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One Hundred Thirteenth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 2, 1968, 9:30 A.M.

PRESENT:

R. H. Pierson, W. R. Beach, W. M. Adams, R. E. Adams, J. J. Aitken, K. F. Ambs, Wesley Amundsen, G. T. Anderson, D. H. Baasch, D. J. Bieber, R. R. Bietz, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, L. F. Bohner, J. W. Bothe, W. P. Bradley, M. V. Campbell, Theodore Carcich, Ernest F. Ching, M.D., B. L. Colon, R. L. Cone, E. E. Cossentine, P. M. DeBooy, J. L. Dittberner, N. R. Dower, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, J. E. Edwards, K. H. Emmerson, A. C. Fearing, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., R. R. Frame, C. O. Franz, V. E. Garber, T. S. Geraty, A. E. Gibb, J. O. Gibson, W. J. Hackett, Richard Hammill, J. H. Hancock, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, C. B. Hirsch, D. W. Holbrook, D. W. Hunter, G. A. Huse,

I. H. Ihrig, D. S. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, B. E. Leach, Theodore Lucas, C. D. Martin, O. O. Mattison, D. A. McAdams, F. R. Millard, C. E. Moseley, Jr., C. J. Nagele, Gerald R. Nash, G. B. Nelson, L. M. Nelson, R. H. Nightingale, Boardman Noland, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, E. W. Pedersen, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, A. V. Pinkney, R. J. Radcliffe, M. H. Reeder, R. M. Reinhard, L. B. Reynolds, H. E. Rice, E. E. Roenfelt, A. H. Roth.

Cree Sandefur, H. H. Schmidt, V. W. Schoen, Harry A. Schrillo, W. R. L. Scragg, J. V. Scully, H. D. Singleton, Clark Smith, Jere D. Smith, P. G. Smith, F. A. Soper, C. I. Sorensen, J. R. Spangler, W. M. Starks, E. H. J. Steed, Carl Sundin, E. W. Tarr, C. L. Torrey, G. E. Vandeman, R. S. Watts, Donald W. Welch, Herbert White, Neal C. Wilson, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

D. A. Delafield, D. C. Duffield, H. L. Dyer, C. D. Forshee, L. E. Froom, I. H. Harrison, N. W. Litchfield, Philip Moores, R. L. Odom, A. George Rodgers, M. R. Thurber, A. L. Tucker

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

"O Worship the Lord," No. 6 in the Church Hymnal, was sung.

The delegates remained standing as O. O. Mattison, retired missionary and former General Conference Field Secretary, offered the opening prayer.

The Chairman, R. H. Pierson, introduced the devotional speaker as one who has served as a missionary, and is at present President of the North Pacific Union Conference.

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W. J. Hackett read a statement from Christianity Today, January 19, 1968, by F. B. Huey, Jr., that "Rebellion, not obedience, is characteristic of our jet-age generation. This spirit is evident in our art, literature and morals in the revolt against law and authority in the talk of the death of God."

We can say no doubt without question that rebellion and change are more evident in the churches of the world than in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, yet we must be aware that we are somewhat caught up in the philosophies of our day as well as the tide of change that marks our present decade. This attitude and condition is not new. In every age, the people of God have been tempted to rebel against the true God and His ways. He read Isaiah 31: 1 and Isaiah 30:8, 9.

We have come to a time and a day when it is not only popular and intellectual, but sporty and smart to berate civilization's time-honored teachings, concepts, standards, and philosophies. There was a time when new perceptions must be found at least germinally in the fundamentals of the past. Modern intellect tends to let the pendulum swing completely to the other side and conclude that the older the source the less authoritative.

Some one came up with the slogan to describe the present-day swing in the words "The newest is the truest and the latest is the best." He feels this philosophy applies pretty well in the field of electronics, transportation, communication, etc. He questions if the change for the better in technology necessarily carries over into the areas of morals, standards, ethics, religion, and sociology. He expressed fear that we will become too enamored with science and technology and ignore inspiration and revelation.

He read Phillips' translation of 2 Peter 1: 12-19, and quoted from Sons and Daughters of God, page 335, a statement concerning human revelations having in all ages been given by God. Also he read from Education, page 170, a passage concerning the mysteries in the Bible and the certainty that it is the word of the living God, and human reason bows before the majesty of divine revelation. The Review and Herald of March 19, 1895, refers to the tendency to place reason and science above revelation. Great Controversy, pages 8 and 9, confirms the truth that the Holy Spirit communicated the word of God to the world by human agencies. The obedient, believing child of God beholds in it the glory of a divine power. As Seventh-day Adventist Christians today we need not only to stand for the mighty truths of revelation by word of mouth, but to let them be the very warp and woof and texture of our lives.

AGENDAS:

The Agendas for the 1968 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee were distributed.

REGISTRATION CARDS:

The delegates were requested by the Secretary to complete the Registration Cards which had been distributed.

GREETINGS:

Greetings have been received from R. R. Figuhr, previously President of the General Conference, and W. E. Murray, formerly General Conference Vice-President, who have written they could not attend the Spring Meeting.

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VOTED, That the Secretary be requested to send our greetings to both R. R. Figuhr and W. E. Murray, It was further--

VOTED, To send special greetings to our leaders in Viet Nam.

DAILY PROGRAM:

VOTED, That the following Daily Program for the 1968 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee be adopted:

AM

3:00	-	9:25	Special Committees
9:30	-	10:00	Devotional Study
10:00	-	12:30	Business Meeting

PM

2:00	-	5:30	Business or Committees
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To appoint the following persons to serve as the Nominating Committee during the 1968 Spring Meeting:

R. H. Pierson, Chairman; W. R. Beach, Secretary; R. R. Bietz, Theodore Garcich, J. E. Edwards, K. H. Emmerson, W. J. Hackett, Richard Hammill, F. R. Millard, G. R. Nash, R. S. Watts, Neal C. Wilson, K. H. Wood.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Chairman, W. R. Beach, said the past six decades have witnessed a steady march toward the present tangled situation in which we find ourselves. War, tension, and restriction becloud many horizons. Does this forbidding present and alarming future promise good or evil for the Christian church?

Religious leaders presently are giving considerable thought to the question, and so should Seventh-day Adventists. Enormous upheavals, they can be creative or catastrophic. To substantiate this view the decline of the Roman Empire is recalled. In Europe this decline gave Christian forces an opportunity to establish a new home base--an accomplishment which, from a human viewpoint, was to save the Church from disaster. At the same time a great new culture was born; while in Asia and Africa the Roman decline opened the way to Christianity's greatest defeat to date.

One thing is sure--the enormity of the present crisis is matched by the enormity of the opportunities we face. We believe the future will bring the Church of God to the greatest victories ever recorded since apostolic days. The outer stress and strain will produce inner strength. More important than the war in Southeast Asia, the explosive situation in the Near East, the worldwide racial tensions, or the shortsighted policies of closed frontiers, is the supreme fact of God's last messages to the world. We must concentrate on these.

Elder Beach referred to the shortsighted restrictions on the work in India.

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He reported that the number of Roman Catholic and evangelical missionaries was reduced by 361 in six years. There is a very definite outlined and adopted policy in India to reduce the number of overseas Christian workers, and replace them if need be by national workers. There are important forces which see no difficulty in simply reducing the Christian forces in India. There was a reduction of 299 in the last year alone. We must not forget that today we are living in a very difficult situation in that part of the world. The restrictions on the horizon are very difficult.

The year 1967 justified our confidence. Every segment and institution of the Church was brought face to face with the world challenge. The response has been heartening, particularly in the commitment of workers to front-line responsibilities across the seas. Now, 9 world divisions (3 in addition to North America) are home bases from which faithful, well-qualified workers march to lands beyond. The total of new and returning workers, including 63 nationals (as against 43 last year), and 9 relief workers--the total workers sent was 803, which was 72 above last year's total, which was the record for all time.

Almost 60 per cent of all this group of workers was sent from the North American field. The number of new workers sent out was 56 more than the preceding year; the number of returning workers only 15 more.

There is a little change in the percentage grouping of our workers from North America. In 1966 the breakdown showed the number of health workers as having the highest percentage of all our workers sent overseas--33 per cent. Now in 1967 the number of health workers (physicians, dentists, nurses, and technicians) was 30 per cent, and the educational workers was 33 per cent. The ministerial group is now 24 per cent. The number of managerial and office workers has gone up 2 per cent; it is now 13 per cent.

Elder Beach expressed deep gratitude for the spirit of sacrifice and devotion that has continued to characterize the Seventh-day Adventist outreach. He marvels at the spirit of dedication and sacrifice on the part of the field and the General Conference, to give of their very best to the overseas work. "To go where the Church asks me to go," as one young man expressed it--to him that is a tremendous spirit. We ought to build monuments to that spirit. So may God keep His hand of grace and protection over the Church as we dedicate every energy to these achievements--today, tomorrow, and next year, until the work is finished.

WEST INDIES UNION MISSION--
UNION CONFERENCE STATUS:

A Survey Commission was chosen by the General Conference to give study to the possibility of raising the status of the West Indies Union Mission to that of a Union Conference. This commission accomplished its task and made a report to the Inter-American Division. In turn, the Inter-American Division has accepted the report of the Survey Commission and has recommended to the General Conference that Union Conference status be granted to the West Indies Union Mission.

VOTED, To approve the change of status on the part of the West Indies Union Mission to that of a Union Conference, effective as of July 1, 1968; and that this item be referred to the 1968 Autumn Council for action, and to the 1970 Quadrennial session.

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TREASURY REPORTS:

K. H. Emmerson, Treasurer, said he had not planned to bring a formal report at this time, but would have the Treasury Reports and audited statements presented. He spoke of the real problems that perplex us. Even those who claim to be experts in the fields of finance really do not know what is going to happen. We are endeavoring to keep close to the situation in the hope we shall be wise enough through the help of the Lord to conduct our business in such a way that anything that might happen will have as little effect upon the funds of God's people as possible, so that we shall not be embarrassed, but that we can be assured of the maximum returns for the tithes and offerings our people have so liberally given.

The tithes and offerings and Ingathering--all of these are increasing. There are many needs and problems in the field that have to be met. In a co-operative manner and through the spirit of unity God's people will find a way to meet these problems. We thank the Lord for the very dedicated laity and working force He has in this Church. Down deep in their hearts the young people love this message and they want to be helpful. We as leaders and as responsible members of the Church should take every opportunity to get close to these young people, and to guide the abilities of these young people into the right channel. They will be a real help to this Church as we come closer to them. We have no reason but to be of good courage, for if the Lord is with us, who can be against us?

The Treasury Reports for the Spring Meeting of 1968 were distributed.

On request of the Treasurer, O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer, presented the Treasury Reports. He first presented the Balance Sheets, Statements of Operations, and Retained Net Worth for the twelve months ended December 31, 1967, for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, also the Financial Statement for the Sustentation Fund. R. J. Radcliffe presented the Auditor's Statement, which was adopted, waiving the reading.

O. A. Blake next presented the Balance Sheets, Statements of Operations, and Retained Net Worth for the twelve months ended December 31, 1967, for the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists. It was voted to waive the reading of the Auditor's Statement and to adopt it. The Balance Sheets, Statements of Operation, and Retained Net Worth for the twelve months ended December 31, 1967, for the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists were presented. The Auditor's Statement was adopted, it having been voted to waive its reading. A statement concerning the North American Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists was also presented.

VOTED, To accept the 1967 Treasury Reports for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the Financial Statement for the Sustentation Fund, the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists, the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, the Auditor's Statements; also the statement concerning the North American Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists, as follows:

(Please see the following pages.)

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

SUSTENTATION FUND

INVESTMENT FUND

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE CORPORATION

TREASURY REPORT

FOR THE

SPRING COUNCIL of 1968

April 2 - 4

Takoma Park, D. C.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

EXHIBIT ABalance Sheet
December 31, 1967ASSETSCurrent Assets:

Cash and Banks	10 324 623 90
Investments at cost (Schedule 1)	
(Market value \$32,608,310.23)	<u>33 765 415 25</u> 44 090 039 15
Accounts Receivable	1 501 951 15
Notes and Mortgages Receivable	64 990 31
Inventories, Prepaid items & Deposits	<u>416 936 78</u> 1 983 878 24

TOTAL ASSETS

46 073 917 39

1. By resolution of the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on September 3, 1964, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists co-signed an agreement between Loma Linda University and the New York Life Insurance Company to borrow \$10,000,000 for construction of the New Medical Center and also co-signed an agreement between Loma Linda University and the Security First National Bank for \$2,250,000 additional financing on the New Medical Center. These Construction Notes Payable of Loma Linda University for the New Medical Center were formalized in July, 1967. The principal and interest payments on these Construction Notes Payable are guaranteed by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists over a period of twenty years.

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EXHIBIT ABalance Sheet
December 31, 1967LIABILITIESCurrent Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	9 067 413 98
Trust Funds	3 906 601 55
Deferred Items	<u>55 863 75</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES	13 029 879 28
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NET WORTHRegular:

Balance, January 1, 1967	10 584 962 87
Increase for year	<u>586 117 36</u>
	11 171 080 23

Net Worth Reserves:

Balance, December 31, 1967	<u>21 872 957 88</u>
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TOTAL NET WORTH	<u>33 044 038 11</u>
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TOTAL NET WORTH AND LIABILITIES	<u>46 073 917 39</u>
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EXHIBIT B

Statement of Financial Position

Total Cash, Banks, and Investments	44 090 039 15
Provision for the following:	
1. Liabilities	
Accounts payable	9 067 413 98
Trust Funds	3 906 601 55
Deferred Items	<u>55 863 75</u> 13 029 879 28
2. Net Worth Reserves	<u>21 872 957 88</u>
Total Commitments	<u>34 902 837 16</u>
Remaining Balance, Cash, Banks, and Investments	9 187 201 99
Other Current Assets:	
Accounts Receivable	1 501 951 15
Notes and Mortgages Receivable	64 990 31
Inventories, Prepaid items & Deposits	<u>416 936 78</u>
Total	<u>1 983 878 24</u>
Total Operating Capital	<u>11 171 080 23</u>

Required and Actual Operating Capital

<u>Actual Operating Capital:</u>	
Total Assets	46 073 917 39
Less: Total Liabilities	13 029 879 28
Less: Net Worth Reserves	<u>33 044 038 11</u> 21 872 957 88
Actual Operating Capital	11 171 080 23
<u>Required Operating Capital & Fixed Reserves:</u>	
20% of 1967 Appropriations and Operating Expenses \$46 252 106 74	<u>9 250 421 35</u>
Actual Operating Capital EXCEEDS Required amount by	<u>1 920 658 88</u>

EXHIBIT C

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
 Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth
 Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1967

INCOMETithe:

North America:

Union Conference 1%	726	865	96	
Local Conference Percentages	14	319	710	58
Special Percent for Exchange	9	923	621	24
Miscellaneous	122	080	20	25 092 277 98

Overseas Divisions:

Regular 1%	<u>256 498 19</u>
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Total Tithe Receipts	25 348 776 17
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Mission Offerings:

North America:

Dollar-A-Week Funds, less	
Ingathering	10 392 760 85
Ingathering, G. C. Share	2 609 715 04
Ingathering, Unions Share	<u>3 914 572 56</u>
Total	16 917 048 45
Miscellaneous Mission Offerings	26 245 12
Specific Mission Offerings	<u>122 091 94</u>
	17 065 385 51

Overseas Divisions:

Revertible	3 088 845 13
Non-Revertible	<u>3 848 032 39</u>

Total Mission Offerings	24 002 263 03
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Miscellaneous Income:

Commissions and Discounts	5 903 05
Interest and Dividends	1 724 915 54
Legacies and Matured Annuities	25 133 49
Miscellaneous Donations	375 00
Royalties	<u>52 584 34</u>

Total Miscellaneous Income	<u>1 808 911 42</u>
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Total Operating Income	51 159 950 62
Total Operating Expenses	<u>46 252 106 74</u>

Operating Gain	<u>4 907 843 88</u>
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EXHIBIT C

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth
Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1967

EXPENSES

General Operating Expenses:

Department Expenses:

Salaries	1 279	423	93
Subsidies		425	239
Travel		571	910
General		425	047

Total	2 701 621 04
Less Departmental Income	<u>419 260 26</u>
Net Departmental Expenses	

2 282 360 78

Administrative Expenses:

Transportation Offices	92	825	63
Book Allowance	7	619	53
Cables and Telegrams	3	175	41
Medical Examinations	4	192	50
Entertainment	25	128	25
General Expense	14	593	20
Heating Expense	15	321	75
Insurance Expense	47	737	72
Library Expense	4	457	37
Light and Power	14	275	60
Luggage Allowance	2	345	83
Medical Allowance	57	281	66
Medicare		423	00
Rent	100	800	00
Scholarship Grants	23	681	11
Social Security Expense	43	675	66
Social Welfare Expense		404	80
Station Wagon Expense	2	079	55
Funeral Allowance and Travel		950	04
Working Policy Book expense	2	433	06
Utility Expense	14	254	63
Xerox expense	2	363	75
Yearbook expense	7	941	12
Total			

Total Appropriations 43,481,784 79

Total Operating Expense

46 252 106 74

46 252 106 74

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
 Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth
 Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1967

EXPENSESAppropriations:

Overseas:

Regular	17	204	614	66
Revertible Funds, Regular	3	088	845	13
Emergency Appropriations		44	200	00
Appointee Expense		14	870	03
Missions Extension		100	678	27
Spring in Tithes and Offerings		405	550	74
13th Sabbath Overflow		414	768	99
Specific Donations		122	091	94

Total	21	395	619	76
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North American Division:

Displaced Persons, Sustentation	8	496	91	
Library Project		613	91	
Regular	4	955	554	84
Reverted Funds		86	827	64
Contingency Funds:				
General		69	580	56
North America		16	000	00
Workers			250	00
Autumn Council Expense		11	930	14
Spring Council Expense		3	727	76
Blue Cross and Blue Shield		41	607	47
Cafeteria Loss, General Conference Share		24	914	26
Defense Literature		1	036	17
Donations		30	712	50
INFORMANT Magazine		3	440	24
Ingathering Expense		735	303	11
Ingathering Overflow		3	408	135
Non-Tithe Exchanged		9	923	621
Institutional Relief, Comeback Fund		2	047	055
Permanently Returned Workers Expense		111	253	00
Servicemen's Expense			405	67
Sustentation Fund appropriation		188	634	10
Emergency appropriation		22	500	00
Missions Extension Overflow		9	877	74
North American Missions		229	250	00
MINISTRY Magazine		3	469	29
Miscellaneous Travel		13	468	06
Missionary Volunteer KIT Magazine		3	000	00
Promotion of Offerings		37	301	65
Research Committee			396	23
Review and Herald Color Issue		10	670	85
Seminary Extension Travel		2	447	91
Workers Retirement and Transfer		84	682	75

Total	22	086	165	03
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Total Appropriations	43	481	784	79
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EXHIBIT C

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
 Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth
 Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1967

Operating Gain

4 907 843 88

Non-Operating StatementNon-Operating Income:

Miscellaneous Income	8 149 69
Gain on Sale of Securities - Net	<u>3 125 591 29</u>

Total Non-Operating Income

3 133 740 98

8 041 584 86

Non-Operating Expense:

Miscellaneous Expense	652 59
Capital Loss on Write-down of Investment	<u>337 229 10</u>

Total Non-Operating Expense

337 881 69

7 703 703 17

Transfer StatementTransfers - In:

From Security Fluctuation Reserve re Capital Loss	<u>337 229 10</u>
	8 040 932 27

Transfers - Out:

To Reserve for Special 1968 Appropriation	3 430 461 16
To Security Fluctuation Reserve:	
Gain on Sale of Securities	3 125 591 29
Earned Income above 2%	<u>898 762 46</u>
	<u>4 024 353 75</u>

Total Transfers - Out

7 454 814 91

Net Increase to Regular Net Worth

586 117 36

915

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Schedule for the 1968 Financial Statement

Schedule 1 - Investments:

Government Bonds	1 647 387 10
Savings and Loan Accounts and Bank Certificates of Deposit	205 000 00
Loma Linda University	6 590 202 88
Financial and Industrial Notes	3 657 469 90
214,803.39 units of General Conference Investment Fund	21 461 140 37
Preferred Stock	<u>204 215 00</u>
Total	<u>33 765 415 25</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

SUSTENTATION FUND

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

EXHIBIT ASUSTENTATION FUND

Balance Sheet
December 31, 1967

ASSETSCurrent Assets:

American Security and Trust Company	104	955	19
Investments, net (Schedule 1) at cost			
(Market Value - \$14,064,703.72)	14	739	124
Due from General Fund	976	814	98
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>15</u>	 <u>820</u>	 <u>895</u>
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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

EXHIBIT A

SUSTENTATION FUND

Balance Sheet
December 31, 1967

LIABILITIESCurrent Liabilities:

Accrued Accounts Payable	517 25
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FUND BALANCERegular:

Balance, January 1, 1967	14 008 890 76
Increase for the year 1967	<u>1 786 487 12</u>
Balance, December 31, 1967	15 795 377 88

Fund Reserve:

Disability Reserve	<u>25 000 00</u>
Total Fund Balance, December 31, 1967	<u>15 820 377 88</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance, December 31, 1967	<u>15 820 895 13</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

SUSTENTATION FUND

EXHIBIT BStatement of Operations and Retained Net Fund Balance
For Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1967INCOME

From Union Conferences	508 471 54
From Local Conferences	5 087 644 24
From Book and Bible Houses	183 557 54
From Sanitariums	1 132 361 46
From Publishing Houses	364 406 93
From Academies and Colleges	357 869 57
From the General Conference	188 634 10
From Miscellaneous Donations and Income	<u>77 190 07</u>

Total Operating Income	7 900 135 45
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EXPENSES

Regular Monthly Payments	5 780 202 48
Overseas Charges	39 631 53
Medical Payments	501 367 41
Medicare Payments	111 158 73
Child Allowance	65 579 80
Office and General Expenses	7 830 58
P. R. W. Provision	237 004 06
Less: Amount returned to Surplus	<u>180 287 07</u>
Amount used in 1967	56 716 99
Disability Fund Provision	158 002 71
Less: Amount returned to Surplus	<u>154 002 71</u>
Amount used in 1967	<u>4 000 00</u>

Total Operating Expenses	<u>6 566 487 52</u>
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Operating Gain for 1967	1 333 647 93
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Net Income from Investments:

Interest	104 516 54
Dividends	<u>341 333 09</u>
	<u>445 849 63</u>

Operating Gain plus Investment Income	1 779 497 56
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Non-Operating Income:

Williamsport Sanitarium	6 294 09
George Smothermon, Madison Hospital	543 73
Homer L. Lynd, Madison College	<u>151 74</u>

Total Non-Operating Income	<u>6 989 56</u>
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Total Increase to the Fund for 1967	<u>1 786 487 12</u>
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SUSTENTATION FUND

Schedules

Schedule 1 - Investments:

Bonds	963 640 00
138,117.21 Units of General Conference Investment Fund	<u>13 775 484 96</u>
Total Investments	<u>14 739 124 96</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

INVESTMENT FUND

K. H. Emmerson, Treasurer

O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer

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 INVESTMENT FUND
EXHIBIT A Statement of Assets and Liabilities
 December 31, 1967

ASSETS

Investments, at market quotation (carried on the books at identified average cost of \$43,725,335.17)	41 884 896 60
Suburban Trust Company - checking	954 328 82
Accounts Receivable - Miscellaneous	392 161 21
Accrued Dividends and Interest	<u>294 688 14</u>
 Total Assets	43 526 074 77

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable - Miscellaneous	707 116 30
Deposits Received	782 106 06
Income Distribution Payable	438 404 33
Realized Capital Gains Distribution Payable	<u>429 808 18</u>
 Total Liabilities	<u>2 357 434 87</u>
 Net Assets, December 31, 1967	<u>41 168 639 90</u>
 Units of the Fund outstanding (Par Value \$100)	429 808 18
 Net Assets per share	\$95.7838

EXHIBIT B

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
 INVESTMENT FUND
 Statement of Income
For the Nine Months Ended December 31, 1967

INCOME

Dividends	617 075 42
Interest	<u>683 712 08</u>
 Total Income	 1 300 787 50

EXPENSE

Counselling Fees	<u>18 140 07</u>
 Net Income	 <u>1 282 647 43</u>

Statement of Capital Gains*
For the Nine Months Ended December 31, 1967

Realized Capital Gains on Sale of Securities	657 273 97
Realized Capital Losses on Sale of Securities	<u>200 922 90</u>
 Net Realized Capital Gain on Sale of Securities	 <u>456 351 07</u>

Unrealized Appreciation of Investments
For the Nine Months Ended December 31, 1967

Balance, April 1, 1967	-
Balance, December 31, 1967	<u>(1 840 438 57)</u>
 Decrease in Unrealized Appreciation	 <u>1 840 438 57</u>

* Average Cost Basis

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INVESTMENT FUND

EXHIBIT C

**Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the Nine Months Ended December 31, 1967**

Net Assets April 1, 1967

Income Changes:

Net Investment Income for Period	1 282 647 43
Less Distributions	1 241 512 00

Increase in Undistributed Income 41 135 43

Net Realized Capital Gain on Sale of Securities	456 351 07
Less Distributions	429 808 18

Increase in Undistributed Realized Capital Gains 26 542 89

Capital Changes:

Units Issued (Purchases) 42 941 400 15
Units Redeemed -

Net Increase in Capital 42 941 400 15

Decrease in Unrealized Appreciation of Assets 1 840 438 57

Net Assets, December 31, 1967 **41 168 639 90**

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Balance Sheet
December 31, 1967

		<u>ASSETS</u>
		<u>Schedule</u>
<u>Current Assets:</u>		
Banks		30 085 48
Investments - General at cost	1	3 993 217 55
(market value \$3 832 669 70)		
Investments - Specific		838 653 88
Notes and Mortgages Receivable		41 368 19
Accounts Receivable		151 944 17
Prepaid Insurance		1 723 57
Supply Inventories		<u>44 190 12</u>
		5 101 182 96
	Total Current Assets	
<u>Fixed Assets:</u>		
Land		409 672 65
Land Improvements, net		17 370 69
Buildings, net		1 985 556 46
Equipment, net		<u>445 826 63</u>
		2 858 426 43
	Total Fixed Assets	
<u>Other Assets:</u>		
Oregon Properties Investment		42 796 18
Investment in Wholly-Owned Subsidiary		375 000 00
Long-Term Notes Receivable		<u>50 000 00</u>
		<u>467 796 18</u>
	Total Other Assets	
		TOTAL ASSETS
		8 427 405 57

1. Securities in the amount of \$300,000.00 have been designated as "Funds-Functioning-as Endowment" for Oakwood College, the earned income from which is assigned to and becomes a part of the operating subsidy of Oakwood College.
2. At the balance sheet date an agreement was in process of negotiation with Clyde and Mary Harris, providing for payment of life incomes to them in the approximate amount of \$30,000.00 per year, beginning in 1972. This contract when executed, will represent consideration for a fractional part of the value of the Milton Box Company Stock transferred to the General Conference by Clyde and Mary Harris during 1963.
3. By resolution of the Board of Trustees of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists, the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists co-signed an agreement between Loma Linda University and the New York Life Insurance Company to borrow \$10,000,000.00 for construction of the New Medical Center and also co-signed an agreement between Loma Linda University and the Security First National Bank for \$2,250,000.00 additional financing on the New Medical Center. These Construction Notes Payable of Loma Linda University on the New Medical Center were formalized in July, 1967. The principal and interest payments on these Construction Notes Payable are guaranteed by the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists over a period of twenty years.

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
EXHIBIT A
Balance Sheet
December 31, 1967

	<u>LIABILITIES</u>
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>	
Accounts Payable	358 606 99
Trust Funds	90 423 48
Certificates of Deposit	<u>74 762 04</u>
Total Current Liabilities	523 792 51
<u>Long-Term Liabilities:</u>	
Annuities, net	774 077 20
Trust Agreements	386 992 81
Life Income Contracts	557 000 00
Clyde and Mary Harris Contracts	<u>117 500 00</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities	1 835 570 01
<u>Deferred Items:</u>	
Long-Term Note	<u>50 000 00</u>
	TOTAL LIABILITIES
	2 409 362 52
	 <u>NET WORTH</u>
<u>Regular:</u>	
Total, December 31, 1967	4 258 233 40
<u>Net Worth Reserves:</u>	
Total, December 31, 1967	<u>1 759 809 65</u>
	TOTAL NET WORTH, December 31, 1967
	<u>6 018 043 05</u>
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH
	<u>8 427 405 57</u>

EXHIBIT A

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
 Balance Sheet
 December 31, 1967

NET WORTH STATEMENT

Regular:

Balance, January 1, 1967	3 944 897 29
Add: Increase for the year 1967	<u>313 336 11</u>
Balance, December 31, 1967	4 258 233 40

Net Worth Reserves:

Securities Fluctuation Reserve, Balance 1-1-67	1 023 701 73
Add: Valuation Reserve for Securities 276 122 46	
Capital Gain on Sale of Sec. 448 429 83	<u>724 552 29</u>
Charities Fund Balance	1 748 254 02
GeoScience Radiocarbon Equipment	<u>1 036 03</u>
	<u>10 519 60</u>
Balance, December 31, 1967	<u>1 759 809 65</u>
TOTAL NET WORTH, December 31, 1967	<u>6 018 043 05</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
EXHIBIT B Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth
Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1967

<u>INCOME FROM PROPERTIES AND GENERAL</u>			
<u>Income:</u>			<u>Schedule</u>
Apartment Properties Net Gain	17		295 10
Rental Income			111 560 12
Wills and Legacies			<u>2 000 00</u>
			113 855 22
<u>Expenses:</u>			
Apartment Loss	17		7 525 82
Depreciation - Buildings			50 702 07
- Equipment			56 919 50
- Land Improvements			2 322 01
Amortization - London Property			125 00
General Expense			2 063 45
Grounds Expense			2 635 90
Legal Expense			6 146 90
Insurance Expense			3 172 77
Repairs - Building			49 912 19
- Equipment			9 386 55
Salary			1 669 26
Taxes			<u>7 499 13</u>
			<u>200 080 55</u>
Net Operating Loss			<u>(86 225 33)</u>
<u>INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS</u>			
<u>Income:</u>			
Oregon Property			5 400 00
Investments - Dividends			137 622 38
- Interest			35 230 58
Miscellaneous Interest			<u>2 608 21</u>
			180 861 17
<u>Expenses:</u>			
Annuity Payments			26 651 75
Interest Expense			<u>12 894 12</u>
			<u>39 545 87</u>
Operating Gain from Investments			141 315 30
Loss from Properties and General			<u>(86 225 33)</u>
Net Operating Gain for 1967			<u>55 089 97</u>
<u>Non-Operating:</u>			
<u>Income:</u>			
Gain on Sales of Equipment			1 530 74
New York Warehouse			65 000 00
Washington Servicemen's Center			160 000 00
Annuity Accounts Received			10 928 16
West Coast Relief Warehouse			9 860 00
GeoScience Research Institute, books & equipment			10 900 29
Library books			6 95
Prior Years adjustment on Equipment Depreciation			20 00
Gain on Sale of Securities			<u>448 429 83</u>
			<u>706 675 97</u>
761 765 94			
<u>Transfer Out:</u>			
To Security Fluctuation Reserve			448 429 83
Net Increase to Net Worth			<u>313 336 11</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Schedule for the 1967 Financial Statement

Schedule 1 - Investments:

95M 10 California Savings and Loan Association	95 000 00
39,021.94 Units of General Conference Investment Fund	<u>3 898 217 55</u>
Total	<u>3 993 217 55</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Balance Sheet
December 31, 1967

ASSETS

General Conference Corporation	58 041 05
Real Estate	200 00
Less: Reserve	<u>200 00</u>
Accrued Accounts Receivable	<u>356 25</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	58 397 30

1. By resolution of the Board of Trustees of the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists co-signed an agreement between Loma Linda University and the New York Life Insurance Company to borrow \$10,000,000.00 for construction of the New Medical Center and also co-signed an agreement between Loma Linda University and the Security First National Bank for \$2,250,000.00 additional financing on the New Medical Center. These Construction Notes Payable of Loma Linda University on the New Medical Center were formalized in July, 1967. The principal and interest payments on these Construction Notes Payable are guaranteed by the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists over a period of twenty years.

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EXHIBIT ABalance Sheet
December 31, 1967LIABILITIES

None

NET WORTHRegular:

Balance, January 1, 1967	56 977 30
Add: Net Increase during 1967	1 420 00
Balance, December 31, 1967	<u>58 397 30</u>

EXHIBIT BGENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth
Year Ended December 31, 1967INCOME

Interest	712 50
Dividends	<u>712 50</u>
	1 425 00

EXPENSES

Filing Fee	<u>5 00</u>
Net Gain for the year 1967	<u>1 420 00</u>

NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE CORPORATION
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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

R.W. Emerson
Treasurer

K. F. Amis
Secretary

April 2, 1968

EDUCATIONAL GATHERINGS IN 1968--
AUTHORIZATION FOR:

On request of the Department of Education, and in harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To authorize the following Educational gatherings:

Pre-School Education	Andrews University	August 18, 19, 1968
Commission on Secondary Education	Takoma Park, Md.	Dec. 15 (2:00 P.M.)
Commission on Higher Education	Takoma Park, Md.	to Dec. 17 (12:30 P.M.)
Commission on Elementary Education	Takoma Park, Md.	Dec. 16 (7:00 P.M.)
Board of Regents	Takoma Park, Md.	to Dec. 17 (5:30 P.M.)
		Dec. 17 (2:00 to 5:30 P.M.)
		Dec. 17 (7:00 P.M.)
		to Dec. 19 (5:30 P.M.)

CHURCH CALENDAR--ALTERATION OF DATES:

A request was presented from the Temperance Department to the General Conference Officers that we look into the circumstances of the move by one Union to change the These Times campaign from April back to February, but that in the meantime they approve the request by the Temperance Secretaries in that Union to carry on a direct-mail program as soon as feasible presenting the membership plan to our people; with the understanding that (1) the membership presentation incorporate the proposals being made by the General Department for membership and that (2) the Listen sponsorship plan be presented in the churches on February 24, according to the present church calendar.

There followed careful consideration of this item and the matter of altering dates in union fields. The agreement was reached that since the Calendar of Special Days and Offerings is fixed at the time of an Autumn Council there should be strict adherence to the dates voted. Any changes to be made should be given careful study when the Church Calendar is set up at the Autumn Council.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY--
EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP:

VOTED, To authorize the holding of an Educational Secretaries and Superintendents and Elementary Supervisors' Workshop at Andrews University, February 24, to March 13, 1969, this date to be listed with the authorized meetings at the time of the 1968 Autumn Council.

SUSTENTATION POLICY--

HARRIS PINE MILLS:

In order to deal fairly with all employees of a denominational operated woodshop which may be taken over by Harris Fine Mills, thereby changing the status of the employees in this industry, it was--

VOTED, That the following words be deleted from paragraph 55 of the Sustentation Policy: "and if he does not return to denominational work after a period of

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service at Harris Pine Mills, he must have a minimum of twenty recognized years of denominational service credit prior to employment at Harris Pine Mills in order to be eligible for sustentation benefits." The revised paragraph will then read:

"55. The continuity of a worker's service shall not be considered broken when by regular call, or transfer, handled through denominational channels he accepts employment at the Harris Pine Mills; it being understood that the time spent in the employ of Harris Pine Mills shall not be counted toward sustentation service credit. The personal service record of denominational workers accepting employment at Harris Pine Mills shall be forwarded to the General Conference Sustentation Committee for safekeeping at the time they make the transfer of employment." Further--

VOTED, That we recommend this revised paragraph 55 for incorporation in the policy at the time of the 1968 Autumn Council.

WELCOME:

R. H. Pierson spoke of the presence in the meeting of E. E. Cossentine and W. A. Benjamin; also Dr. Ernest Ching and Harry Schrillo, from the West Coast. He said we are glad they are with us.

Announcements of committees were read by D. W. Hunter.

Adjourned at 12 noon.

C. P. Sorensen, who served many years in the Far East, offered the closing prayer.

R. H. Pierson, Chairman
W. R. Beach, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

SPRING MEETING

One Hundred Fourteenth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 2, 1968, 2:00 P.M.

R. S. Watts, the Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Prayer was offered by H. E. Rice.

STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP:

VOTED, To list for final approval at the 1968 Autumn Council the holding of a Stewardship and Development Workshop in Denver, Colorado, January 13-16, 1969.

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W. R. Beach made a short statement urging that departments and institutional groups make request for holding meetings a year or more in advance of the date set, allowing time to list these for approval at the Autumn Council.

Recommendations from the Committee on Estate Planning and Investment Counseling were adopted as follows:

DEFERRED GIVING PROMOTIONAL FILM:

VOTED, That authorization be given for the production of a promotional film in color on deferred giving and that the cost be apportioned to the organizations and institutions participating and purchasing copies of the film.

INVESTMENT OF TRUST FUNDS IN DENOMINATIONAL PROJECTS:

VOTED, That the investment policies of the denomination be rigidly adhered to with respect to the investment of all funds held in a trustee capacity.

AUDITING OF TRUST ASSETS:

VOTED, That the General Conference Auditing staff associate with the union auditor in auditing of trustee accounts of all organizations and institutions.

GENERAL CONFERENCE INVESTMENT FUND--EQUITIES PORTION:

VOTED, That the General Conference Investment Fund Operational Procedures' Section IV be amended to permit investments in equities in an amount not to exceed approximately 75% in place of the present policy which permits approximately 65%.

GENERAL CONFERENCE INCOME FUND:

VOTED, That effective April 1, 1968 Section XVII of the General Conference Investment Fund Operational Procedures be amended to read as follows:

Section XVII -- General Conference Income Fund

In addition to the Fund, there shall be established a separate General Conference Income Fund which may be used for the investment of the cash corpus of life income agreements written by denominational organizations and institutions and for any other funds requiring a relatively high current income yield. This fund shall be governed by the following provisions:

A. It shall be operated essentially the same as for the Fund proper and by the same personnel, but it shall have its separate bank accounts, accounting records, and investment portfolios. The accounts shall be maintained on a unitized basis.

B. The primary objective of this fund shall be to provide a relatively high current investment income while preserving capital; enhancement of capital shall be of a minor and secondary consideration. A flexible investment diversification policy shall be followed as determined by the Securities Committee of the General Conference, and may include all types of suitable investments.

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C. Net realized capital appreciation on the life income agreements units in this fund shall, until called, be retained for reinvestment, thereby providing additional capital on which current investment income may be earned.

GENERAL CONFERENCE INVESTMENT FUND AND INCOME FUND--
UNITHOLDER DEPOSITS:

VOTED, That it be assumed by the General Conference in accepting funds for investment by organizations and institutions that 50 percent of the corpus of annuities and other irrevocable trust agreements is being retained by the trustee organization in the field for investment in mortgages on real property as authorized in paragraph 11, page 245, of the General Conference Working Policy pertaining to safeguarding funds of the cause.

VOTED, That institutions and organizations may have the prerogative of placing funds in the General Conference Investment Fund or in the General Conference Income Fund, and that funds may be interchanged at any time upon authorization from the respective unitholders at the unit valuation at time of transfer.

ESTATE PLANNING AND INVESTMENT MEETING--1969:

VOTED, That an Estate Planning and Investment Meeting be held March 16-21, 1969, in Dallas, Texas with the following personnel being authorized to attend:

General Conference: W. P. Bradley, K. H. Emmerson, Boardman Noland,
R. E. Osborn, Neal C. Wilson, all Auditors

General Conference Institutions: Personnel engaged in deferred giving and investments as authorized by controlling boards.

Union Conferences: Personnel engaged in deferred giving and investments as authorized by controlling committees; also all union auditors.

Local Conferences: Personnel engaged in deferred giving and investments as authorized by controlling committees.

The above meeting is to be included in the actions of the 1968 Autumn Council.

TRUST ADMINISTRATION WORKSHOP AND MANUAL:

VOTED, That a Trust Administration Workshop be held in connection with the next Estate Planning and Investment Meeting, and that a manual to be used in connection with this workshop be prepared by the following committee:

Fred MacDonald, Chairman; Richard James, Vice Chairman and Secretary;
Alva R. Appel, I. E. Anunsen, J. B. Bogle, H. D. Burbank, C. M. Laue, Frank McMillan, R. E. Osborn

Further, That this committee also give consideration to the preparation of a standardized trust agreement format which, with adaptations, could be used in general throughout the field.

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The recommendation on "Home and Automobile Loans to Workers--Source of Funds" from the Estate Planning Committee was referred to the 1968 Autumn Council.

The recommendation on "Association Personnel Titles" was referred for further study to the Statistical Advisory and the Yearbook Committee. Action can be taken later by the General Conference Committee and the Autumn Council.

ASSOCIATION OF SELF-SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS:

Wesley Amundsen has submitted his resignation to the ASI as Executive Secretary of that organization, and this has been accepted. It was --

VOTED, To record the resignation of Wesley Amundsen and to express our appreciation for the tireless and able service he has given over 43 years in our work. He has been connected with the ASI for the past seventeen years.

The Executive Committee of the ASI has recommended that C. H. Lauda succeed Wesley Amundsen as Executive Secretary.

VOTED, To approve the recommendation that C. H. Lauda be appointed Executive Secretary of the ASI.

SUSTENTATION AND RETIREMENT FUNDS--COMMITTEE REPORT:

The 1967 Autumn Council provided that separate retirement funds be maintained and administered by the General Conference. Since 1961 a record has been kept of the disbursements from the Sustentation Fund for sustentation beneficiaries of publishing houses and hospitals. It has been the plan for these organizations to pay into the Sustentation Fund sufficient to cover the disbursements from the fund for sustenees of these organizations. Each year the Autumn Council has set the payroll percentage which was to be used in calculating the contribution to the Sustentation Fund from these organizations. During the seven-year period 1961-1967 inclusive, there have been years when the contributions to the fund were not sufficient to meet the actual expense of these organizations, and in the case of hospitals there have been years when the contributions have exceeded the actual expense. Any overage or shortage of actual receipts compared with actual expense has been absorbed by the Sustentation Fund. On December 31, 1961 the balance in the Sustentation Fund was \$8,216,486.16. The total expense for the year 1961 was \$4,369,078.98; therefore, the Sustentation Fund Reserve amounted to 188.06% of the annual operating expenses as of December 31, 1961. It was --

VOTED, 1. That a portion of the Sustentation Fund Reserve as of December 31, 1961 be transferred to the separate Hospital Retirement Fund and the separate Publishing House Sustentation Fund in an amount equal to 188.06% of the disbursements from the fund during the year 1961 for sustenees of these organizations, thus allocating an equitable portion of the total Sustentation Fund Reserve to each of the three separate retirement funds, namely: The General Sustentation Fund; The Hospital Retirement Fund; The Publishing House Sustentation Fund.

On this basis the allocation of the Sustentation Fund balance on December 31, 1961, would be as follows: General Sustentation Fund, 79.89%; Hospital Retirement Fund, 14.05%; Publishing House Sustentation Fund, 6.06%.

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2. That interest earned and dividends received by the Sustentation Fund during the period of 1961-67 be apportioned and transferred to the Hospital Retirement Fund and the Publishing House Sustentation Fund on the basis of the percentage rate of earnings in the total Sustentation Fund applied to the computed reserves annually in the Hospital Retirement Fund and the Publishing House Sustentation Fund.

3. That beginning January 1, 1968 each separate Sustentation and/or Retirement Fund receive its proportionate share of the investment income, including interest, dividends, and realized capital gains, according to the percentage each individual fund bears to the total sum of all funds, and further, that each fund be charged its proper share of the actual operating and administrative expenses.

4. That each Seventh-day Adventist hospital and retirement home in the United States pay into the Hospital Retirement Fund in behalf of non-Seventh-day Adventists employees prior to January 1, 1968, an amount equal to \$360.00 for each non-Adventist full-time employee who has been in the employ of the institution for a period of three years or more on January 1, 1968, and that where significant amounts are involved the payment may be made over a two-year period ending December 31, 1969.

5. That in setting up the special retirement fund for non-Adventists in the General Conference, the balance in retirement funds for non-Adventists (other than medical institutions' employees) now being carried in the various union conferences and/or institutions in the United States be transferred to the General Conference special retirement fund for non-Adventists. This is to include funds from all organizations (other than medical institutions) computed on the basis of the regular sustentation percentage on the payroll of non-Adventist employees for the years 1965, 1966, and 1967, whether the funds were actually set up or not.

6. That the Publishing House Sustentation Fund maintain a balance equivalent to three times the amount of the preceding year's Publishing House Sustentation expense in harmony with the provisions of the General Sustentation Fund and also the Hospital Retirement Fund. It is recognized that this goal may not be achieved immediately, but that the annual contributions to the Publishing House Sustentation Fund should be increased moderately so that this objective may be achieved over a reasonable period of time.

SUMMARY OF TRANSFER OF SUSTENTATION FUNDS TO THE HOSPITAL
RETIREMENT FUND AS OF JANUARY 1, 1968:

VOTED, To transfer the following amounts from the Sustentation Fund to the Hospital Retirement Fund:

1. An amount equal to 14.05% of the Sustentation Fund Balance as of December 31, 1961	\$ 1,154,416.82
2. Accumulated gains (less losses) in the operation of the hospital section of the Sustentation Fund during the period of 1961-67	288,212.33
3. Senior Citizens' Homes contribution to Sustentation Fund during 1961-67	16,047.21

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4. Contributions for validation of service of employees in self-supporting hospitals and retirement homes during period of 1961-1967	27,404.80
5. The proper portion of the accumulated interest and dividends credited to the Sustentation Fund during the period of 1961-'67	<u>120,173.04</u>
Total amount of transfer from Sustentation Fund to Hospital Retirement Fund as of January 1, 1968	\$1,606,254.20

SUMMARY OF TRANSFER OF SUSTENTATION FUND TO PUBLISHING HOUSE SUSTENTATION FUND AS OF JANUARY 1, 1968:

VOTED, To transfer the following amounts from the Sustentation Fund to the Publishing House Sustentation Fund:

1. An amount equal to 6.06% of the Sustentation Fund balance as of December 31, 1961	\$497,919.28
2. Accumulated losses in the operation of the Publishing House section of the Sustentation Fund during the period of 1961-1967	(265,281.22)
3. The proper portion of the accumulated interest and dividends credited to the Sustentation Fund during the period of 1961-1967	<u>24,442.94</u>

Total amount of transfer from the Sustentation Fund to the Publishing House Sustentation Fund as of January 1, 1968	\$257,081.00
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The recommendation in the committee report entitled, "White Memorial Medical Center Contribution to the Hospital Retirement Fund in Behalf of Non-Adventist Employees During 1968," was referred to the General Conference Officers and the General Conference Committee for further study and action.

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UNIFORM RETIREMENT AGE FOR MEN AND WOMEN:

Recent changes in the denominational wage scale in the North American Division provide that the basic wage scale be the same for all individuals in a specific classification. In the Hospital Retirement Plan adopted by the 1967 Autumn Council no difference was made in the retirement age for men and women. After careful consideration, it was ..

VOTED, To recommend to the 1968 Autumn Council that effective January 1, 1969 the retirement age for women employees as set forth in the Sustentation Plan be the same as the retirement age for men for all denominational organizations in the North American Division, and that in harmony with this plan paragraph 50 of the Sustentation Policy be deleted and paragraphs 48, 49, and 51 be revised to read as follows:

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"48. An individual who has reached the age of sixty-five, or one who has reached the age of sixty and who has given thirty-two years of service, may elect to retire and receive sustentation benefits, in which case the employing organization shall supplement his retirement allowance to full salary for six months. (See paragraph No. 71 for continuance of salary for six months when individual is granted benefits because of disability or has less than 25 years of service.) The employing organization may also elect to place on retirement and to recommend an individual who has reached the age of sixty years and who has given thirty-two years of service, for benefits from the Sustentation Fund, provided that in the event of his being admitted to the Fund the said organization pays to the Fund the equivalent of his salary for six months in addition to supplementing his retirement allowance for six months. This provision is not a guarantee of continuous employment to the time a worker reaches the age of sixty years. In case of retirement because of physical infirmities, the six months' appropriation to the Sustentation Fund shall be waived.

"49. This regulation which provides that age shall be the basis of retirement if the applicant has reached the age of sixty-five, or at the age of sixty has given not less than thirty-two years of service to a Seventh-day Adventist organization, is not intended nor should be interpreted as suggesting that these are retirement ages irrespective of health, ability, and opportunity for service, but the regulation should be understood as merely setting a minimum limit when age alone may be considered a determining factor in granting or electing retirement.

"50. All applicants for sustentation benefits who are under sixty-five years of age, unless they have reached the age of sixty and have thirty-two years of service to their credit, shall submit with their application a medical report from a physician recognized by the Sustentation Committee, and no worker shall be admitted to the Sustentation Fund who is below sixty-five except for serious disability unless he is past sixty and has thirty-two years of service."

SABBATH SCHOOL PROMOTION FILM:

A 17-minute color film on our medical work in the Australasian Division was shown to the Committee. It will be very effective in promotion work, and may be ordered from the Sabbath School Department.

Prayer of dismissal, F. R. Millard

Adjournment, 4:50 P.M.

R. S. Watts, Chairman
A. E. Gibb, Secretary
Marion Nyman, Recording Secretary

SPRING MEETING

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One Hundred Fifteenth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 3, 1968, 9:30 A.M.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

F. L. Bland, General Conference Vice-President, led in singing No. 116 in the Church Hymnal, "Dear Lord and Father."

E. E. Cossentine, formerly Department of Education Secretary, not retired, led in prayer.

As Chairman for the morning business session, F. L. Bland said what a joy and privilege is ours to approach our heavenly Father's throne in worship before we attempt to take up the duties of the day. He introduced H. H. Schmidt, President of the Southern Union Conference, as the one to bring the message from God's Word.

H. H. Schmidt said that recorded on the pages of history, both secular and profane, is the fact that the world has proclaimed its great heroes. Most of these men were proclaimed as victorious over enemy forces. Some were greater than others as victors. We think of Alexander riding into Carthage; we think of General Pershing, who engaged in a victory march to Paris, and returned to New York. These and others named were not only honored as conquerors, but also as victors over enemy forces. Most of these men symbolized glorious achievements, something accomplished.

Revelation gives us a picture, and certainly the record foretells an event which will surpass anything the world has ever seen. He then read Rev. 19: 11 and 16, concerning a white horse, and He that sat upon him, having on His vesture a name written KING OF KINGS and Lord of Lords. Here John pictures this army riding on white horses. This is just what he saw in vision from the pages of history. In Revelation 19 we have an insight not only of a brilliant spectacle, but we are privileged to get an insight of the Victor.

News writers were present at the testing of the hydrogen bomb. After the explosion took place they could hardly find words to describe it. It was something they hardly expected, beyond their imagination. They were pressed to know what to say. Elder Schmidt spoke also of the launchings from Cape Kennedy and the description of what was seen by those in action.

In Revelation 19 we have an insight of the Victor--Christ Jesus Himself at the head of an army, which fires the imagination. Matt. 24: 30, 31, and Luke 21: 27. The scene involves apparently numberless angels, the blowing of trumpets, the flashing of lightning, the rolling back of the heavens--something even beyond the imagination of the writer to describe. The impressive part is the sight of the victorious King, a General riding at the head of a force mounted on white horses. Historically there is nothing more impressive than a victor riding at the head of an army.

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In Great Controversy, page 642, Sister White uses almost the identical language of the Bible. What a scene that will be! What an hour for the redeemed of all ages to come to, for those who have been engaged in battle against the forces of evil, against Satan and his forces. This will be a tremendous hour. 1 Cor. 15: 57--"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." This is the only way we will have victory. It will be a glorious victory.

The greatest experience of a Christian worker in this cause is the manifesting of one Christian grace above all others and that is the Christian grace of patience. Vol. 4, p. 116--"The Lord frequently places us in difficult positions to stimulate us to greater exertion. In His providence special annoyances sometimes occur to test our patience and faith." Heb. 10: 36 speaks of the need of patience. It takes a great deal of patience and suffering and endurance to understand God's will and to give way to it.

In Vol. 7, p. 14, it states that "God and Christ and the heavenly agencies are working with intense activity to hold in check the fierceness of Satan's wrath, that God's plans may not be thwarted." What greater promise could we have than that as soldiers of the cross! The Spirit of Prophecy makes it clear we will not be without scars in pressing the battle to the gates. One of the first signs revealed at His appearing will be the prints of the nails in His hands. May we be victorious first of all in our everyday living. May we some day soon be a part of the victorious army that shall enter the city. May we receive the crown of victory, which shall be a crown of rejoicing.

Cree Sandefur, President of the Columbia Union Conference, and C. O. Franz, General Conference Associate Secretary, led in prayer.

At 10:10 A.M. attention was given to the Agenda. Item No. 12--Sabbath School Visual Aids, was referred to the General Conference Officers for further consideration.

1968 AUTUMN COUNCIL--ATTENDANCE:

VOTED, That the following be invited to attend the 1968 Autumn Council:

1. Union Secretaries and Treasurers
2. Local Conference Presidents
3. The General Conference Officers to select up to thirty others.

(Included in this number on a rotating basis would be union auditors, college presidents, departmental secretaries, and medical institution administrators.)

HEALTH FOOD SERVICE:

VOTED, That the financial provision for the General Conference Health Food Service be on the following basis:

1. That for 1968 and 1969 the yearly budget of \$20,000 be covered by contributions from divisions on the following basis:

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Australasia	\$5,000
North America	5,000
Northern Europe	2,500
Central Europe	2,500
South America	2,500
Southern Europe	1,250
Trans-Africa	<u>1,250</u>
	\$20,000

2. In 1970, North America and Australasia would continue their contribution with the General Conference budget providing the remaining \$10,000; while in 1971 the General Conference budget would make the total provision.

BURMA--LETTER FROM KALEE PAW:

W. R. Beach read excerpts from a letter written by Kalee Paw, President of the Burma Union. The letter was dated March 28, 1968, and referred to the Union year-end Committee which was followed with the Section Committees and Annual Meetings. He wrote assurance that good plans have been laid in all sections for the work in 1968.

They have received a cable from the Division stating that all three of the former officers of the Burma Union have been re-elected to continue service for another four-year term. The Burma Union brethren have accepted this as God's will. He requests prayer for them and the work. They have 85 churches with a total membership of 3,989. The work of their Bible Seminary is still functioning well. There are 26 students in the present class. They have opened up work in many new places during the last two years.

Beginning with the 1968-'69 school term all schools in Burma will be closed on Sabbath. In all respects the work of God is progressing. He sent greetings.

VOTED, To reciprocate and send greetings in return.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA--CABLE FROM:

The following cable from Praha was read:

ADVENTIST LEADERS CZECHOSLOVAKIA HUNGARY POLAND AND DIVISION REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING CHRISTIAN PEACE CONFERENCE SEND GENERAL CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP FELT GREETINGS STOP MINDFUL YOUR SINCERE DESIRE WORLD PEACE WE PLEDGE FULL SUPPORT YOUR CONTINUED EFFORTS IN FAVOR PEACE BROTHERHOOD ALLEVIATION SUFFERING AND ELIMINATION ALL FORMS DISCRIMINATION HATE AND VIOLENCE (Signed) THE PARTICIPANTS.

VOTED, To acknowledge this message and send greetings to the brethren in Eastern Europe, through the proper channels.

REPORTS ON EVANGELISM:

A. C. Fearing, Ministerial Association Associate Secretary, said:

I have good news for you. The church membership in the North American Division for the year ending 1967 is 401,970, a gain over last year of 10,956! We had 23,456 baptisms during the year 1967. This is over 2,000 more baptisms than we had the year before.

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It is interesting to know that we have 2,592 ordained ministers; 920 licensed ministers. That is a total of 3,512 ministers which gives us 6.7 people baptized for each ordained and licensed minister in the denomination.

Fifty-four members of the General Conference staff, including officers, departmental secretaries and their associates, will be participating in the 1968 program of evangelism around the world. Many of these evangelistic campaigns will be held in North America, yet others will be held overseas. This will include Elder Pierson who will be conducting his evangelistic campaign overseas this year. Everywhere one goes he hears and sees and feels the great program of revival, reformation, and evangelism.

It is inspiring also to note that in the year 1967 there were 161 conference administrators in North America who conducted or participated in an evangelistic campaign.

In a letter just received from the Inter-American Division, we learned that in the City of Bucaramanga two evangelistic campaigns are in progress. They are conducted four nights a week in two different churches. Two services are held each night in the two churches. The author, Luis Florez Q, tells us that something has happened in old Colombia that has never happened before. There are so many people in each session that they are unable to accommodate all of them. While the first program is going on, multitudes are forming outside, waiting for the second program to begin. When the doors open, an avalanche of people rush in, and the ushers actually have to pick up people who fall down from being pushed by those behind them. They have just invited four more ministers in to help the pastors in the city, and they calculate that 4,000 persons have heard each subject presented and that there are about 1,500 interested ones.

Word comes from Manila concerning Pastor J. R. Bailey who is conducting evangelistic meetings in the Manila Center. At present they have 2,500 interests. They have already secured 80,000 additional Voice of Prophecy enrolments and are working to secure at least 6,000 more. Three hundred people are remaining each night for a Bible study class.

This is but a fragment of the good news that we have coming to us constantly. Truly the Lord is performing miracles with His Spirit-filled ministers around the world. We are seeing the fulfillment of Isaiah 33: 3--"Call upon me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." We can expect to see more and more of great and wonderful things for the people of God in the closing scenes of life's history.

R. H. Pierson expressed appreciation for this very fine report from North America. We have heard of the wonderful things going on in different parts of the world. He said his heart is stirred as he hears what is going on in Burma and Eastern Europe. We are going to hear some most stirring stories that will come out of this Church in the next few years. His heart is still stirred to know that the Trans-Africa Division baptized more than 31,000 last year.

At our doorstep this is as challenging as anything that has come from any part of the world. North America has baptized or added by profession of faith over 23,000.

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He expressed appreciation to each of the leaders and to our fine departmental leaders, to our union presidents, and every one that is having a part in soul winning here in North America. There is danger, however, of our settling down and being complacent. This work will not be finished until the last person responds to the last appeal for acceptance of Jesus Christ. There are still many large cities in North America as yet untouched. Let us get together and make 1968 the greatest in our history of soul winning.

Why are we here in this Spring Meeting? It is not merely to solve problems; it is to lay plans for the winning of souls. That is why we have organizations and institutions. Let us continue to place emphasis on soul winning--every department, every church, every individual in some phase of soul winning. We should not begin to limit our God. The work must begin in our hearts--in my heart, in the hearts of the leaders of this movement. Let us join our hearts and our hands and our prayers to the greatest forward movement this denomination has ever known.

Harry Schrillo, from Sepulveda, California, related experiences he has had in holding meetings and studying with families. In some cases the wife was a Seventh-day Adventist and the husband had not been baptized, or otherwise. He reported the blessing of the Lord and success in his work, so that now whole families are in the truth. We have an untold reservoir of souls we could bring in, he said, and thus have families united. The laymen can be encouraged to do this work.

F. L. Bland said this is a beautiful example of what God can do when a layman goes into a home and conducts Bible studies and five people are baptized.

J. L. Dittberner, President of the Northern Union Conference, related a conversation he had with Harry Schrillo. Brother Schrillo had given a Bible study the evening before he flew over night to attend the Spring Meeting. We need to recognize the sincerity and dedication our laymen have.

N. R. Dower, Ministerial Association Secretary, reported: Twenty-five young people including two young ladies are now members of a Preachers-of-Tomorrow Club which was organized at the beginning of this year in Singapore. This came about as a result of a special youth program of faith sharing which has literally changed the course of many of these young lives. They are without exception the product of Buddhist homes and are facing real problems as they seek now to prepare for the ministry of the Word. They have their hearts set on working for Chinese people and are anxious to be ready when the door opens for a thrust in the vast population of their home country. Sixteen of these young men are now enrolled in the theology course at Southeast Asia Union College. This, we feel, is a real answer to prayer as there is developing a real worker shortage in Malaya and in many other parts of the Chinese-speaking world.

As a result of a Voice of Youth meeting which was held in our school in Bangkok, Thailand, a thrilling story has unfolded which is related to us by Elder John F. Harris, the Bible Teacher and Pastor of the Church. Following the Voice of Youth meetings Elder G. T. Bertochini, youth leader for the Far Eastern Division, conducted a Week of Prayer and decision meetings. At the close of his meetings an earnest call was made for those who desired to become Christians to join a baptismal class and become members of God's remnant Church. In response to this call 204 young people made their decision and are now in baptismal classes which are being conducted currently each week in the school.

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Many of these young people face real hardships for they come from non-Christian homes. It is our earnest prayer that many of these young people will follow through and become baptized members of God's remnant Church. This is a mighty miracle of divine grace and has brought great hope and inspiration to our work in all of Thailand.

Theodore Lucas, Secretary of the YPMV Department, said that Dr. Ernest F. Ching, of Seattle, Washington, who is an elective member in attendance at the Spring Meeting, talked with Paul DeBooy and shared with him his burden in the interest of youth evangelism. These lay people throughout the world field are the ones on whom we must depend to lead our young people into a great effort to finish the work.

WERBER JOHNSON--RESIGNATION;
APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE:

Werber Johnson, an Associate Auditor, and who has served the denomination for more than forty years, has indicated a desire to retire about Nov. 1, 1968.

VOTED, That we record the desire of Werber Johnson to go on retirement as of November 1, 1968; that we agree to this, and recommend his name to the Sustentation Committee for consideration. It was further--

VOTED, To record our appreciation for the faithful and dedicated service given by Werber Johnson.

R. B. CALDWELL--ASSOCIATE AUDITOR:

VOTED, That we pass on to R. B. Caldwell through the Inter-American Division an invitation to connect with the General Conference as an Associate Auditor; and that he be elected to this position.

W. L. KILROY--HEALTH FOOD SERVICE:

On November 9, 1967, a plan for the implementation of a General Conference Health Food Service was adopted. The staff of the General Conference Health Food Service is to consist of a Secretary and an Office Secretary. A budget was set up for the salaries and travel expense.

The Nominating Committee has recommended the name of W. L. Kilroy, who is the head of our Health Food work in Australasia. He has served in the Division and with the Sanitarium Health Food Company for about twenty-four years, and with the Health Food program for a number of years beyond that. He has made visits to other parts of the world, and has a very fine grasp of the Health Food work around the world.

VOTED, That we pass on to W. L. Kilroy through the Australasian Division a call for him to connect with the General Conference Health Food Service as Secretary.

MINUTES of the General Conference Committee held March 28, 1968, were approved.

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RICHARD BARNETT--

ASSISTANT SECRETARY PUBLIC RELATIONS BUREAU:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and Southern New England Conferences a call from the General Conference for Richard Barnett, to serve as Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Public Relations.

THELMA WELLMAN--RETIREMENT;
APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE:

Miss Thelma Wellman, who has served on the General Conference staff for many years, has expressed her desire to retire.

VOTED, To recognize and approve the request of Miss Thelma Wellman to retire, effective July 1, 1968; and that her name be referred to the Sustentation Committee. It was further--

VOTED, To record our appreciation for the faithful service given by Miss Thelma Wellman through the years.

Announcements were made by D. W. Hunter.

Adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Closing prayer by M. V. Campbell.

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

SPRING MEETING

One Hundred Sixteenth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 4, 1968, 2:00 P.M.

The fourth business session of the Spring Meeting was called by M. V. Campbell as Chairman.

I. H. Ihrig, Manager of the Southern Publishing Association, led in prayer.

REPORT:

W. R. L. Scragg, Associate Secretary in the Radio-Television Department, said that a few minutes before, Wm. R. Lawson, of Faith for Today, called him and mentioned that W. A. Fagal's meetings in the White Memorial Church in Los Angeles continue successfully. In the opening meeting more than 2,600 crowded into the church and were seated in the aisles. To date, with more than a week to go, 231 decisions to keep the Sabbath have been recorded and more than 100 requests made for baptism.

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY--

BANK ACCOUNT:

Resolved, That a bank account be opened for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Sustentation Account at the Suburban Trust Company in Takoma Park, Maryland, and that the authorized signatures be K. H. Emmerson, Treasurer; and/or O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer.

FAR EASTERN DIVISION--

TEMPERANCE SECRETARY:

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

VOTED, To accept the resignation of G. J. Bertochini as Temperance Secretary of the Far Eastern Division. It was further--

VOTED, That G. C. Ekwall, M.D., now Medical Secretary for the Far Eastern Division, be elected to serve also as Temperance Secretary.

HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS' MEETING:

At the 1967 Autumn Council action was taken authorizing a meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Association (Administrators and Chaplains) in Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 12-14, 1968. In harmony with their request, it was--

VOTED, That the place of the Hospital Administrators' Meeting be changed from Atlantic City, New Jersey, to Glacier View Park, in Colorado, August 26-29, 1968.

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APPORTIONMENT OF BUDGETS:

VOTED, To approve the apportionment of budgets for the Middle East, the Northern European, and Far Eastern Divisions, as presented; the details being on file in the Treasury office.

ZANIRA LEITZKE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Zanira Leitzke, of the General Conference office, be released from the call to the South American Division office, she having declined for personal reasons.

ANITA L. STICKLE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Anita L. Stickle be released from the call to serve as a Nurse for Karachi, West Pakistan, since she has declined for personal reasons.

PHYLLIS STANDEN--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Phyllis Standen from the call to serve as a Sister-Nurse for Kendu, at her request for medical reasons.

H. C. MORTON--PERMANENT RETURN;

APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of H. C. Morton, at present Treasurer of the North Peru Mission, at his request, after approximately thirty-eight years of service in South America; in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division. It was further--

VOTED, To record our appreciation to Elder and Mrs. H. C. Morton for their long and faithful service.

OPALJEAN WHITEAKER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Opaljean Whiteaker from Hong Kong, at her request for health reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

NELLIE FERREE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Nellie Ferree from the Far Eastern Division at her request, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Division, she having served in the Far East since 1947.

Information was presented that Miss Ferree began her denominational service in 1920 as an elementary Teacher in the United States, and served until 1947. At that time she went to the Far East and gave twenty-one years of service there. All together she has given forty-eight years of unbroken service.

VOTED, That a statement of commendation be sent to Miss Nellie Ferree for this splendid record of continuous denominational service.

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JOHN CAREY--WEST INDIES UNION MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to John Carey, student at Andrews University, a call to connect with the Inter-American Division as Headmaster of the Bahamas Academy, in the West Indies Union Mission; on the basis of a national returning.

RAQUEL OCASIO--PUERTO RICO:

VOTED, To pass on to Raquel Ocasio, student at Pacific Union College, an invitation to connect with the Inter-American Division as Teacher in the Department of Modern Languages at Antillian College; on the basis of a national returning.

MILTON CAPUTO--SAO PAULO, BRAZIL:

VOTED, To pass on to Milton Caputo, student at Andrews University, a call to connect with the South American Division as Mathematics Teacher at the Brazil College, Sao Paulo, Brazil; on the basis of a national returning.

BRYAN ANDERSON, M.D.--TRINIDAD:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division a call from the Inter-American Division for Dr. Bryan Anderson, to serve as Physician in the Port-of-Spain Community Hospital, in Trinidad. (Dr. Anderson has been connected with the Kwahu Hospital, Ghana, West Africa.)

TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION--

NURSE FOR KENDU:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central European Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for a Nurse for Kendu.

DON FOLKENBERG--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Don Folkenberg, who has been under deferred appointment to the Inter-American Division, be transferred to the Trans-Africa Division and assigned as Auditor of the East African Union; effective at the conclusion of his internship as an Auditor, approximately June 30, 1968.

HAROLD G. HEBARD, M.D.--RELIEF PHYSICIAN:

VOTED, That Harold G. Hebard, M.D., of Long Beach, California, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as relief Physician for the Port-of-Spain Hospital, Trinidad, for one month in June.

E. E. RIPPEY, M.D.--KARACHI, WEST PAKISTAN:

VOTED, That E. E. Rippey, M.D., of Portland, Oregon, be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as relief Physician-Surgeon for Karachi, Pakistan, for approximately eighteen months.

JOHN DOVICH--BANGALORE, INDIA:

John Dovich, now studying at Walla Walla College, had recently been denied a visa for India. Now Southern Asia is placing a call for him to connect with the Lowry Memorial Higher Secondary School, at Bangalore.

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VOTED, That John Dovich, of Walla Walla College, be appointed to serve as Vocational and Industrial Teacher in the Lowry Memorial Higher Secondary School, Bangalore, India, with the understanding that he is to continue studies until definite word is received concerning the visa.

GERALD HETZER--POONA, INDIA:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Northern California Conferences be requested to release Gerald Hetzer, of the Rio Lindo Academy faculty, and that he be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as Vocational Arts Teacher and Industrial Worker at Spicer Memorial College, Poona, India.

NORMA AKE--SINGAPORE:

VOTED, That the Southern Union and Kentucky-Tennessee Conferences be requested to release Miss Norma Ake, and that she be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as church school Teacher, probably for Singapore.

MRS. ELIZABETH BENTLEY--SINGAPORE:

VOTED, That the Atlantic Union Conference and Atlantic Union College be requested to release Mrs. Elizabeth Bentley, Dean of Women at AUC, and that she be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as a Teacher and Secretary-Registrar for the Far Eastern Academy in Singapore.

PHILIP A. PRITEL, M.D.--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

A proposal has been made by Philip A. Pritel, M.D., of Vancouver, Washington, to spend two months with the American Medical Association in Viet Nam, during August and September, 1968, traveling at their own expense, and then giving our denomination one year of relief service in the Far Eastern Division.

VOTED, To record the willingness of Philip A. Pritel, M.D., to serve as a relief Doctor in the Far Eastern Division for one year.

WALLACE E. PLATNER--OKINAWA:

VOTED, That the Loma Linda University be requested to release Wallace E. Platner, Assistant to the Administrator at LLU, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Business Manager of the Adventist Hospital in Okinawa.

INNER CITIES--APPROPRIATION:

In connection with the recommendations voted in the North American Division Committee on Administration meeting of April 3, 1968, on work in the Inner Cities, it was--

VOTED, That \$50,000 be appropriated from the General Conference Emergency Fund for work in the Inner Cities.

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RAUL HAYASAKA--LOMA LINDA ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus, a call from the Pacific Union Conference for Raul Hayasaka, to connect with Southeastern California Conference to join the staff of Loma Linda Academy as a Teacher.

AMOS CROWDER--GENERAL CONFERENCE INSURANCE SERVICE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and Florida Conferences a call from the General Conference for Amos Crowder, of the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital, to join the technical staff of the General Conference Insurance Service.

G. A. Huse, formerly Publishing Department Secretary, and now retired, offered the closing prayer.

Adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

M. V. Campbell, Chairman
C. O. Franz, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

One Hundred Seventeenth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 11, 1968, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

M. V. Campbell, H. D. Singleton, R. E. Adams, D. H. Baasch, W. R. Beach, W. P. Bradley, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cleveland; A. C. Fearing, R. R. Frame, C. O. Franz, T. S. Geraty, A. E. Gibb, J. O. Gibson, M. Carol Hetzell, C. B. Hirsch, D. W. Holbrook, D. W. Hunter, D. S. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, H. W. Lowe, D. A. McAdams, Lawrence M. Nelson, C. E. Palmer, J. W. Peeke, A. V. Pinkney, M. H. Reeder, L. B. Reynolds, H. E. Rice, V. W. Schoen, W. R. L. Scragg, J. V. Scully, F. A. Soper, W. M. Starks, E. H. J. Steed, E. W. Tarr, R. F. Waddell, M.D., R. S. Watts, Herbert White, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

D. A. Delafield, J. DeWitt Fox, M.D., N. W. Litchfield

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

M. V. Campbell, Chairman, read two paragraphs from Testimonies, Volume 9, pages 19 and 20, under the topic "Called to be Witnesses." He stated this applies to us very much in our day. If there ever was a time when prophecy was being fulfilled rapidly and when things change almost over night, we are living in those times now. It is time for us to be more serious and more active in speaking of our belief in the second coming of Jesus Christ, and that it is very near at hand.

J. DeWitt Fox, Editor of Life and Health Magazine, led in prayer.

REPORTS:

D. S. Johnson, Associate Secretary, said several reports have been received from the Far Eastern Division expressing thanks for the provision made for the broadcasts over Radio of Free Asia from Seoul. The brethren in Korea will be preparing the Korean broadcasts. Elder Milton Lee will be preparing the material in Chinese, and this will be used for the Chinese broadcasts.

Elder Johnson said he thought the Committee members would like to know that the provision of \$10,000 planned is being implemented and very soon broadcasts will be made from Seoul to China and North Korea.

E. E. Cleveland, Associate Secretary in the Ministerial Association, gave a report concerning evangelism and a breakdown as to baptisms during 1967, as follows:

5	(3 in North America)	baptized	390 to 602
2			275 to 287
23			200 to 266
25			150 to 199
186			100 to 149
317	(47 in North America)		50 to 99

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WM. E. WESTCOTT, M.D.--

NAME RECOMMENDED TO SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE:

Wm. E. Westcott, M.D., was voted a permanent return by action of the General Conference Committee on February 29, 1968. On his request, it was--

VOTED, That the name of Wm. E. Westcott, M.D., be referred to the Sustentation Committee for consideration.

ERWIN CLARK--ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Andrews University a call from the Atlantic Union Conference for Erwin Clark, of the AU Press, to connect with Atlantic Union College as Linotype Operator at the College Press.

ALBERT HAMILTON--MADISON ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Harris Pine Mills organization a call from the Southern Union Conference for Albert Hamilton, to connect with the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference as Dean of Men and Physical Education Teacher in Madison Academy.

BILL P. STANLEY--VOICE OF PROPHECY:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University a call for Bill P. Stanley, of the LLU Printing Department, to connect with the Voice of Prophecy as Process Color Printer.

MONROE A. MORFORD--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Monroe A. Morford, a Teacher at Bugema Missionary College, in Uganda, on his request and in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division; effective in December, 1968. It is understood that Mrs. Morford and the daughter will precede him.

KAREN HILLIARD--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Karen Hilliard, daughter of Elder and Mrs. W. I. Hilliard of Japan, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

GORDON D. WEIDEMANN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Gordon D. Weidemann from Guatemala, at his request for personal reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

ROYCE C. THOMPSON--FURLough EXTENSION:

VOTED, To authorize a three-months' extension of furlough for Royce C. Thompson, from Puerto Rico, to enable him to complete his M.A. degree at Andrews University; in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

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DANIEL GUTEKUNST--FURLough EXTENSION:

VOTED, To authorize a three-months' extension of furlough for Daniel Gutekunst, from Burundi, for health reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern European Division. Information was given that he is furloughing in France.

MALTON BRAFF--SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division a call from the South American Division for Malton Braff, now studying at Collonges, France, to return to the South American Division to join with the Brazil Voice of Prophecy Quartet, on the basis of a national; with the request that the Southern European Division process the call.

CALL OF MIDDLE EAST DIVISION
FOR MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST:

VOTED, To pass on to the Far Eastern Division a call from the Middle East Division for a Medical Technologist from the Philippines, for the Benghazi Adventist Hospital, for a two-year term; with the request that the Far Eastern Division process the call.

ROSENDO NIEBLAS--MEXICO:

VOTED, To pass on to Rosendo Nieblas, of Los Angeles, California, an invitation to connect with the Inter-American Division to be District Pastor of the Pacific Mexican Mission, Mexico; on the basis of a national returning to his homeland.

JAMES W. CARLSON, M.D.--DEFERRED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That James W. Carlson, M.D., who is just finishing a Residency in Los Angeles County General Hospital, be placed under deferred medical appointment to Bangkok, Thailand, as an Orthopedist.

CHARLES J. AUCREMAN--
DEFERRED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Charles J. Aucreman, senior student at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, and who is planning to specialize in Radiology, be placed under deferred medical appointment.

C. MICHAEL SALISBURY--DEFERRED TEACHING APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That C. Michael Salisbury, now a student at Andrews University, be placed under deferred appointment for teaching work in the Trans-Africa Division.

ROBERT LEE MARSH, M.D.--TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION:

VOTED, To record the arrangement for Robert Lee Marsh, M.D., of Glendale, California, to serve as a relief Doctor for the Trans-Africa Division for possibly three months, a year hence; with the understanding they will care for their own transportation and salary.

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DAVID ROBERT JOHNSON, M.D.--BENGHAZI ADVENTIST HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To record the appointment of David Robert Johnson, M.D., who was drafted out of Orthopedic Residency and is now with the Air Force in Florida, as a relief Physician for three months at the Benghazi Adventist Hospital, in Libya.

DR. EDWARD HEPPENSTALL--MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE:

VOTED, To approve of the appointment by Loma Linda University of Dr. Edward Heppenstall to connect with the Middle East Division, to serve as Associate Pastor of the Middle East College and Bible Teacher, for the 1968-1970 term, on the affiliation program with Loma Linda University.

GEORGE N. BENSON, M.D.--BENGHAZI ADVENTIST HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital be requested to release George N. Benson, M.D., and that he be invited to connect with the Middle East Division as a Physician for the Benghazi Adventist Hospital.

RONALD LEROY WEARNER--CENTRAL AMAZON MISSION:

VOTED, To invite Ronald Leroy Wearner, a graduate student at Loma Linda University, to connect with the South American Division as Launch Captain for the Central Amazon Mission, in North Brazil.

DELWYN L. KNOWLTON--WEST AFRICA:

VOTED, That Delwyn L. Knowlton, graduate student at Walla Walla College, be invited to connect with the Northern European Division as Science Teacher for the Adventist College of West Africa.

DANIEL L. RATHBUN--TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION:

VOTED, That Daniel L. Rathbun, student at Loma Linda University, be placed under appointment to the Trans-Africa Division, under the French Language Scholarship Plan.

VICTOR J. CHANT--ZAMBIA:

VOTED, That Victor J. Chant, of Atlantic Union College, be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division, to serve as Mathematics Teacher for the Rusangu Secondary School, Zambia.

WILLIAM MALCOLM CAVINESS--ADVENTIST SEMINARY:

VOTED, That the Central Union and Colorado Conferences be requested to release William Malcolm Caviness, a Teacher at Mile High Academy at Denver, Colorado, and that he be invited to connect with the Adventist Seminary of Central Africa, Kivoga, Burundi, as Mathematics-Science Teacher.

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PERRY WILLARD MUNGER, III--NORTH CONGO:

VOTED, That Perry Willard Munger, III, a student at Andrews University, be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as Mathematics Teacher for the Kivu Seminary, Rwase, North Congo.

V. NORSKOV OLSEN--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to V. Norskov Olsen through the Northern European Division a call to connect with Loma Linda University, to teach in the Department of Religion on the La Sierra Campus. Elder Olsen is on leave from Newbold College, studying in Switzerland. It is understood if he accepts this call he would have a leave of absence every eight years, with travel at General Conference expense, the institution employing him to meet the salary.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

W. M. Adams--Mobile, Alabama, court case, April 9, 10; Dallas, Texas, National Convention for Nurses, meet with leaders of various nurses' associations, re labor union problems, May 10-15;

Mrs. Phyllis Ball--Long Beach and Pine Springs Ranch, California, Youth Congress and MV Advisory Council, secretarial work, April 17-29;

W. P. Bradley--Hutchinson, Minnesota, dedication of Hutchinson Church, May 10, 11;

M. V. Campbell--Canon City, Colorado, en route to Loma Linda meetings, April 21; Loma Linda, California, University meetings, until May 23; Canon City, Colorado, evangelistic effort, May 28-June 11;

Paul DeBooy--Washington, D.C. (from Lincoln), meeting with MV Department Planning group;

D. A. Delafield--Atlanta, Georgia, Southern Union Youth's Congress, April 11-13; Florida-Orlando, Tampa, Jacksonville--series of Spirit of Prophecy talks, May 24-29;

A. C. Fearing--Georgia-Cumberland Conference, Ministerial and Workers' Meetings in three sections of Conference, April 21-26, en route to appointments at Macon, Georgia;

Paul Gordon--Oregon, visit academies in Oregon, April 22-29 (from Long Beach); Mazie Herin--Collegedale, Tennessee, attend Nursing Convention of Southern Union at Southern Missionary College, May (en route to Texas);

J. O. Iversen--Oakwood College, consultation re music for Negro Radio Tape, April 28-May 1;

M. E. Loewen--Northern California (St. Helena, Galt, Carmichael, etc.) Religious Liberty appointments, April 12-16 (en route to Long Beach appointment);

D. A. McAdams--Lincoln, Nebraska, Christian Record Board, April 18; Brainerd, Minnesota, Northern Union Literature Evangelist Institute, June 30-July 6 (in connection with camp-meeting appointment);

Boardman Noland--Mobile, Alabama, Court Case, April 9, 10;

W. L. Pascoe--Loma Linda, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, May 1-13, Treasury business and transportation matters (returning to Treasurers' Council);

M. H. Reeder--Iowa Conference, assist with Public Relations work, May 3-13;

H. E. Rice--Boston, Massachusetts, Harvard University Study Group, and speaking appointments in Boston and Portland, April 12-14; Southern Union, Hospital survey, April 21-May 10;

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J. V. Scully--Southwestern Union Conference office, work on Liberty Magazine and speaking appointments, April 29-May 4;

R. F. Waddell, M.D.--Loma Linda, California, Loma Linda University Board, May 20, 21;

C. B. Hirsch, D. W. Hunter, M. E. Kemmerer, T. E. Lucas (all extension of authorized trip), and V. H. Koenig (LLU)--Andrews University, Youth Survey Committee, April 15;

R. H. Pierson, W. R. Beach, Theodore Carcich, K. H. Emmerson, D. A. McAdams, Neal C. Wilson--Dallas, Texas, Publishing House Co-ordinating and Book Planning Committee, May 7-9.

ERNEST BOHNKE--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union Conference and Canadian Union College a call for Ernest Bohnke, Chairman of the Agriculture Department at Mountain View College, to connect with Loma Linda University as Teacher and Livestock Manager of the Agriculture Department, College of Arts and Sciences.

TEACHER EXCHANGE:

On recommendation of the Department of Education, with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, and in harmony with the Im-Service Development Policy, it was--

VOTED, To agree to an exchange of Teachers, as follows: Miss Betty Christensen, of Columbia Union College, and Miss Elizabeth Vine, of Newbold College.

Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

M. V. Campbell, Chairman
H. D. Singleton, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

One Hundred Eighteenth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 15, 1968, 8:15 A.M.

This meeting was held immediately following worship in the General Conference Chapel.

PRESENT:

R. H. Pierson, W. R. Beach, R. E. Adams, K. F. Ambs, Theodore Carcich, N. R. Dower, A. C. Fearing, R. R. Frame, C. O. Franz, J. O. Gibson, D. S. Johnson, J. C. Kozel, H. W. Lowe, D. A. McAdams, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, L. B. Reynolds, J. V. Scully, J. R. Spangler, R. S. Watts, Herbert White

OTHERS PRESENT:

D. A. Delafield, C. D. Forshee, R. L. Odom

TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT--

E. H. J. STEED SECRETARY:

Consideration has been given to a replacement for E. J. Folkenberg as Secretary of the Temperance Department. Statement was made that E. H. J. Steed, at present an Associate Secretary in the Temperance Department, was for a number of years an outstanding Temperance worker in Australasia. For sixteen years he was in the Temperance and Public Relations work in the Australasian Division. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That E. H. J. Steed be elected as General Conference Temperance Department Secretary.

Adjourned at 8:25 A.M.

R. H. Pierson, Chairman
W. R. Beach, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 18, 1968, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

R. S. Watts, H. D. Singleton, R. E. Adams, W. Melvin Adams, D. H. Baasch, W. R. Beach, N. R. Dower, A. C. Fearing, R. R. Frame, C. O. Franz, D. W. Holbrook, D. W. Hunter, D. S. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, H. W. Lowe, E. L. Minchin, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, E. W. Pedersen, W. E. Phillips, A. V. Pinkney, H. E. Rice, V. W. Schoen, W. R. L. Scrugg, R. F. Waddell, M.D., Herbert White, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

D. A. Delafield, N. W. Litchfield

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

R. S. Watts, Chairman, read passages from pages 716-720 of Prophets and Kings. In these passages it is evident God's people are being prepared for this momentous hour. He read "Today, in the spirit and power of Elias and of John the Baptist, messengers of God's appointment are calling the attention of a judgment-bound world to the solemn events soon to take place in connection with the closing hours of probation and the appearance of Christ Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords." He remarked that it is tremendous the scope of the work to be done just before the coming of Jesus Christ. That which Israel failed to do, God will through the remnant Church accomplish today. All the promises of a great ingathering from the Gentiles, given to ancient Israel--on condition, will be fulfilled to God's people in this last hour. What a privilege to be a leader and worker for God at this particular time!

Opening prayer by A. V. Pinkney.

REPORT:

H. D. Singleton, Associate Secretary and Secretary of the North American Regional Department, gave the information that W. W. Fordham, in Haiti, in his first baptism baptized approximately 300. They were expecting another baptism this past Sabbath.

MINUTES of the Spring Meeting April 2-4, also 11 and 15, 1968, with one correction in the April 11 minutes, were approved.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION--

COMMITTEES AND COMMISSION:

At the 1968 Spring Meeting authorization was given for a Pre-School Education Meeting at Andrews University on August 18, 19, 1968; and a Commission on Elementary Education in Takoma Park, D.C., December 19, 1968. By action of the 1967 Autumn Council the Curriculum Revision Committee is authorized to meet at Southern Missionary College, June 4-13, 1968. On recommendation of the Department of Education, it was--

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VOTED, To set up the personnel of the Committee on Pre-School Education as follows: A. O. Dart, Chairman; I. V. Stonebrook, Secretary; L. G. Barker, E. J. Barnes, V. W. Becker, Agnes Eroh, Norwida A. Marshall, Ruth R. Murdoch, Lilah Lilley, Else Nelson, E. A. Robertson, Bernice Searle, Miriam Tymeson, Millie Urbish, Robert Williams, Ethel Young, General Conference Officer. It was further--

VOTED, That changes be made in the personnel of the Commission on Elementary Education and Curriculum Revision Committee as follows:

Commission on Elementary Education: Substitute M. E. Erickson in place of F. B. Wells, and Agnes Eroh in place of Marion S. Simmons;

Curriculum Revision Committee: Substitute Ella May Stoneburner in place of G. H. Akers, and Mrs. George Alfke in place of Marion S. Simmons.

ASSOCIATION OF SDA SELF-SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS--

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER MEMBER COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That C. H. Lauda, newly appointed Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of SDA Self-Supporting Institutions, be elected to serve as a member of the General Conference Committee, as provided for by the General Conference Constitution, under Article V, Section 1, paragraph b. It was further--

VOTED, To recommend to the 1968 Autumn Council for presentation to the 1970 General Conference session an amendment of the General Conference Constitution, Article VI, "Executive Committee," Section 1, paragraph b, to include the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the ASI among the persons who constitutionally serve as members of the General Conference Executive Committee.

HEALTH FOOD SERVICE SECRETARY--STATUS:

VOTED, To recommend to the 1968 Autumn Council for presentation to the 1970 General Conference that the General Conference Constitution, Article V, be amended to include the Health Food Service Secretary among the departmental secretaries who are elected. This would give him the status of a member of the General Conference Committee, *ex officio*.

I. V. COUNSELL--RETIREMENT;

NAME RECOMMENDED FOR SUSTENTATION; APPRECIATION:

I. V. Counsell, a General Conference Treasury office worker, has made application for sustentation. Information was given that he began work in Iowa in 1919, and he has given continual service from that time to this in the denominational work. In harmony with his desire, it was--

VOTED, That I. V. Counsell be granted retirement effective July 1, 1968; and that his name be recommended to the Sustentation Committee for consideration. It was further--

VOTED, To record our appreciation for the efficient, faithful, and loyal service which I. V. Counsell has given during these years of service in the organized work.

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VERNON JEWETT--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College a call for Vernon Jewett, now serving on the staff at PUC, to connect with Andrews University as Assistant Registrar.

ROBERT KALUA--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences a call for Robert Kalua, to connect with Andrews University as Instructor in Physical Education.

BARBARA L. HOAR--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Barbara L. Hoar, a church school Teacher, from Bangkok, Thailand, at the close of the present school year; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

ESTHER M. FELTUS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Esther M. Feltus from Bangkok, Thailand, she having completed the term of service for which she was called. She served as Dean of Girls at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital.

GRANT E. VOLSCHE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Grant E. Volsch, President of Taiwan Missionary College, at Taipei, on his request, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

CHARLES L. ANDERSON, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Charles L. Anderson, M.D., of Hinsdale, Illinois, be released from appointment to the Christian Medical College at Vellore, India, at his request due to a medical problem which has developed in recent months.

JAMES WONG--RELEASED:

VOTED, That James Wong be released from the call to serve as a Laboratory and X-ray Technician at the Benghazi Adventist Hospital, in Libya, at his request, inasmuch as he feels he should remain with his present work in Hong Kong.

VIRCHELL WOOD, JR., M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Virchell Wood, Jr., M.D., be released from deferred appointment, at his request since he has become involved in a residency training program.

KATHLEEN M. KANSANBACK--BENGHAZI, LIBYA:

VOTED, That the Lake Union and Illinois Conferences be requested to release Miss Kathleen M. Kansanback, of Hinsdale, Illinois, and that she be invited to connect with the Middle East Division as Elementary Teacher for Benghazi, Libya; for a two-year term.

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JOSEPH CAMARA--ANTILLIAN COLLEGE:

VOTED, That Oakwood College be requested to release Joseph Camara, on leave and studying for a Doctor's degree at Iowa State University, and that he be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Biology Teacher for Antillian College, in Puerto Rico.

GEORGE C. PETERSON--SOUTH AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That the Atlantic Union and Southern New England Conferences be requested to release George C. Peterson, Publishing Secretary of the SNE Conference, and that he be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as Publishing Secretary of the South African Union Conference.

LUZINDO C. PONCE, M.D.--NIGERIA:

VOTED, That Luzindo C. Ponce, M.D., of Columbia Hospital, Columbia, South Carolina, a Filipino Doctor who has completed a surgical residency, be invited to connect with the Northern European Division to serve as a Surgeon for the Ile-Ife Hospital, Nigeria.

JUDITH McDOWELL--SINGAPORE:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union and Washington Conferences be requested to release Miss Judith McDowell, a Teacher from the Washington Conference who is completing her B.S. degree at Walla Walla College this year, and that she be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as an Elementary Teacher for Singapore, on a two-year term.

G. L. DYBDAHL, M.D.--BANGKOK SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That the Loma Linda University be requested to release G. L. Dybdahl, M.D., of the LLU staff, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Pathologist for the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, in Thailand; effective the summer of 1969.

MELINDA McRAE--JAPAN:

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

VOTED, That the appointment of Miss Melinda McRae, Elementary Teacher for Manila, in the Philippines, be changed, to serve in a similar capacity in Tokyo, Japan.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

E. E. Cleveland--Akron, Ohio, Bethel Church speaking appointments, May 11, 12 (Allegheny West Conference); Buffalo, New York, Emmanuel Temple Church, Evangelistic Survey and Service, June 22, 23;

A. C. Fearing--Indian Creek Camp, Southern Missionary College Student Ministerial Retreat, September 27, 28;

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

Harry House--Southern Union, Georgia-Cumberland Conference, South Atlantic, Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Southern Missionary College, Florida Sanitarium, Florida Conference, Florida Academy, Walker Memorial Hospital, Insurance business, April 14-21;

D. S. Johnson--Casper, Wyoming, Conference session, May 5 (from Southwestern Union College);

Lowell Litten and Charles Martin--stopover in San Antonio, Texas, on return from Quadrennial Council, Pine Springs, California, for observational training in interest of Medical Cadet Corps work (which will be applied during the coming National Medical Cadet Corps Camp at Grand Ledge), April 30-May 3;

D. A. McAdams--Dallas and San Antonio, Texas, two Publishing Rallies, May 3,4, and May 10, 11, in connection with Dallas Publishing Department Meeting;

C. J. Nagele--Loma Linda, California (from Pendleton, Oregon), Loma Linda University, Special Organization Committee and LLU Board, May 17-21;

R. L. Odom--Mountain View, California, Pacific Press, re Israelite Magazine, two days in connection with Seminary Extension School at Pacific Union College in June and July;

R. E. Osborn--Loma Linda, California, Auditors' Council, September 26, 27 (from area);

E. W. Pedersen--Fitchburg, Massachusetts, evangelistic program, April 20-May 6;

C. E. Randolph--San Francisco, California (from Loma Linda), attend American Medical Association Convention, June 16-20, en route Washington, D.C.; Washington, D.C., Medical Advisory Council, June 20-25;

L. B. Reynolds--New Haven, Connecticut, Mt. Zion Church, Sabbath services, April 13;

H. E. Rice--Cincinnati, Ohio, attend board meetings of the Ohio Blue Cross, April 26 and May 24; Loma Linda, California, attend Board and pre-Board meetings of Loma Linda University, May 15-22; Denver, Colorado, attend annual meeting of the Adventist Hospital Association at Glacier View Camp, August 26-29;

J. V. Scully--North Pacific Union, visit conferences, Walla Walla College, and academies in interest of Liberty Magazine, May 22-29;

H. D. Singleton--Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, speaking appointments, May 10; Homestead, Florida, church opening, May 11; Miami, Florida, speaking appointments, May 12;

J. R. Spangler--Morrisville, Vermont, Youth Rally, May 10 and 11;

Jack Wetmore--Iowa and Missouri Conferences, Insurance and Property Surveys, July 8-26.

Adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

R. S. Watts, Chairman
H. D. Singleton, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

One Hundred Twentieth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 25, 1968, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

R. H. Pierson, H. D. Singleton, R. E. Adams, W. Melvin Adams, D. H. Baasch, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, N. R. Dower, R. R. Frame, C. O. Franz, A. E. Gibb, J. O. Gibson, D. W. Holbrook, D. W. Hunter, J. C. Kozel, M. E. Loewen, D. A. McAdams, E. L. Minchin, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, M. H. Reeder, W. R. L. Scragg, P. G. Smith, E. H. J. Steed, R. S. Watts, Herbert White, Neal C. Wilson, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

N. W. Litchfield

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Opening prayer by O. A. Blake.

The Chairman, R. H. Pierson, read Col. 4: 12, 13. He said there are quite a number of little-known heroes of the cross mentioned here in this area of Colossians. This man Epaphras especially--to him a common individual, like most of us are. He was a servant of Christ, and one who served his own people. He was a man in touch with the common people. He prayed hard for them all the time. He believed in intercessory prayer. He carried heavily on his heart a burden for the folks there at Colosse. He prayed earnestly for them. The believers in Colosse were subject to tests, trials, and temptations, and he was praying they should stand fast; that their hearts would be open to the appeals of the Spirit of God and that they would be wholly devoted to doing God's will. All of us get into difficulty sometimes. It is good to have friends who can vouch for us because of their close relationship all the time. Epaphras worked tirelessly for the people at Colosse, and also for the people in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. He was an indefatigable worker; tireless in his working for others. Elder Pierson said that if you want to find a very rewarding study read the last eight or ten verses of the chapter.

REPORTS:

D. A. McAdams, Secretary of the Publishing Department, stated that today the Church operates 44 publishing houses in the world field. We print literature in 260 different languages. We have 2,213 men and women working in these 44 publishing houses.

Last year (1967) our world publishing house sales reached \$38,567,887.08; the largest sales record ever reached in the history of our Church. This is a gain of \$1,305,998.75 over 1966. We are thankful for the men and women in the publishing houses who produced the literature. We are thankful for the more than 6,000 literature evangelists out in the field who distributed the literature last year.

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We have about 10,000 men and women devoting their full time to the publishing work. We are thankful we can represent this faithful group of workers.

Last year, 8,373 souls were baptized who were first contacted by literature evangelists. We in the Department are constantly promoting the plan of greater evangelism.

M. E. Loewen, Secretary of the Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, said an emergency situation has arisen regarding Federal employees, that will eventually affect all Seventh-day Adventist employees. He requested W. Melvin Adams, an Associate Secretary in the Department, to present the facts.

W. Melvin Adams said this has to do with a report from labor union spokesmen and informed newspaper men that President Johnson is considering a new Executive Order relating to Federal employees and their relationship to labor unions.

Many Seventh-day Adventist Federal employees across the United States have strong religious convictions against joining or supporting labor unions. These people can be protected from religious discrimination in their Federal employment by President Johnson reaffirming the present wording of Executive Order 10988 which provides:

"Employees of the Federal government shall have, and shall be protected in the exercise of, the right, freely and without fear of penalty or reprisal, to form, join and assist any employee organization or to refrain from such activity."

Elder Adams suggested that Committee members write to the government and also to the White House, and also as they speak in the churches, encourage our church members to write and protest any change in the present wording of Executive Order 10988.

MINUTES of the meeting held April 18, 1968, were approved.

H. C. MORTON--NAME RECOMMENDED
TO SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE:

H. C. Morton was voted a permanent return from North Peru by action of the General Conference Committee on April 4, 1968. Appreciation was recorded for their long and faithful service--approximately thirty-eight years in South America.

VOTED, That the name of H. C. Morton be recommended to the Sustentation Committee for consideration.

SPECIAL MEETING WITH UNION LAY ACTIVITIES' SECRETARIES--
POOR PEOPLES' MARCH:

It is felt desirable to have an emergency meeting with the Union Lay Activities' Secretaries who are also Directors of our Welfare Service in North America, in order to discuss plans for making available the services of our welfare program, in case of possible emergencies throughout North America precipitated by summer riots and other activities such as the Poor Peoples' March. It was--

VOTED, To authorize a meeting of the Union Lay Activities' Secretaries with General Conference representatives in Takoma Park, D.C., May 1 and 2, 1968.

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ESDA SALES AND SERVICE--
BANK SIGNATURES:

A. I. Krautschick has accepted a call to the West Coast. It is therefore necessary to make a change in the authorization for bank signatures for ESDA Sales and Service in the Suburban Trust Company, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Resolved, That the Suburban Trust Company, Takoma Park, Maryland, be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of K. H. Emmerson, Treasurer, and/or O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer, and/or Neil W. Litchfield, and/or Karsten Aasheim, for the account which is in the name of the ESDA Sales and Service No. 30-0140-4, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money. All prior authorizations for this account are hereby annulled and canceled.

GEORGE CUMMINGS--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to Atlantic Union Conference and Atlantic Union College a call for George Cummings, to connect with Andrews University, as Assistant Food Service Director and Instructor in Food Service Administration.

WILLIAM ESTEP--POTOMAC CONFERENCE BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Publishing Association a call from the Columbia Union Conference for William Estep, to connect with the Potomac Conference Book and Bible House as Stock and Shipping Clerk.

PETER STRUTZ--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus, a call for Peter Strutz, to serve as Teacher in the Department of Psychology at Andrews University.

JAMES M. CRAWFORD, D.D.S.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of James M. Crawford, D.D.S., from Bangkok, Thailand, at his request for personal reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

ROGER T. NELSON, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Roger T. Nelson, M.D., from Bangkok, Thailand, at his request after three terms of service; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

KENNETH D. DORAN, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Kenneth D. Doran, M.D., from Bangkok, Thailand, at his request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

ALBERT S. WHITING, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Albert S. Whiting, M.D., from the Ishaka Hospital, in Uganda, at his request for personal reasons, after one term of service; effective in July, 1968; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

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RICHARD AUGUSTUS HAYDEN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Richard Augustus Hayden from the North Peru Mission, at his request, for retirement, after approximately thirty-seven years of service in the India Union Mission; in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division. It was further--

VOTED, To record our appreciation for the service given by Elder and Mrs. Richard Augustus Hayden in the South American Division.

JAMES R. STEPHAN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of James R. Stephan from the Middle East College, at his request for personal reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Middle East Division.

JEROME NISWONGER, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Jerome Niswonger, M.D., be released from the call to Penang, he having declined because of a personal problem.

DR. GERRY E. THOMPSON--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Dr. Gerry E. Thompson be released from the call to Japan, he having declined for personal health reasons.

DALE ALLEN JOHNSON--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Dale Allen Johnson be released from the call to Middle East College as Dean of Men, since he has declined for personal reasons.

JOHN DOVICH--RELEASED:

VOTED, That John Dovich be released from the call to Bangalore, India, inasmuch as it will not be possible to obtain a visa for him by the time stipulated in the action of April 4, 1968.

GERALD E. HETZER--REASSIGNMENT TO BANGALORE:

VOTED, That the appointment of Gerald E. Hetzer be changed from that of Vocational Arts Teacher and Industrial Worker at Spicer Memorial College, Poona, to the same position at the Lowry Memorial Higher Secondary School, Bangalore, India.

CLYDE L. ROGGENKAMP--NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION:

VOTED, That Clyde L. Roggenkamp, sophomore dental student at Loma Linda University, be placed under deferred dental appointment to the Northern European Division.

SHERMAN LEWIS JEFFERSON--CONGO REPUBLIC:

VOTED. That the Columbia Union and Ohio Conferences be requested to release Sherman Lewis Jefferson, and that he be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as Station Director at Lulengele, Congo Republic.

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DR. WILBUR K. NELSON--SOUTH CHINA ISLAND UNION MISSION:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College be requested to release Dr. Wilbur K. Nelson, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as President of the two Colleges in the South China Island Union Mission, at Hong Kong and Taipei.

PAUL MARLAND HANSEN--

RELIEF LABORATORY AND X-RAY TECHNICIAN, JAMAICA:

VOTED, That Paul Marland Hansen, of Lodi, California, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as relief Laboratory and X-ray Technician for Andrews Memorial Hospital, Jamaica.

DR. CHUNG-PHING SHIM--CARIBBEAN UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, That Dr. Chung-Phing Shim, of Salem College, Salem, West Virginia, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Professor in the Department of Education at the Caribbean Union College.

Neal C. Wilson took the Chairmanship of the meeting, since R. H. Pierson was called out.

MRS. ELVA BABCOCK-GARDNER--RHODESIA:

VOTED, That Mrs. Elva Babcock-Gardner, of Collegedale, Tennessee, be appointed as a relief English Teacher for Inyazura, Rhodesia, for approximately one year. The Trans-Africa Division have indicated their willingness to subsidize her sustentation up to the regular rate which she received in North America.

JAMES W. CARLSON, M.D.--BANGKOK, THAILAND:

VOTED, That James W. Carlson, M.D., now under deferred appointment to the Far Eastern Division, be assigned to Bangkok, Thailand, for a three-year term.

RICHARD GUTHRIE, M.D.--PHILIPPINES:

VOTED, That Richard Guthrie, M.D., of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, now under deferred appointment to the Far Eastern Division, be assigned as Surgeon for the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, in the Philippines.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Gabriel Castro (Illinois Conference)--Colton High School, Colton, California. Spanish One-Day Camp Meeting (Southeastern California), May 25;

N. R. Dower--Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Evangelism Rally for Milwaukee area, May 2-4;

R. R. Frame--Loma Linda, April 29-May 2; Bakersfield, May 3, 4; San Francisco, California, May 5, 6; Portland, Oregon, May 7, 8; Spokane, Washington, May 9; interview prospective mission appointees and speaking appointments;

T. S. Geraty and O. A. Blake--Atlanta, Georgia, Oakwood College Board-appointed Committee on Oakwood College Academy, May 2;

R. H. Hill--Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Hutchinson area--re-survey Minneapolis area and Maplewood Academy, insurance business, September 9-24;

M. H. Jensen--Brunswick, Maine, Parkview Hospital, organize and execute Mass-Feeding Demonstration, June 28; Columbus, Georgia, Civil Defense and Disaster Relief Program, September 4-8;

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E. L. Minchin--Memphis, Tennessee, Guest speaker at Memphis First Church, Visitors' Day, April 26, 27; Miami, Florida, Area Ministerial Meetings, April 29-May 2;

R. H. Pierson--Columbus, Georgia, Home Coming, April 26, 27; Avon Park, Florida, dedication of new auditorium, April 28;

C. E. Randolph, M.D.--Santa Barbara and Watsonville, California (with Dr. Don Fahrbach) locating equipment for the new hospital in Benghazi, also looking for personnel, week of April 28;

H. E. Rice--Southern Union, visit hospitals, April 29-May 3 and May 25-June 7 (change of dates); Loma Linda appointments and Board, May 15-23; Cincinnati, Ohio, May 24;

W. R. L. Scragg--Camp Berkshire, New York, Council on Evangelism, May 14-18; Miss Ella May Stoneburner--Grand Ledge, Michigan, National Medical Cadet Corps Training Camp, to assist with First Aid Instruction and serve as Camp Nurse, June 4-16;

R. S. Watts--Bridgeport, Connecticut, meetings and speaking appointments, May 10, 11.

CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES:

A report was presented from the Committee on Credentials and Licenses. It was--

VOTED, To authorize the issuance of Credentials and Licenses to General Conference workers for the remainder of the quadrennium as follows:

Ministerial Credentials: Orley M. Berg, Walton J. Brown, Paul A. Gordon, Walter M. Starks, Richard Barnett, Paul DeBooy, C. H. Lauda, R. M. Reinhard, Paul G. Smith;

Ministerial License: Richard E. Green;

Missionary Credentials: Mrs. Louise Carcich, Emily Cowling, Mrs. Mary Iversen, Mrs. Doris L. May, Mrs. Mary S. Reinhard, Mrs. Vivienne Tarr, Jack Wetmore, Mrs. Ruth Wheeler;

Missionary License: Esther Adels, Linda Kay Anderson, Mrs. Claudia Andrews, Mrs. Joyce Araujo, Gerald C. Brooks, Mrs. Alice R. Bryan, Ruth Clee, Gerald Edwards, Mrs. Ella Ruth Elkins, Mrs. Sharon Engelrup, Mrs. June Franklin, Edna Maye Gallington, Mrs. Patricia Gylstorff, Alice Hansen, Gail Krone, Lynetta Kruse, Mrs. Ellen G. LaLoan, Sylvia Maltby, Mrs. Virginia Metcalfe, Leslie J. Norris, Mrs. Elaine Pstullo, Mrs. Gloria Pennington, Mrs. Gladys Radcliffe, Mrs. Barbara Rainer, Joyce Riston, Mrs. Bonnie Roberts, John Roth, Mrs. Shirley Sawyer, Mrs. Ruby Sanford, Mrs. Jean Schmidt, Mrs. Beverly Scott, Mrs. Shirley Smith, Mrs. Mary Speidel, Mrs. Fern Sule, Mrs. Elizabeth Varga, Mrs. Thyra Wahne, Mrs. Jonita West.

Adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

R. H. Pierson,
Neal C. Wilson, Chairmen
H. D. Singleton, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary