Lake Union and Illinois Conferences be requested to release Gabriel Castro, a Colombian working in Chicago, and that he be invited to return to the Inter-American Division as President of the Pacific Colombia Mission; on the basis of a national returning to his homeland.

DAVID C. TAYLOR--CENTRAL PERU MISSION:

VOTED, That the Southern Union and Alabama-Mississippi Conferences be requested to release David C. Taylor, Teacher at Bass Memorial Academy, and that he be invited to connect with the South American Division as Young People's Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Central Peru Mission.

R. A. GEORGE--BAHIA-SERGIPE MISSION:

VOTED, That R. A. George, of the Pacific Union College Flight Center, and who has a commercial pilot's license, be invited to connect with the South American Division as Pilot-Mechanic for the Bahia-Sergipe Mission, in the East Brazil Union Mission.

L. A. PIPER--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call from the Far Eastern Division for L. A. Piper, he to be placed under appointment and to begin preliminary plans for health food work in Japan, the Sanitarium Health Food Company to pay all expenses and salary; and with the understanding that the Australasian Division will process the call.

IRA E. SCHULTZ--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, To authorize a furlough extension of three and one-half months for Ira E. Schultz, President of the Zambia Field, to enable him to complete his studies for a M.A. degree; in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

E. H. Atchley--Central Union, Temperance appointments, February 12-25; Pacific Union, Temperance appointments, March 5-12 (Denver-Washington-Denver section of trip to be paid by E. H. Atchley at his request);

W. R. Beach--Southeastern California Conference Camp Meeting, April 7, 8; Long Beach, California, Southern California Conference Annual Convocation, April 12-15;

A. O. Dart--San Pasqual Academy, Southeastern California, April 10-15; Ozark Academy, Arkansas-Louisiana, Spring Week of Prayer (Gentry, Arkansas), April 23-29 (in connection with voted itinerary);

N. R. Dower--Vancouver, British Columbia, Canadian Union Conference session and Evangelistic Institute, May 16-20;

W. W. Fordham--Dallas, Texas, speaking appointments, February 24-27; Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood Board, April 10; Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Board, April 11;

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John Hancock--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Lake Union Pathfinder Camporee, May 19-21;

W. A. Higgins--Brainerd, Minnesota, Northern Union Literature Evangelistic Institute, following camp meeting, until July 6;

Lowell Litten--Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Medical Cadet Corps and Camp Doss, April 3 (in connection with authorized travel);

M. E. Loewen--Minneapolis and Des Moines, Iowa, Religious Liberty and Educational problems, February 28-March 3 (with I. V. Stonebrook);

Theodore Lucas--South Bend, Indiana, Youth Rally, and other assignments in Indiana, April 23-29;

L. M. Nelson--Portland, Maine, Youth Rally, April 14, 15;

A. V. Pinkney--Houston, Texas, and Muskogee, Oklahoma, Regional Meetings, Temperance Secretaries' Councils, week ends and other appointments between, March 11-19;

H. D. Singleton--Tampa, Florida, open house for Tampa Church, March 4; St. Petersburg, Florida, speaking appointment, March 5;

I. V. Stonebrook--Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Des Moines, Iowa, Educational and Religious Liberty problems, February 28-March 3 (with M. E. Loewen).

 ANDREW C. FEARING--EXTENSION OF OVERSEAS VISIT:

In order to allow time for Andrew C. Fearing to spend a week end in London, England, where he was for a time connected with the New Gallery Center, it was--

VOTED, That the overseas trip which has been voted for Andrew C. Fearing to the Middle East and Southern Asia Divisions, June 14 to September 30, 1967, be changed to June 9 to September 30, 1967; thus enabling him to stop over in London from June 9 to 12.

Adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

R. S. Watts, Chairman
 R. R. Frame, Secretary
 Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Forty-Sixth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 9, 1967, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

M. V. Campbell, R. R. Frame, R. E. Adams, J. J. Aitken, Wesley Amundsen, D. H. Baasch, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, W. P. Bradley, Theodore Carcich, K. H. Emmerson, A. A. Esteb, C. O. Franz, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guentner, R. R. Hegstad, M. Carol Hetzell, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas, C. D. Martin, G. R. Nash, Lawrence M. Nelson, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, R. J. Radcliffe, M. H. Reeder, L. B. Reynolds, W. R. L. Scragg, J. V. Scully, H. D. Singleton, F. A. Soper, E. W. Tarr, R. S. Watts, A. L. White, Herbert White, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

N. W. Litchfield, Robert Nixon, R. L. Odom

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD:

M. V. Campbell, Chairman, read from J. B. Phillips' translation of the Bible 2 Peter 3: 10-14; calling attention especially to the expression in verse 12, "expecting and earnestly longing for the coming of the day of God."

Opening prayer by O. A. Blake.

REPORT BY THEODORE CARCICH:

Theodore Carcich, General Conference Vice-President, referred to a letter which he had received from South America. The Division has set a goal of 30,000 baptisms for this year; an increase of nearly one third over the previous year. Recently the workers in Chile were challenged to sacrifice for evangelism, and the workers responded as follows: 44 workers pledged one month's salary; 26 workers pledged three weeks' salary; 21 workers pledged two weeks' salary; and 14 pledged one week's salary. J. R. Spangler, who wrote the letter, said "I truly believe that the end is near as I witness this unusual sacrifice on the part of our workers."

C. L. Powers, President of the Inter-American Division, wrote that in spite of the fact it was General Conference year, and a great number of their workers were out of their own fields attending the Port-of-Spain Crusade, yet they baptized 18,701 in the year 1966. They have set a tremendous goal for 1967. The first two months of the year the reports of baptisms were beyond their expectations.

SIEGFRIED A. KOTZ--DEATH OF;
APPRECIATION; SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES:

Information has been received of the sudden death of Dr. Siegfried A. Kotz, in Sydney, Australia. At the time of his decease, Dr. Kotz was serving as Medical Secretary of the Australasian Division, he having connected with the work in that field in 1963. In addition to his outstanding contribution to the work in

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Australasia, Dr. Kotz served with distinction in the Trans-Africa Division for a period of thirteen years. Dr. Kotz was a dedicated missionary, a skilled physician, and a talented administrator. He was greatly respected and loved by all who knew him.

VOTED, To record our sympathy with Mrs. Siegfried A. Kotz and the children, and other relatives, in the great loss that they have sustained; and that the Secretary be requested to convey this expression to the family, together with our appreciation for the excellent service rendered the cause of God by the late Dr. Kotz.

MINUTES of the meeting held March 2, 1967, were approved.

DIET AND FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE--
DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING:

VOTED, That the Diet and Food Service Committee be authorized to meet in Worthington, Ohio, April 17-20, 1967.

APPORTIONMENT OF DIVISION BUDGETS:

In harmony with the requests of the Divisions named, it was--

VOTED, To approve the apportionment of Budgets for the year 1967, as designated, the details being on file in the Treasury office, for the following Divisions:

Northern European Division (West Africa)	Sections 1 and 2 Bible Teachers
Middle East Division	Sections 1 and 2

FAR EASTERN DIVISION--EXCHANGE RATE WEST IRIAN RUPIAH:

On recommendation of the Far Eastern Division, it was--

VOTED, That the fixed exchange rate for the West Irian Rupiah be changed from 3.60 to the U.S. Dollar, or .27777; to 45.00 to the U.S. Dollar, or .02222; effective March 1, 1967.

PAT KELLY--NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION OFFICE:

Miss Pat Kelly has served for a period of six years in the London Transportation office.

VOTED, To pass on to the London Transportation office a call for Miss Pat Kelly to transfer to the offices of the Northern European Division.

NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL COMMITTEE--
H. D. SINGLETON MEMBER:

VOTED, That H. D. Singleton be appointed as a member of the North American Travel Committee.

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MISSION PICTURES COMMITTEE--
MARCEDENE WOOD MEMBER:

VOTED, That Miss Marcedene Wood be appointed a member of the Mission Pictures Committee.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BASIC LIBRARY FUND--
REQUESTS FOR SUBSIDIES:

On recommendation of the Spirit of Prophecy Committee, it was--

VOTED, That subsidies be granted from the Spirit of Prophecy Basic Library Fund to the following Divisions, for publication of Spirit of Prophecy books in various languages, with the understanding that the Divisions will contribute equivalent sums in harmony with the policy:

Far Eastern Division:

Christ's Object Lessons, Japanese, 436 pages, edition of 10,000--\$1,000;

Northern European Division:

Great Controversy, English, 736 pages, edition 20,000--\$1,500;

Adventist Home, Polish, 583 pages, edition 5,000--\$1,457.50;

Steps to Christ, Polish, 96 pages, edition 5,000--\$240;

Southern Asia Division:

Story of Redemption, Sinhalese, 445 pages, edition 2,000--\$1,112.50.

ALBERTA OLIVER--MILE HIGH ACADEMY, DENVER:

VOTED, To pass on to the Andrews University a call from the Central Union Conference for Miss Alberta Oliver, a Librarian, to connect with the Colorado Conference as third-grade Teacher in Mile High Academy at Denver.

SHERRY L. WIEBOLD--GENERAL CONFERENCE PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and Oregon Conferences a call for Sherry L. Wiebold, to serve as a Secretary in the General Conference Publishing Department.

HAROLD G. EICHMAN--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences a call for Harold G. Eicnman, of the White Memorial Medical Center, to connect with Loma Linda University as Assistant Property Manager of the Foundation.

MAX WILLIAMS--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences a call for Max Williams, Vice-Principal and Teacher in Loma Linda Union Academy, to connect with Loma Linda University as Dean of Men.

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JOHN THURBER--FLORIDA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Voice of Prophecy Board a call from the Southern Union Conference for John Thurber, of the King's Heralds Quartet, to connect with the Florida Conference as Youth Pastor in the Orlando area.

JOHN THURBER--TEXAS CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Voice of Prophecy Board a call from the Southwestern Union Conference for John Thurber, of the King's Heralds Quartet, to serve as MV Secretary of the Texas Conference.

MISS ULLA M. SUNDELL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Ulla M. Sundell from Tanzania, East Africa, to Finland her homeland, on her request for health reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

EMMA BINDER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Emma Binder from Malawi, Africa, effective in October, 1967, in harmony with her desire, and on recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division. It was further--

VOTED, To record our appreciation for the many years Miss Emma Binder has given in overseas service, in both the Southern Asia and Trans-Africa Divisions.

MERVIN ELLSTROM--ACTION RESCINDED:

Action was taken by the General Conference Committee on July 21, 1966, authorizing the permanent return of Mervin Ellstrom, son of Elder and Mrs. Gordon M. Ellstrom, of the Congo, effective in January, 1967. Since he did not return to the United States at that time, the parents having decided that he should attend Helderberg College and return with them when they come on furlough in 1969, it was--

VOTED, To rescind the action authorizing the permanent return of Mervin Ellstrom.

H. E. McCLURE--TERM OF SERVICE:

H. E. McClure is being transferred from the Far Eastern Division to the South American Division, where he is to serve as Lay Activities Secretary.

VOTED, To record the fact that as H. E. McClure goes to South America he will be beginning a new term of service upon his arrival in the field.

M. P. BUONFIGLIO--SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Inter-American Division the call from the Southern European Division for M. P. Buonfiglio, of Medellin, Colombia, for work in the Italian Union Mission; on the basis of a national returning.

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CLADE SABOT--BURUNDI, AFRICA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division the call from the Trans-Africa Division for a French language Teacher for the Kivoga Seminary, in Burundi; suggesting the name of Clade Sabot, of Collonges.

JOAO DOS SANTOS--CONGO:..

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for Joao dos Santos, Principal of the Munguluni Mission Training School in Portuguese East Africa, at present furloughing in Portugal, to serve as Principal of the Lukanga Secondary School, Congo.

RONALD S. ESPOSITO--FRENCH POLYNESIAN MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division a call from the Australasian Division for Ronald S. Esposito, of France, to serve as President of the French Polynesian Mission.

MARLAND A. HANSEN, M.D.--TRANSFER AND ASSIGNMENT:

VOTED, To transfer the assignment of Marland A. Hansen, M.D., now interning at Portland Sanitarium and Hospital, and under deferred appointment, from the Far Eastern Division to the Trans-Africa Division, to serve as second Doctor for the Songa Mission Hospital in the Congo.

HERMON VANDERBERG--LIBERIA:

VOTED, That the Southern Union and South Atlantic Conferences be requested to release Hermon Vanderberg, of Charleston, South Carolina, and that he be invited to connect with the Northern European Division as Pastor-Evangelist for Liberia.

DONALD GENE JACOBSEN--SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION:

VOTED, That Andrews University be requested to release Donald Gene Jacobsen, Assistant Professor of Religion, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Ministerial Association Secretary for the Southeast Asia Union.

FRANK L. JACOBS--SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, That the Atlantic Union and Southern New England Conferences be requested to release Frank L. Jacobs, and that he be invited to serve as Assistant Treasurer of the South American Division.

EDWARD M. NORTON--RIVER PLATE COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union and Washington Conferences be requested to release Edward M. Norton, of the Auburn Academy faculty, and that he be invited to connect with the South American Division as Bible Teacher for the River Plate College.

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RICHARD HAYDEN--PUERTO RICO:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Central California Conferences be requested to release Richard Hayden, Bible Teacher in Armona Union Academy, and that he be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as church school Teacher at the Bella Vista Hospital in Puerto Rico.

LUIS PLATA--NETHERLANDS ANTILLES MISSION:

VOTED, That the Columbia Union and New Jersey Conferences be requested to release Luis Plata, and that he be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as District Pastor in the Netherlands Antilles Mission; on the basis of a national returning.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

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

VOTED, To authorize visits to overseas fields as follows:

- W. R. Beach--Europe, July 14 to August 12, 1967;
- O. A. Blake--Europe, June 15 to July 11, 1967;
- Theodore Carcich--Europe, July 14 to 20, 1967; Middle East Division, July 21 to August 20, 1967;
- K. H. Emerson--Australasian Division, June 7-13, 1967; Far Eastern Division (Hong Kong), June 15-17; Europe, June 18 to July 18, 1967;
- R. H. Pierson--Europe, July 14 to 20, 1967; Middle East Division, July 21-30, 1967;
- C. E. Moseley--Far Eastern Division (Indonesia), December, 1967, to February, 1968;
- H. E. Rice--Australasian Division, June 2-13, 1967 (New Zealand en route); Far Eastern Division (Hong Kong), June 15-20, 1967; Southern Asia Division, June 20-July 21, 1967; Northern European Division (Ethiopia), July 23-25, 1967;
- I. M. Vacquer--Far Eastern Division (round trip Tokyo, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangkok, Manila, Taipei, Tokyo; I. M. Vacquer travels San Francisco-Tokyo-San Francisco at personal expense), approximately September 16-30, 1967;
- G. E. Vandeman--Australasian Division, May 17-July 10, 1967;
- H. M. S. Richards and King's Heralds Quartet--Far Eastern Division, September and October, 1968; it being understood that the cost of transportation and entertainment for H. M. S. Richards will be borne by the Voice of Prophecy; and that the cost of transportation and entertainment for the King's Heralds Quartet will be borne on a fifty-fifty basis between the Voice of Prophecy and the Far Eastern Division.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

- F. L. Bland--Huntsville, Alabama, and Nashville, Tennessee, speaking appointments and Oakwood and Riverside Board Meetings, April 7-13; Gary, Indiana, speaker for Revival Meetings, May 19-27; Alabama and Mississippi, speaking appointments, August 24-30; Nashville, Tennessee, Workers' Meeting, September 17-20 (in connection with Oakwood Board);
- C. E. Dudley (President South Central Conference)--New Rochelle Church, New York City, Week of Prayer, March 11-18;

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

K. H. Emmerson--Dayton, Ohio, Treasury business, March 10;
 W. W. Fordham--Jacksonville, Florida, Go-Tell program graduation, April 14-16;
 T. S. Geraty--San Francisco, Oakland, Vallejo, California, Loma Linda University and La Sierra College affiliation items, February 28-March 1 (extension of authorized trip); Chicago, Illinois, University of Chicago, National Invitational Conference on State Regulation of Nonpublic Schools sponsored by Danforth Foundation, March 28, 29;
 L. M. Nelson--cancelation of attendance at Youth Congress, Northern Union, April 20-22; Southwestern Union, Bible Conference (Union), April 19-22;
 E. W. Pedersen--North Pacific Union, assist with Dorcas Federation Meetings and Welfare Work in union and five conferences, March 24-April 29;
 Leston Post (Pacific Union)--to Takoma Park, meet with Sabbath School Department, counsel re remainder of series of Sabbath School films, March 21, 22 (at General Conference expense);
 Lloyd Rahming (South Atlantic Conference)--Cleveland, Ohio, Glenville Church, Revival Meetings, March 19-25;
 L. B. Reynolds--Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, church appointments, March 10, 11;
 H. E. Rice--Dayton, Ohio, Kettering Hospital (with K. H. Emmerson), March 10-12 (extension of voted appointment for constituency meeting);
 F. A. Soper--Flint, Michigan, Annual Meeting, National Committee on Alcoholism, April 10-15; Huntsville, Alabama, Listen editorial and temperance appointments, April 19, 20; Florida Conference, Listen editorial and Temperance appointments, April 21-25;
 R. S. Watts--Church Music Conference, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, June 29-July 2 (in connection with other appointments in Southern Union);
 Herbert White--Lincoln, Nebraska, Union College Publishing Institute and Home Health Education Survey, March 20-23; Keene, Texas, Southwestern Union College Publishing Institute, and Richardson, Texas, Home Health Education Survey, and Sabbath appointment, March 24-28 (in connection with other appointments in Southern Union en route back to Washington);
 Special Committee: M. V. Campbell, R. M. Davidson, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, R. J. Radcliffe, H. E. Rice, R. F. Waddell, M.D., J. O. Gibson, Werber Johnson--Meeting of Institute on Hospital Fund Accounting, Denver, Colorado, April 10-12;
 Rescind itinerary voted for J. V. Scully, Southern Union, March 19-25 (voted December 15, 1966), Temperance appointments.

Adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Prayer of dismissal by A. L. White.

M. V. Campbell, Chairman
 R. R. Frame, Secretary
 Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Forty-Seventh Meeting
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 16, 1967, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

F. L. Bland, R. R. Frame, R. E. Adams, J. J. Aitken, Wesley Amundsen, D. H. Baasch, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, W. P. Bradley, M. V. Campbell, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cleveland, C. O. Franz, T. S. Geraty, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, J. H. Hancock, R. R. Hegstad, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, Werber Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, E. W. Pedersen, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, R. H. Pierson, R. J. Radcliffe, M. H. Reeder, Fernon Retzer, L. B. Reynolds, V. W. Schoen, J. V. Scully, H. D. Singleton, F. A. Soper, E. W. Tarr, A. L. White, Herbert White, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Charles Bradford, N. W. Litchfield

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD:

F. L. Bland, Chairman, told of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mittleider, laymen, who are giving their services out in New Guinea, free of charge. Mr. Mittleider was a successful businessman out in California. He closed his business and offered his services to the Australasian Division as a layman to bring aid and help to some portions of the mission field where the need was very great for a demonstration of how food can be raised. A number of our central schools in the highlands of New Guinea experienced difficulty because of a lack of food, and there have been times when they had to send the students back to their villages because they could not produce enough food to supply their needs. Elder Bland read excerpts from a letter written by Brother Mittleider in which he told of the experiences in bringing equipment to the school with which he is connected. A part of the way, some one hundred miles, was over a road cut out of the mountain by native hands. He referred to the exciting adventures they have out there occasionally, and yet which they enjoy. He is helping to prepare people of that portion of the world that they might go into their villages and bring aid and help to their people. Elder Bland read Matt. 25: 35-40, in which Christ said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Elder Bland expressed his happiness in being affiliated with a church in which the laymen are so dedicated they will leave their homes and go into the far-out places of the earth and bring education, food, and clothing to those who are destitute and in need.

Opening prayer by M. E. Kemmerer.

E. E. CLEVELAND--REPORT:

Reporting on evangelism in the world field, E. E. Cleveland, Associate Secretary in the Ministerial Association, said that last year there were over 200 evangelists across the earth who baptized over 100 souls per man. Twenty-four of these men came from North America. One hundred twenty-six ran public campaigns for the first time.

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**CHARLES BRADFORD--INTRODUCTION;
RESPONSE:**

E. E. Cleveland introduced to the Committee members the President of the Lake Region Conference, Charles Bradford. In response, Elder Bradford presented greetings from the Lake Union and Lake Region Conference. They are of good courage. He expressed appreciation for the help of the General Conference on their Shiloh Church project. They have begun work on the new structure. The Lake Region Conference began as the smallest conference in the Lake Union; it is now Number 2. They have set their sights to baptize 1,000 souls this year. Their tithe showed a gain of \$110,919.83 in 1966 over that of 1965.

THEODORE CARCICH--REPORT:

Theodore Carcich, General Vice-President, told of a letter received from M. L. Mills, President of the Trans-Africa Division, in which he reported 29,666 baptized during 1966, a gain of 8,150 over the previous year. They are with us in the program of evangelism, and are praying they will exceed the 1966 record. Elder Carcich referred to reports from various conferences in the North American Division, and the goals they have set for soul winning in 1967. He told of a recent meeting in Syracuse, New York, in which a large number were present. A challenge was made to the laymen not only to win one, but to tell which one. They received 2,000 responses. He said that W. W. Fordham has been in Montgomery, Alabama, for a two-weeks' effort. A number of presidents of conferences are planning to hold efforts. Let us have a wonderful year.

R. H. PIERSON--REPORT:

R. H. Pierson, President, said that we have had some fine union meetings. North America is not behind any part of the world. He has been thrilled as he has gone around to half of the unions, in the ministerial meetings to hear the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees. He has heard thrilling mission stories. Out in San Bernardino, California, a few weeks ago he watched a program one afternoon that would have done the General Conference credit--the Go-Tell Program. Something is happening in our schools in this country. There are signs of revival in some of our institutions, our academies and colleges. Our people want to know more definitely what their part is in the finishing of the work. They are ready personally to have a part in these great challenging events. Just yesterday he was down in the Southwestern Union. The folks there are on fire for evangelism. He believes this is going to be our greatest year.

D. H. BAASCH--REPORT:

D. H. Baasch, Associate Secretary, reported concerning the evangelistic crusade which is being carried on in the South Caribbean Conference. G. H. Rainey, who is on loan from the Atlantic Union Conference, is now in the final stages of the crusade. Last Sabbath they had their first Sabbath meeting in the tent. The majority of the people present indicated their desire to become members of the Advent church. With the other efforts that are being carried on in other areas of the conference they look forward to reaching 1,000 souls baptized by next June. Elder Samuel L. Gadsby, President of the South Caribbean Conference, expressed sincere thanks for the help received from the General Conference. They will be eternally grateful to the General Conference Committee for the fine gesture in sending them financial help.

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HERBERT WHITE--REPORT:

Herbert White, Publishing Department Associate Secretary, said he was glad to share with this Committee the fact that the literature evangelists during 1966 delivered \$21,303,695 worth of literature into the homes; which was \$1,720,083 over that of 1965. More impressive is the fact that in this report from the world field our literature evangelists prayed in 487,000 homes, and gave 185,577 Bible studies. There were 5,170 baptisms from their contacts. This is only a partial report.

EDGAR A. VON POHLE--DEATH OF:

Announcement was made of the death of Edgar A. von Pohle, on March 14, 1967, at the St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital. He had been out of active work since 1950. He began in the work in 1906, and was Educational Secretary in two Unions; also he served in a number of our Academies as Principal and Bible Teacher, and was Pastor in various locations.

MINUTES of the meeting held March 9, 1967, were approved.

L. J. NORRIS--MISSIONARY LICENSE:

VOTED, That Missionary License be granted to L. J. Norris, a worker employed in the shipping office in New York City.

CAROL CRAWFORD--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Potomac Conferences a call for Miss Carol Crawford, a Teacher in the John Nevins Andrews School, in Takoma Park, Maryland, to connect with Andrews University as a Teacher in the Elementary School.

CLINTON WALL--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union Conference and Kettering Memorial Hospital a call for Clinton Wall, to connect with Andrews University as Associate Food Service Director.

MRS. PATRICIA BLACK--ST. HELENA SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University a call from the Pacific Union Conference for Mrs. Patricia Black, Instructor in the School of Dietetics at LLU, to connect with the Northern California Conference as Head Dietitian in the St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital.

TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION--DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES:

In harmony with a recommendation from the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To accept the resignation of M. H. Schaffner as Temperance Secretary of the Trans-Africa Division. It was further--

VOTED, That B. E. Jacobs be elected as Temperance Secretary, and A. W. Austen as Religious Liberty Secretary of the Trans-Africa Division.

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PATRICIA GUSTIN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Patricia Gustin from Singapore, at the end of her two-year term of teaching, on her request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

DAVID LYNN MORRIS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of David Lynn Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Morris, of Beirut, Lebanon, for educational reasons, effective June 15, 1967; in harmony with the recommendation of the Middle East Division.

F. G. GRELLMAN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of F. G. Grellman from the Trans-Africa Division to Germany, on his request after twelve years of service, his last position having been President of the North Rwanda Field; in harmony with the recommendation of the Division.

JOYCE DITTMER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Joyce Dittmer be released from the call to serve as an English Teacher in the Southeast Asia Union College in Singapore, on her request for health reasons and graduate work.

BETTY WALKER--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That the appointment of Miss Betty Walker be transferred from that of church school Teacher for Bangkok to church school Teacher for Yokohama, Japan.

VALLEE SARAGGANONDDHA--BANGKOK SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Vallee Saragganondha, of Madison, Tennessee, a call from the Far Eastern Division for her to serve as a Nurse-Anesthetist in the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital; on the basis of a national returning.

ABRAHAM W. OKORO--NIGERIAN TRAINING COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Abraham W. Okoro, of Lansing, Michigan, an invitation from the Northern European Division for him to serve as a Teacher for the Nigerian Training College; on the basis of a national returning.

LOUIS HADLEY SEENYEN--MAURITIUS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division a call from the Southern European Division for Louis Hadley Seenyen, now teaching in England, to serve as a Teacher for Mauritius, and later as Principal of the Phoenix Adventist School; on the basis of a national returning to his homeland.

KENNETH RILEY--GUYANA MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to Kenneth Riley, now a student at Andrews University, completing his B.D. degree, an invitation from the Inter-American Division for him to serve as a District Pastor in the Guyana Mission, of the Caribbean Union Conference; on the basis of a national returning to his home union.

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ZAEDOCHE REID, JR.--WILLODENE SECONDARY SCHOOL, JAMAICA:

VOTED, To pass on to Zaedoch Reid, Jr., a student at Andrews University, an invitation from the Inter-American Division for him to serve as Music, Instrumental, and Science Teacher for the Willodene Secondary School, Spanish Town, Jamaica; on the basis of a national returning.

NANCY G. FEHDRAU--ILE-IFE HOSPITAL, NIGERIA:

VOTED, That the Canadian Union and Ontario-Quebec Conferences be requested to release Miss Nancy G. Fehdrau, of the North York Branson Hospital, and that she be invited to connect with the Northern European Division as Nurse for the Ile-ife Hospital, in Nigeria.

JEANETTE EARNHARDT--YOUNGBERG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Loma Linda University be requested to release Miss Jeanette Earnhardt, and that she be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Surgical Supervisor for the Youngberg Memorial Hospital in Singapore.

DR. JOSEPH ESTEPHAN--ANTILLIAN COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the Southwestern Union and Oklahoma Conferences be requested to release Dr. Joseph Estephan, and that he be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Professor in the Department of Education in Antillian College, Puerto Rico.

HARVEY RUDISAILLE--LAKE TITICACA MISSION:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Central California Conferences be requested to release Harvey Rudisaille, presently Assistant Treasurer in the Central California Conference, and that he be invited to connect with the South American Division as Secretary-Treasurer of the Lake Titicaca Mission, in the Inca Union Mission.

OGLA McELWAIN--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL, PUERTO RICO:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Central California Conferences be requested to release Oglia McElwain, Head of Maintenance at Monterey Bay Academy, and that he be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Head of Maintenance at the Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico.

DOUGLAS ROBERTSON--DEFERRED DENTAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Douglas Robertson, former X-ray and Laboratory Technician at Bella Vista Hospital, in Puerto Rico, now a dental student, be placed under deferred appointment to the Inter-American Division.

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MILTON ~~WONG~~--WEST INDIES COLLEGE, JAMAICA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Far Eastern Division a call from the Inter-American Division for Milton ~~Wong~~, now teaching in Hong Kong, to connect with West Indies College as Science-Mathematics Teacher.

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E. E. CLEVELAND--VISIT TO INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, That E. E. Cleveland be authorized to visit the Inter-American Division, May 5-15, 1967; to assist in consolidation of the work in Trinidad, the dedication of a church; and attend a Workers' Meeting in Jamaica.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

R. E. Adams--New Braintree, Massachusetts, Pioneer Valley Academy, Special Temperance emphasis week end, March 23-26;

O. A. Blake--Huntsville, Alabama, and Nashville, Tennessee, Oakwood College and Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital Boards, April 9-12; Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Andrews University Quadrennial Constituency Meeting, May 1, 2;

W. P. Bradley--Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood College Board, April 10, 11; Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital Board, April 12; Southern Publishing Association Board and Constituency, April 13; Loma Linda, California, LLU Constituency and Board, April 23;

Manuel Carballal--Riverside, California, West Coast Insurance Office, to help synchronize the accounting procedures of West Coast with Washington office, June 28-July 3;

Theodore Carcich--Hinsdale, Illinois, an Evangelistic Chicagoland Rally and meetings, May 12-15;

E. E. Cleveland--New York City, Greater New York Academy, Commencement address, June 18; Northeastern Academy, Commencement exercise, New York City, June 25 (both from Andrews University);

K. H. Emerson--Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Andrews University Quadrennial Constituency Meeting, May 1, 2;

Andrew Fearing--Boston, Greater Boston Academy, graduation, Commencement speaker, June 3, 4;

C. E. Guenther--Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Spring Dorcas Federation Meetings, April 8-20;

Paul Hill (Columbia Union College)--Orlando, Florida, Church Music Workshop, June 2-4;

Richard Hill--Boston, Massachusetts, National Fire Protection Association Meeting in Boston (Insurance), May 15-19;

D. W. Hunter--Union Springs, New York, Union-wide Music Festival Week End Speaker, March 31, April 1;

M. H. Jensen--Northern New England Conference, Spring Dorcas Federation Meetings, April 1-5; New York Conference, Dorcas Federation Meetings, April 9-15; South Lancaster, Massachusetts, Union-wide Health and Welfare Council (previously voted for February date), June 4-7;

Van Knauss (Columbia Union College)--Maitland, Florida, Church Music Leaders' Workshop, June 2-4;

Charles Martin--Lake Union (probably at Scott Lake, Michigan), Union Bivouac, May 4-7; Grand Ledge, Michigan, Associate Director of National Medical Cadet Corps Camp, June 4-18;

L. M. Nelson--Hinsdale and Chicago, Illinois, area appointments, May 26-28;

J. W. Peeke--Denver, Colorado, Institute on Hospital Fund Accounting, April 10 (extension of trip voted to Chicago); Berrien Springs, Michigan, Andrews University, Deans' Workshop; Riverside, California, Western Branch office, Insurance business, June 20-July 14;

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A. V. Pinkney--Kansas City, Missouri, special Temperance Emphasis week end, March 23-26 (in connection with appointments already voted);

Marvin H. Reeder--Indiana and Michigan, Public Relations Workshops, April 16-26;

H. E. Rice--Worthington, Ohio, Diet and Food Service Committee, April 17-20;

V. W. Schoen--Bermuda, Lay Instructors' Training School, April 7-14 (in place of appointment in New York Conference in March, which was canceled);

W. R. L. Scragg--Collegedale, Tennessee, Southern Missionary College, dedication ceremonies for newly expanded college station, WSMC-FM, March 21;

Ella May Stoneburner--Indiana Conference, help with Academy Health Week, and also Elementary Schools, April 2-6 (in connection with voted itinerary to Lake Union);

Maybelle E. Vandermark--South Lancaster, Massachusetts, Union-wide Health and Welfare Council, June 4-7, 1967 (voted to this council in February, but date of council changed to June);

Arthur L. White--Bordoville, Vermont, Regional Meeting for Northern New England, October 6-8.

MRS. MARIE ANNE OWENS--NAME RECOMMENDED
TO SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Marie Anne Owens gave many years of service in the Southern Asia and Trans-Africa Divisions. She began work in 1922. She spent more than twenty years at Solusi College.

VOTED, That the name of Mrs. Marie Anne Owens be referred to the Sustentation Committee for consideration. It was further--

VOTED, To record our appreciation for the long years of faithful service given by Mrs. Marie Anne Owens.

Adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

F. L. Bland, Chairman
R. R. Frame, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Forty-Eighth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 23, 1967, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

M. V. Campbell, R. R. Frame, R. E. Adams, Wesley Amundsen, D. H. Baasch, W. R. Beach, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, J. E. Edwards, A. A. Esteb, C. O. Franz, T. S. Geraty, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, J. H. Hancock, Mazie Herin, C. B. Hirsch, D. W. Holbrook, D. W. Hunter, Werber Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas, C. D. Martin, G. R. Nash, L. M. Nelson, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, R. J. Radcliffe, M. H. Reeder, L. B. Reynolds, J. V. Scully, H. D. Singleton, E. H. J. Steed, I. V. Stonebrook, E. W. Tarr, R. F. Waddell, M.D., A. L. White

OTHERS PRESENT:

N. W. Litchfield

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD:

As a devotional reading, M. V. Campbell, Chairman, read the last paragraph of Volume 9, in Testimonies to the Church. He called attention to the fact that the Testimonies close in almost the same way as the Holy Scriptures, on the theme of the coming of the Lord.

Opening prayer by C. B. Hirsch.

MINUTES of the meeting held March 16, 1967, were approved.

BRAZIL PUBLISHING HOUSE--PLANS FOR EXPANSION:

VOTED, To approve the request of the South American Division in connection with the plans for the expansion of the Brazil Publishing House into offset printing and the purchase of necessary equipment, and refer the implementation of this action to the General Conference Treasury and the Officers.

1967 AUTUMN COUNCIL--LOCATION:

Consideration has been given to the possibility of holding the 1967 Autumn Council in Atlanta, Georgia, in the Southern Union, it being felt it would be helpful and advisable to hold it there. However, investigation has been made and it is found impossible to secure adequate facilities for the 1967 Autumn Council in Atlanta, so that it is not feasible to hold the Council in that location.

VOTED, To hold to the action taken at the 1966 Autumn Council that the 1967 Autumn Council be held in Takoma Park, D.C.

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DANIEL R. PURPLE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Daniel R. Purple from Uruguay, as of August, 1967; in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division.

MELVIN G. HOLM--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Melvin G. Holm from Kuyera, Ethiopia, for educational reasons, effective at the close of the present school year; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Northern European Division.

FRANK L. JACOBS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Frank L. Jacobs be released from the call to be Assistant Treasurer of the South American Division, since he has recently moved and has taken up a new position in the Atlantic Union Conference.

DENNIS C. KEITH--APPOINTMENT TRANSFERRED:

On suggestion of the Northern European Division, since they are able to fill the need for a Secretary-Treasurer in the West Nigeria Mission, it was--

VOTED, That the appointment of Dennis C. Keith be transferred from that of Secretary-Treasurer of the West Nigeria Mission to that of Secretary-Treasurer of the Sierra Leone Mission.

THEODORA ZUERCHER--KENDU HOSPITAL:

Miss Theodore Zuercher is a Nurse who has had training at Loma Linda, California. She previously served in Angola.

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for Theodora Zuercher, of Switzerland, to serve as a Nurse for the Kendu Hospital, Kenya, East Africa, effective August, 1968; with the request that the Southern European Division process the call.

ARACELI M. URIARTE--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Araceli M. Uriarte, a student at Pacific Union College, an invitation from the Far Eastern Division for her to teach in the Philippine Union College; on the basis of a national returning to her homeland.

FREDRIK VAN PUTTEN--CARIBBEAN UNION COLLEGE, TRINIDAD:

VOTED, To pass on to Fredrik Van Putten, of South Ozone Park, New York, an invitation from the Inter-American Division for him to serve as Manager of the Caribbean Union College Press, Trinidad; on the basis of a national returning to his home union.

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JEROME NISWONGER, M.D.--PENANG:

VOTED, To pass on to Jerome Niswonger, M.D., of Glendale, California, who is now completing work on his residency, a call to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Ob.-Gyn. Physician for Penang Sanitarium and Hospital.

WESLEY H. GERRANS--RUSANGU, ZAMBIA:

VOTED, To pass on to Wesley H. Gerrans, now teaching high school at Eau Claire, Michigan, a call to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as Industrial Arts Teacher at Rusangu, Zambia.

ROBERT H. MILLS--WEST AFRICAN UNION MISSION:

VOTED, That the Atlantic Union and Southern New England Conferences be requested to release Robert H. Mills, Registrar and Accountant at South Lancaster Academy, and that he be invited to connect with the Northern European Division as Assistant Treasurer of the West African Union Mission.

GEORGE E. KNOWLES--NEW GALLERY CENTER, LONDON, ENGLAND:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union and Oregon Conferences be requested to release George E. Knowles, and that he be invited to connect with the Northern European Division as Director of the New Gallery Center, London, England, for a period of up to two-and-a-half years.

R. A. BETTLE, M.D.--ANDREWS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, JAMAICA:

VOTED, To pass on to R. A. Bettle, M.D., of Brunswick, Maine, an invitation to serve as a relief Doctor for the Andrews Memorial Hospital, Jamaica, for six weeks during the Summer of 1967; with the understanding that he will pay his own transportation expenses and the Inter-American Division will take care of his salary.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Euel Atchley--Southwestern Union, three academies and college, Union-wide Temperance Oratorical Contest and other Temperance appointments, March 31-April 6; Union Springs, New York, Union Springs Academy, Temperance program, April 14, 15; Atlantic Union College, Temperance program, April 17-19;

D. H. Baasch--Columbus and Dayton, Ohio, preaching appointments with Columbia Union College orchestra, March 17-19;

E. E. Cleveland--Indianapolis, Indiana, Revival, March 18-21;

R. R. Hegstad--Atlanta, Georgia, Liberty Magazine business and Sabbath appointments, April 7-9; Toledo, Ohio, appointment en route to Colorado, April 28;

W. A. Howe--Walla Walla College, workshop on School Plant Planning and Educational Innovations, July 17-23 (just preceding the Educational Advisory Committee);

E. L. Minchin--Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, March 17, 18;

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

C. J. Nagele--Alaska, Anchorage, survey several situations, and speaker for week end, en route to Far East;

R. E. Osborn--Denver, present paper on investments to Institute on Fund Accounting for SDA Hospitals, April 10; Glendale, California, Pacific Union Association Council, April 11, 12; Mountain View, California, Pacific Press, Investment work, April 13;

A. V. Pinkney--Columbus, Ohio, Temperance Workshop, May 12-14;

Herbert White--Ohio, State-wide Literature Evangelist Rally, April 7-9.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY DAY:

Since it is learned there is a program planned for the church service on May 13 by the Disaster and Famine Relief Committee, and May 13 is also the day listed in the 1967 Calendar of Special Days and Offerings as Spirit of Prophecy Day, for which there is also a program planned, and thus a conflict is encountered, it was--

VOTED, That the Spirit of Prophecy Day be changed from May 13 to May 20, for 1967.

Benediction by R. F. Waddell, M.D.

Adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

M. V. Campbell, Chairman
R. R. Frame, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Forty-Ninth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 30, 1967, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

R. H. Pierson, R. R. Frame, J. J. Aitken, Wesley Amundsen, D. H. Baasch, W. R. Beach, R. R. Bietz, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, W. P. Bradley, M. V. Campbell, E. E. Cleveland, J. E. Edwards, A. A. Esteb, C. O. Franz, T. S. Geraty, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, Richard Hammill, R. R. Hegstad, C. B. Hirsch, D. W. Holbrook, D. W. Hunter, D. S. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, M. E. Loewen, Theodore Lucas, C. D. Martin, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, J. W. Peeke, A. V. Pinkney, R. J. Radcliffe, M. H. Reeder, H. E. Rice, W. R. L. Scragg, J. V. Scully, F. A. Soper, J. R. Spangler, L. H. J. Steed, E. W. Tarr, R. F. Waddell, M.D., Neal C. Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT:

C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield, A. L. Tucker

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD:

The Chairman, R. H. Pierson, read from J. B. Phillips' translation of the Bible Romans 5. He commented that these are some beautiful words from the pen of Paul as translated by Dr. Phillips. There are some very beautiful things from a literary and spiritual standpoint, as Paul speaks of this new relationship with Christ we have entered into, and we know what it is to stand justified before Him.

Opening prayer by D. W. Hunter.

INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION--REPORT:

D. H. Baasch said that the Inter-American Division has recently sent a copy of their year-end Statistical Report which brought us the news that in the Antillian Union Mission all organizations won their baptismal goals.

MINUTES of the meeting held March 23, 1967, were approved.

SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION--

REASSIGNMENT OF 1964 OVERFLOW OFFERING:

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

VOTED, To authorize the reassignment of the percentages of the 1964 Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Offering for the first quarter. The percentages had been assigned thus: 90 per cent to the North Brazil Union Boarding Academy, and 10 per cent to the Belem Hospital and for the launches. The reassignment is as follows: 30 per cent to the North Brazil Union Boarding Academy, and 70 per cent to the launches and for a new wing at the Belem Hospital.

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SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION--EXCHANGE RATES:

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

VOTED, That authorization be given for a change in the exchange rates for Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay, effective April 1, 1967, as follows:

Argentina Pesos--from 230 to 330 to the U.S. Dollar, or .00303;
Brazilian Cruzeiros--from 2,100 to 2,164 to the U.S. Dollar, or .378787;
Uruguayan Pesos--from 60 to 66 to the U.S. Dollar, or .0151515.

B. E. SETON--BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE:

At the 1966 General Conference session B. E. Seton was elected as Secretary of the Northern European Division. A call has now come for him to serve as President of the British Union Conference.

VOTED, That B. E. Seton be released from his position as Secretary of the Northern European Division, and that the call be passed on to the Northern European Division for B. E. Seton to serve as President of the British Union Conference.

T. W. WALTERS--COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION:

Information was given that R. A. Nesmith has retired from his work as Education Secretary of the Southwestern Union Conference.

VOTED, That T. W. Walters, the new Education Secretary of the North Pacific Union Conference, be appointed as a member of the Commission on Higher Education, as a replacement for R. A. Nesmith.

JOHN T. MASON--TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION:

J. N. Hunt, now serving as Publishing Department Secretary for the Trans-Africa Division, plans to return to the United States in June, 1967.

VOTED, That John T. Mason, now serving as Assistant Secretary of the Publishing Department in the Far Eastern Division, be elected as Secretary of the Publishing Department in the Trans-Africa Division; and that the call from the Trans-Africa Division for John T. Mason to serve as Publishing Department Secretary be passed on to the Far Eastern Division.

WALTON J. BROWN--GENERAL CONFERENCE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

On request of the General Conference Department of Education, and with the approval of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That Walton J. Brown, now Education Secretary of the Inter-American Division, be elected as an Associate Secretary in the General Conference Department of Education; and that a call be passed on to the Inter-American Division for Walton J. Brown to connect with the General Conference in this position.

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OVERSEAS VISITS:

On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That visits to overseas fields be authorized as follows:

Miss Mazie Herin--Inter-American Division, Puerto Rico, May 17 to June 2, 1967;

F. L. Bland and W. L. Pascoe--Inter-American Division (West Indies Union Mission), for counseling and survey work, September 10-21, 1967.

PATRICIA ANN WIESSEMAN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Patricia Ann Wieseeman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. J. Wieseeman, of Bangkok, Thailand, for educational reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

T. M. ASHLOCK--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of T. M. Ashlock from the Trans-Africa Division, on his request for educational reasons, he having been on furlough and extended leave of absence; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Division.

CLAYTON FARWELL--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Clayton Farwell be released from appointment to the North Coast Mission, Brazil, as Lay Activities, Sabbath School, and Radio-TV Secretary; he having declined the call because of having moved to a new appointment in the Potomac Conference.

MYRON F. WEHTJE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Myron F. Wehtje be released from appointment as History-Geography Teacher at the Peninsula Secondary School, in Sierra Leone, he having requested release because of his desire to complete a doctorate before going overseas.

DON FOLKENBERG--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Don Folkenberg, of Loma Linda, California, be placed under deferred appointment to the Inter-American Division, effective at the close of his internship year with the General Conference Auditing Department, in April of 1968.

LAWRENCE THONGS--CARIBBEAN UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, That Oakwood College be requested to release Lawrence Thongs, and that an invitation from the Inter-American Division be passed to him to be Assistant Treasurer of the Caribbean Union College, effective upon the completion of his school work in June, 1967; on the basis of a national returning to his home union.

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NORMA GREAVES--CARIBBEAN UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Norma Greaves, a student at La Sierra College, in California, an invitation from the Inter-American Division for her to serve as Science Teacher in the Caribbean Union College; on the basis of a national returning to her homeland.

HELEN FERGUSON--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences be requested to release Miss Helen Ferguson, and that she be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Church School Teacher, effective in June, 1967; definite assignment of location to be made later.

VERNON C. BUTLER, M.D.--KOREA:

VOTED, That Vernon C. Butler, M.D., of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Doctor for Pusan, Korea.

DONALD ABBOTT, M.D.--PENANG:

VOTED, That Donald Abbott, M.D., of Riverside, California, and who it is noted has British qualifications, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Relief Doctor for Penang, for one year.

JOAO M. CARDOSO--RUSANGU:

VOTED, That the Atlantic Union and Southern New England Conferences be requested to release Joao M. Cardoso, now teaching at Greater Boston Academy, and that he be invited to connect with the Rusangu Preparatory and Junior Secondary School, in Zambia, as French Teacher.

ALBERT M. LONG--CENTRAL AFRICA:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Central California Conferences be requested to release Albert M. Long, and that he be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as Bible Teacher for Kivoga Adventist Seminary, near Bujumbura, in Central Africa.

DANIEL WALTHER--SOLUSI COLLEGE:

VOTED, That Andrews University be requested to release Daniel Walther, and that he be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division, under a special arrangement, as Principal of Solusi College, on a two-year appointment, while R. L. Staples is on leave and working on his doctorate.

WARREN B. SHULTZ--SOUTH CHINA ISLAND UNION MISSION:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union Conference and Hawaiian Mission be requested to release Warren B. Shultz, a worker on the Island of Maui, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Lay Activities and Sabbath School Secretary of the South China Island Union Mission.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

K. F. Anbs--Atlanta, Georgia, Public Relations Advisory Committee (in place of J. C. Kozel), April 10-12;

D. H. Baasch--Chicago, revival meetings in Spanish churches, May 5-20 (change of date);

W. P. Bradley--Walla Walla College, Commission on Graduate Education, College and University Administrators' Meeting, July 25-27;

D. A. Delafield--Newfoundland, church and school speaking appointments, March 31-April 2; Halifax, Nova Scotia, church appointment, April 3;

N. R. Dower--Loma Linda, California, Commencement sermon for Loma Linda University, June 3;

R. R. Hegstad--Hartford, Connecticut (will already be in New York City), for Friday evening and Sabbath services, extension of trip, April 7, 8;

Mazie Herin--Walla Walla College, Department of Education Advisory Committee, July 23, 24; Portland Sanitarium, and Walla Walla College School of Nursing, clinical campus, Portland, Oregon, July 25-29; Feather River Sanitarium, Paradise, California, July 31, August 1; Sonora Community Hospital, Sonora, California, August 3, 4; Hanford Community Hospital, Hanford, California, August 7-9; Simi Valley Hospital, Simi, California, August 10, 11; Memorial Hospital, Beeville, Texas, August 15-17; Ardmore SDA Hospital, Ardmore, Oklahoma, August 20, 21; Jay Memorial Hospital of SDA, Jay, Oklahoma, August 23, 24; Madison Hospital, Madison, Tennessee, August 27, 28; Oneida Mountain Hospital, Oneida, Kentucky, August 30, 31;

C. B. Hirsch--Collegedale, Tennessee, Southern Missionary College Commencement address, May 28;

N. W. Litchfield--High Point, North Carolina, ESDA business, April 16-18;

Charles Martin--Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, Retreat for Servicemen, San Antonio Center, April 7-10;

Myrtle McGee and Doris Sickler (ESDA)--High Point, North Carolina, attend Furniture Market, ESDA business, April 16-19;

Mrs. Ruth Murdoch (Andrews University)--Lincoln, Nebraska, Union Teachers' Convention, October 31-November 4;

H. E. Rice--Loma Linda University Board, Loma Linda, California, May 23, 24; Paradise Valley Sanitarium and Hospital, Western Chaplains' Association Meeting and other appointments, May 25-27; Hawaii, Castle Memorial Hospital, survey and consultation, May 29-June 1, en route to overseas appointments;

J. R. Spangler--to Blue Mountain Academy, March 24, 25; Atlanta, Georgia, Public Relations Advisory Committee (in place of N. R. Dower), April 10-12;

I. V. Stonebrook--Jefferson, Texas, Jefferson Academy Consecration service, May 26 (en route from Mexico, extension of trip);

Ella May Stoneburner--Andrews University, assist in World Mission Workshop, June 19-23;

Ralph F. Waddell--Kansas City, Missouri, SDA Professional Club of Kansas City College of Osteopathy, Annual Banquet speaker, April 16 (en route back from appointment in Denver); Loma Linda, California, Loma Linda University Board, April 23; Madison, Tennessee, Madison College Alumni Association speaker, April 28, 29.

March 30, 1967

C. MERVYN MAXWELL--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and Union College a call for C. Mervyn Maxwell to connect with Andrews University as Chairman of the Department of Church History and Professor of Church History.

Adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

R. H. Pierson, Chairman
R. R. Frame, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary