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OTHERS PRESENT:

N. W. Litchfield, W. M. R. Scragg

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

The Chairman, M. V. Campbell, said that we as Christians have a power that no one else can understand, and that is the power of contact with God. We can speak to Him at any moment. When we call God, the line is never busy. He hears what we say, and there is always a response.

Speaking of Gospel Workers as his favorite book, he read several paragraphs from pages 254 and 255, under the chapter topic "Secret Prayer." He called special attention to the statement that as these silent petitions rise like incense, the enemy is baffled; and the Christian cannot be overcome. Also that prayer brings the heart into immediate contact with the Well-spring of life, and the sinew and muscle of the religious experience are strengthened. He concluded with the statement that we do have tremendous power, tremendous help at our disposal. God wants us to use it. All that is needed is contact with God.

Opening prayer by H. W. Lowe.

VISITORS WELCOMED:

B. B. Beach, who serves as Education, Sabbath School, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Secretary of the Northern European Division, was present, and was welcomed by the Chairman. Dr. Beach expressed his happiness in being back in the home country for a short leave of absence, after having given eight years of service in the Northern European Division. He came almost directly here from the World Council of Churches in Uppsala, Sweden, where some important things have taken place. Recently he attended an Educational Convention in Germany, with representatives from both the Central and Southern European Divisions present. The Teachers asked him to bring their greetings.

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On suggestion of the Chairman, W. R. L. Scragg, Associate Secretary in the Radio-Television Department, introduced his Father, W. M. R. Scragg, who is on a visit from Australia. W. M. R. Scragg began work in 1918. He served as an Evangelist and Field Secretary. In 1925 he was President of North New Zealand. From that time on he worked as an Evangelist and Conference President, and then retired in 1957. In the meantime, however, he has cared for three or four churches in South New South Wales, and is still active.

REPORTS:

E. H. J. Steed, Secretary of the Temperance Department, reported on developing Temperance activities in Europe and Africa. In Europe he attended a Tri-Division Temperance Council, the first of its kind for many years. There were in attendance 70 persons, representing administrative and Temperance leaders from Europe. They revealed a very successful and active program of temperance throughout the Eastern and Western countries of Europe. The work is onward for the cause of temperance such as we have never known it before.

It is proposed a Council on Smoking & Health be held in 1970 in Germany. A committee has been set up to discuss and discover a way for the publication of a temperance magazine for the whole of Europe, such as Listen publication in this country.

In Spain we have not had opportunity to reach out to the public before. The temperance work is already proving one of the best avenues.

He had an opportunity to meet our people in Bulgaria. It was good to see our people standing for the right, with enthusiasm and energy, despite strong opposition, he said. He found the Government very strongly opposing alcohol, tobacco, and gambling, though not from a religious viewpoint. But temperance does give us the opportunity to work closely with them. In that connection he met with our people and had a marvelous visit with them. They are happy to send their greetings to us here.

From Bulgaria Elder Steed proceeded to Africa, but stopped en route for a short program at the college in Ethiopia. He participated in a baptism of 130 people. The work there is moving forward most significantly.

In Johannesburg, South Africa, an Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism was held. There were 120 in attendance. Much enthusiasm was engendered. This gave us the chance to associate with Dutch Reformed Church personnel. We feel they learned more about Seventh-day Adventists.

Elder Steed visited in Rhodesia, Malawi, and Rwanda. He had the privilege of meeting Dr. Banda. Then spoke to 40 medical personnel at Elizabeth Hospital. They appreciated all we have done at the Malamulo Mission. In Rwanda we have 70,000 Seventh-day Adventists. They have a problem there with a banana drink. It is very wholesome if used within twenty-four hours. The problem is to help the people realize they must drink it fresh and have it boiled.

There is a new day in Europe for temperance. There are particular opportunities in Eastern Europe, and also wonderful possibilities in Africa for the advancement of our temperance cause.

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J. J. Aitken, Secretary of the Radio-Television Department, said that in the communications world, when we have radio in our hands and use it aright, we create means of breaking down prejudice. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Report has been given concerning the broadcasts over Radio of Free Asia from Seoul, Korea. Colonel Bo Hi Pak told him of the reaction in China. The Voice of Prophecy is the only religious program they are beaming into China. The people are thrilled with it. The messages from Milton Lee, and the music, are effective. Report was given of one man who, loaded with sticks of dynamite, intended to blow up certain installations. He listened to Radio of Free Asia, decided to try to be a Christian, and threw all the dynamite away.

J. J. Aitken and W. R. L. Scragg have recently had the opportunity at Andrews University to give a practical course in Mass Media Evangelism. This is of interest to young ministers learning to effectively use radio and television in reaching the multitudes with gospel truth.

Elder Aitken also reported on the nation-wide radio and TV impact of Adventist missions through the thrilling and convincing presentations of Richard Hall, our flying missionary from Borneo, presently on furlough in the United States from the Far Eastern Division. Millions of viewers and listeners were impressed as they saw the value of the vibrant and living world-wide Adventist missionary program in people to people contacts.

MINUTES of the meeting held July 25, 1968, were approved.

LONDON BANK ACCOUNTS:

On recommendation of the General Conference Treasury, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That three bank accounts in London be closed, as follows:

1. The bank account held in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the Chase-Manhattan Bank of London;
2. The bank account held in the name of World-Wide Advent Missions, Ltd., in the Bank of America, London, England;
3. The bank account held in the name of World-Wide Advent Missions, Ltd., in the Bankers Trust Company, London, England.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BASIC LIBRARY FUND-- APPROPRIATIONS:

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

VOTED, That appropriations be granted from the Spirit of Prophecy Basic Library Fund for the publication of Spirit of Prophecy books, with the understanding that these funds will be matched by the Divisions named, as follows:

Northern European Division: Steps to Christ, Twi (Ghana), edition 5,000, 128 pages at \$2.50--\$320.00;

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Southern European Division: Steps to Christ, Spanish, edition 20,000
128 pages at \$2.50--\$320.00.

MAVIS ORR--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Mavis Orr from the Trans-Africa Division to Australia, effective in August, 1968, on her request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

RICHARD L. SCHAFFNER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Richard L. Schaffner, a son of Dr. M. H. Schaffner, Medical Secretary of the Trans-Africa Division, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Division.

W. GORDON JENSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of W. Gordon Jenson from the Northwestern India Union, on his request for personal reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division. Elder Jenson served three terms, approximately twenty years in India.

BONNIE JEAN EKVALL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Bonnie Jean Ekvall, daughter of Dr. G. C. Ekvall, Medical Secretary of the Far Eastern Division, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Division.

JOEL SARLI--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Joel Sarli, of Brazil, be released from the call to Goa, in the Southern Asia Division, since his visa application to enter India has been denied.

M. H. W. KOOPMANS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That M. H. W. Koopmans, of the Southern European Division, be released from appointment to the Central African Union as Secretary-Treasurer, since for personal and family reasons he is not clear in accepting the call.

TABEA MATTER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Tabea Matter, a Nurse in the Southern European Division, be released from appointment to serve in the Trans-Africa Division, since for personal reasons which include her responsibility to her aged Mother she is not clear in accepting the call.

JOHN FREDERICK WERNER, M.D.--YUKA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That John Frederick Werner, M.D., an intern at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, and now under deferred appointment to the Trans-Africa Division, be assigned to service in the Yuka Hospital in Western Zambia.

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CLARENCE ING, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Clarence Ing, M.D., be released from the call to serve as a relief Doctor in the Nicaragua Hospital, due to his son's serious condition of health.

GENEVIEVE MCWILLIAMS, M.D.--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, That the furlough of Genevieve McWilliams, M.D., be extended two and one-half months, due to her having undergone dental surgery.

DAVID H. UNSELL, M.D.--ILE-IFE, NIGERIA:

VOTED, That David H. Unsell, M.D., a surgeon, of Billings, Montana, be invited to connect with the work in the Northern European Division as a relief Physician for six months at the Adventist Hospital, in Ile-Ife, West Nigeria.

REBECCA GUCILATAR--ANDREWS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Far Eastern Division a call for Rebecca Gucilatar, a Nurse carrying responsibility at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, to connect with the Inter-American Division as Director of the School of Practical Nursing and Assistant Matron in the Andrews Memorial Hospital, Kingston, Jamaica; with the request that the Far Eastern Division process the call.

MARVIN J. ROBINSON--TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION:

VOTED, That Marvin J. Robinson, at present employed in the General Conference Central Dispatch office, and soon to graduate from Columbia Union College with a B.S. in Administration, be invited to serve as an Accountant in the Trans-Africa Division office.

MIMA BURGHER--KANYE, BOTSWANA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for Miss Mima Burgher, a Nurse, to serve in the Kanye Hospital, Botswana; with the request that the Australasian Division process the call.

X. P. WALTON, D.D.S.--BLANTYRE, NYASALAND:

VOTED, That X. P. Walton, D.D.S., of Amesbury, Massachusetts, be invited to serve for four months as a relief Dentist at Blantyre, Nyasaland; effective approximately October 15, 1968; with the understanding that the Trans-Africa Division will pay the transportation for both Dr. and Mrs. Walton, and that he will serve without salary.

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CHARLES RICHARD STAFFORD--HERI HOSPITAL, EAST AFRICA:

VOTED, To record the appointment of Charles Richard Stafford, of the Loma Linda University Heri Hospital School of Health, retroactive as of January, 1964, the time when he connected with the Heri Hospital; this to regularize his employment.

MRS. VERA BAKER--

NAME REFERRED TO SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE:

Information was given of Mrs. Vera Baker's plan to retire from work in the General Conference office, and her having made application for Sustentation, in view of her responsibility to her elderly Mother, and desire to be permanently settled. Mrs. Baker served three years in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference office, and twenty years in the Treasury office of the General Conference. Her work as a Secretary and competent person were highly spoken of; her fine influence and queenly presence in the office are appreciated and will be missed.

VOTED, That the name of Mrs. Vera Baker be referred to the Sustentation Committee for favorable consideration.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

W. M. Adams--Loma Linda, California, Association of Self-Supporting Institutions Sectional Meeting, Oct. 2-5, 1968 (extension of Wyoming trip);

N. R. Dower--Geoscience Field Trip, July 30-August 7, 1968; Berrien Springs, Michigan, Andrews University Board, September 17, 18, 1968;

K. H. Emmerson--Loma Linda, California, Board meetings, August 12-15, 1968;

W. W. Fordham--Gary, Indiana (Mizpah Church), week-end Revival, September 20-22;

Esther Kelso--to come from Kettering, Ohio, interview with Public Relations Bureau, as possible secretary, open date;

Caris Lauda--Fletcher, Asheville, Mockville, North Carolina, Cleveland, Tennessee, Jacksonville, and Hialeah, Florida, ASI business, July 24-31;

Marjorie Lloyd--Loma Linda, California, produce film on public health, August 4-18;

H. W. Lowe--Andrews University, Research and Defense Committee and library work at Andrews and Notre Dame University, August 25-29;

D. A. McAdams--Topeka, Kansas, special colporteur problem, July 30;

H. L. Reiner--Loma Linda, California, produce film on public health, August 4-18;

Fernon Retzer--Lincoln, Nebraska, Sabbath School Mission Spotlight program, August 3-6 (extension of Southern Union trip);

Virgil Robinson--Nashville, Tennessee, Sabbath School Lesson Format and Advisory, September 11-13;

George Vandeman--Loma Linda, California, produce film on public health, August 4-18;

R. S. Watts--Indian Creek Youth Camp, Local Elders' Meeting and Workers' Retreat (Kentucky-Tennessee), August 16-19.

Adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

M. V. Campbell, Chairman

A. Edwin Gibb, Secretary

Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

One Hundred Thirty-Fifth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 8, 1968, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

M. V. Campbell, A. Edwin Gibb, R. E. Adams, J. J. Aitken, Wesley Amundsen, Euel Atchley, D. H. Baasch, B. B. Beach, W. J. Brown, W. W. Fordham, T. S. Geraty, J. O. Gibson, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, D. W. Hunter, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, Caris H. Lauda, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas, C. D. Martin, D. A. McAdams, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, W. R. L. Scragg, P. G. Smith, W. M. Starks, E. H. J. Steed, R. S. Watts, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

N. W. Litchfield, W. M. R. Scragg (of Australia)

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

M. V. Campbell, Chairman, called attention to the last paragraph on page 16 of Volume 7, Testimonies for the Church. This paragraph tells of God's high regard for His Church, and the tremendous change that can take place in members when they allow themselves to be changed by the Spirit of God. He spoke especially of the statement that angels of God, who have seen the marvels of God's work, are amazed to see the transformations of character that are wrought.

He read also the last paragraph on page 17 of Volume 7, which urges that every soldier of the cross push to the front, in meekness and lowliness, with faith firm in God. It states that our work will not cease with this life. We may rest in the grave for a little while. But when the call comes, we shall, in God's kingdom, again take up our work. Elder Campbell commented that apparently there is work for God's ministers in heaven as well as on earth.

Opening prayer by E. H. J. Steed.

REPORTS:

K. H. Wood, Editor of the Review and Herald, reported on his recent trip to Europe. Six weeks ago he began flight to Reykjavik, Iceland. From Reykjavik he and Mrs. Wood went to Oslo and Stockholm, and spent two weeks at the World Council of Churches meeting in Uppsala, Sweden. He supposed the members are reading what he has written about this in the Review and Herald.

From Uppsala, Sweden, he went to Finland--Turku, Tampere, and Helsinki--and on to Leningrad. From Leningrad he traveled to Moscow, Warsaw, Krakow, Berlin, London, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Glasgow, Reykjavik, and home.

He said the most moving experience of the trip was on Sabbath morning when he preached to our believers in Moscow. A brother from Southern California who teaches Russian translated for him. The people were wonderfully responsive and requested that he take greetings to their fellow believers everywhere. They sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

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Elder Wood thought, as he left the country, of the tremendous assignment that is ours, of taking the message to all the world, including the 600 million Chinese and the perhaps 250 million people in the Soviet Union. He believes the time spent in Uppsala, Sweden, and in Eastern European countries will make the Review and Herald much more the kind of international church paper it should be, and which the people over there would like it to be.

T. S. Geraty, Associate Secretary in the Department of Education, spoke of his having just returned from a three-month itinerary in homelands and mission fields of the Southern and Central European Divisions. He said we are seeing the spirit of revival and evangelism, with total evangelism in almost every place. In Portugal, A. Casaca, President of the Portuguese Union Mission, is planning three evangelistic meetings this year. Most of his staff are engaged in some three to four team-work series of evangelism. In Spinho, where there are 90 members, 22 have been baptized. They expect in the next two years to double their membership. The fourth church in Lisbon is to open at the end of this year.

As you are aware, several young people in the Army, in Spain and Portugal have had difficulties. A military trial for Brother Jorge Pires was going to be held on July 4. 2,000 of our workers and believers were fasting and praying. Several of the soldiers who knew this man in Army service declared he was a man who lived his religion.

Ten Portuguese workers were sent to overseas fields in 1967. We have 10 youth who are canvassing, expecting to go to the Adventist training school in Lisbon. They expect about 30 registrants to be there when school opens. The people are working in serious times, endeavoring to secure a Christian education, to proclaim the message even under difficult circumstances.

In Spain when a church school was started four years ago it was officially closed the same year, but the children were divided among SDA homes to complete the year. They were able to come back together later and the school is still in operation.

We had a Tri-Division Education Council representing Northern, Central, and Southern Europe. There were 95 teachers in attendance at the teachers' convention in Darmstadt, with Officers of the Central and Southern European Divisions participating and being present for the meetings. The second day the electrifying news was announced that the Ministry of Education in Czechoslovakia had now officially approved of our operating the Czechoslovakian Bible Seminary. They are expecting thirty or forty students for that school this coming year. They have very fine, loyal Seventh-day Adventists ready to teach in this school during the coming year.

It is wonderful to visit these lands and be inspired to see how our brethren abroad are working with us for the finishing of God's work.

MINUTES of the meeting held August 1, 1968, were approved.

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N. G. SIMONS--ALLEGHENY WEST CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital a call from the Columbia Union Conference for N. G. Simons, Administrator and Treasurer of the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital, to connect with the Allegheny West Conference as Pastor of the Dayton, Ohio, Church.

JUDY VANCE--SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to Judy Vance, a worker in the General Conference Audio-Visual office, a call from the Columbia Union Conference for her to connect with the Potomac Conference as Dean of Girls at Shenandoah Valley Academy.

MARVELLA ANDERSON--SECRETARY TO R. R. BIETZ:

R. R. Bietz, recently elected General Conference Vice-President, resident in California, now has an office in the Voice of Prophecy building in Glendale.

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference a call for Miss Marvella Anderson to serve as Secretary to R. R. Bietz.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--SECRETARIAL HELP:

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

VOTED, That the following secretarial help be sent from the General Conference to Toronto, Canada, for the 1968 Autumn Council:

Secretariat: Katie Farney, Marion Nyman, Irene Denny (Highlights), Mildred Dumas, Edna Edeburn (for recording and pool), Elaine Larkin, Leona Long, Corinne Wilkinson;

Treasury: Roberta Beck, Loretta Drake, H. L. Dyer, Freda Teis, A. L. Tucker;

Administrative: Margaret Fuller, Grace Sampson (pool);

Pool: Maybelle Fordham, Ruby Jones, Grace Mohn, Dorothy Tull, Irene Caslow (mimeograph), Emily Cowling, Alice Roth;

Public Relations: Lois Mae Franz.

READING COMMITTEE ON NON-DENOMINATIONAL BOOKS:

At the time the Reading Committee on Non-Denominational Books was appointed W. A. Higgins was named as Secretary of the Committee. Since the work of this Committee relates directly to the work of Book and Bible Houses, and Carson F. Adams deals with the Book and Bible Houses, it was--

VOTED, That Carson F. Adams be named as Secretary of the Reading Committee on Non-Denominational Books, instead of W. A. Higgins.

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INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION--

MONTEMORELOS SCHOOL TO OFFER MINISTERIAL TRAINING COURSE:

On recommendation of the Inter-American Division and the Department of Education, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the Montemorelos Vocational and Professional College, Montemorelos, Mexico, be granted permission to offer the senior year (16th), effective in the 1968-1969 school year. This is to be solely in the field of religion-theology, with supporting areas leading to the B. Th. degree, meeting entrance requirements to the Seminary. Within two years this college is to meet the standards for accreditation as set by the Board of Regents of the General Conference.

MAYBELLE VANDERMARK--

MEMBER MISSIONS PICTURES COMMITTEE:

Miss Marcedene Wood, who has served as a member of the Missions Pictures Committee, has transferred to another line of office work. She has tendered her resignation from the Missions Pictures Committee.

VOTED, To accept the resignation of Miss Marcedene Wood as a member of the Missions Pictures Committee; and that Miss Maybelle Vandermark be appointed to replace Miss Marcedene Wood as a member of the Missions Pictures Committee.

WERBER JOHNSON--

CONTINUANCE OF SERVICE:

On April 3, 1968, record was made in the General Conference Committee minutes of the desire of Werber Johnson to retire as an Associate Auditor, and action was taken recommending his name to the Sustentation Committee for favorable consideration. Since that time a call has been placed for R. B. Caldwell, of the Inter-American Division, to replace Werber Johnson as an Associate Auditor. In view of the present condition of health of Mrs. R. B. Caldwell, following surgery, R. B. Caldwell has not found the way clear to respond to the call to connect with the Auditors. Pending the development of this appointment for R. B. Caldwell, it was--

VOTED, That Werber Johnson continue on in the Auditing office until some time in 1969, he having expressed his willingness to do so.

IVAN R. TOEWS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Ivan R. Toews from India, on his request for personal reasons, in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division. Ivan R. Toews has served since 1959 in the Southern Asia Division, and has recently been Treasurer of the South India Union.

DARRELL E. BEDWELL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Darrell E. Bedwell, son of Elder and Mrs. H. W. Bedwell, of Singapore, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

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MYLA WILLIAMS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Myla Williams, daughter of Elder and Mrs. C. A. Williams, of Okinawa, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

NEIL R. THRASHER, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Neil R. Thrasher, M.D., a radiologist and Surgeon in Bandung, Java, who has spent three terms in the Far Eastern Division, on his request because of family responsibilities; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

CHARLES R. TRUBEY--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Charles R. Trubey be released from appointment as Agriculture and Science Teacher for the SDA Secondary School in Yele, Sierra Leone, he having requested release because of his feeling he ought to remain at Indiana Academy.

WM. ARTHUR MCKAY--DEFERRED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Wm. Arthur McKay, a junior student in the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, be placed under deferred medical appointment to the Far Eastern Division.

WILBERT GONZALEZ, M.D.--MEXICAN UNION MISSION:

VOTED, That Wilbert Gonzalez, M.D., of Riverside, California, now taking a three-year residency in Ob.-Gyn. in Loma Linda University, be placed under deferred medical appointment to the Inter-American Division for service in the Mexican Union Mission; on the basis of a national returning at the close of his residency.

MAX LEROY OWEN--GUAM MISSION ACADEMY:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Northern California Conferences be requested to release Max Leroy Owen, of the Lodi Elementary SDA School, Lodi, California, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as a Teacher in the Guam Mission Academy.

JACK L. BENNETT, M.D.--DEFERRED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Jack L. Bennett, M.D., formerly of Safford, Arizona, and now taking a surgical residency at Loma Linda, California, be placed under deferred medical appointment to the South American Division, to serve in the American Clinic, Juliaca, Peru.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

C. F. Adams--El Paso, Texas, Southwestern Union Publishing Department Council, October 31-November 4; Southern Union Publishing Department Council, November 4-8;

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R. E. Adams--Brunswick, Maine, Parkview Hospital Five-Day Plan Workshop, August 25-27;

W. M. Adams--Reading, Pennsylvania, Eastern Section Association of SDA Self-Supporting Institutions Convention, October 17-19; Omaha, Nebraska, Central Section ASI Convention, October 24-26;

J. J. Aitken--Grand Forks, North Dakota, evangelistic meetings, November 1-16;

Karl Bahr--Loma Linda, California, Auditors' Council, September 23-25;
O. M. Berg--Memphis, Tennessee, dedication of Memphis First Church, August 23, 24;

K. H. Emerson--Oshawa, Council for Treasurers, Canadian Union, October 17;
John Hancock--Colorado Springs, Temperance Quadrennial, September 22-24;
Melvin Harris--Toronto, Oshawa, survey Branson Hospital, Kingsway College, Kingsway Publishing Association, and other buildings in area, September 30-October 18; Pacific and North Pacific Unions, Fire Prevention demonstrations at academies and hospitals, Insurance Seminars, November 1-21;

W. A. Higgins--Portage, Wisconsin, Lake Union Literature Evangelists' Institute, August 20-24; Wheeling, West Virginia, Columbia Union Publishing Department Council, October 27-31; Glendale, Pacific Union Publishing Department Council, November 12-14; Seattle, North Pacific Union Publishing Department Council, November 18-20;

Richard Hill--Kettering, Ohio, Denver, Colorado, Public and Institutional Property inspections; Flint, Michigan, Lincoln, Nebraska, survey of churches, October 20-November 3;

Harry House--Pacific Union, North Pacific Union, Insurance Seminar; Minneapolis, Northern Union, Treasurers-Presidents' Council, October 30-November 6;

W. A. Howe--Maitland, Florida, evaluation Forest Lake Academy, September 22-25; Clearwater, Florida, Southern Union Secondary Teachers' Convention, November 24-27;

J. C. Kozel--Southern New England Conference, church appointments, September 20-22;

John Loor--Kettering, Ohio, Youth Bible Conference, November 1-3;
Theodore Lucas--Collegedale, Lay Youth Congress, Southern Missionary College, November 15, 16;

D. A. McAdams--San Jose, California, Home Health Education Service business, August 12-17; Hot Springs, Arkansas, Publishing Department Advisory Council and annual institute, August 18-24; Berrien Springs, Michigan, to Educational Council, one day, en route back from meeting in Hot Springs, Arkansas; Dallas, Texas, Canadian Union Publishing Department Council, September 23, 24; Minneapolis, Northern Union Publishing Department Council, October 28-31; Berrien Springs, Lake Union Council, November 4, 5;

P. S. Nelson--visiting doctors Michigan, Indiana, August 8-22; Kentucky, Tennessee, August 23-28; Arkansas, Medical-Ministerial Retreat, August 30-September 2; Reading, Pennsylvania, Eastern Section ASI Convention, October 17-19; Omaha, Nebraska, Central Section ASI Convention, October 24-26;

Larry Noble--Lake Union, Insurance business, August 16-30;

R. E. Osborn--Oshawa, Canada, Council for Treasurers, Canadian Union, October 17;

J. W. Peeke--Reading, Pennsylvania, Eastern Section ASI Convention October 17-19 (en route New York City); Omaha Central Section ASI Convention October 24-26 (en route West Coast);

A. V. Pinkney--Buffalo, New York (Emmanuel Temple Church), Temperance Workshop, October 25-27;

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Harold Reiner--Spokane, implementation of visitation program (from Loma Linda);
H. E. Rice--Chicago, American Hospital Association Institute, October 28-30;
P. G. Smith--Kansas City, Workers' Meeting, September 15, 16;
I. V. Stonebrook--Miami Beach, Huntsville, Collegedale, Southern Union Conference Departmental Meetings and Teacher Education Emphasis Programs Oakwood and Southern Missionary College, November 4-16;
Ella Mae Stoneburner--Michigan Conference Dorcas Federation meetings, September 29-October 8; Reading, Pennsylvania, Eastern Section ASI Convention, October 17-19; Illinois Conference Dorcas Federation meetings, October 20-23; Wisconsin Conference Dorcas Federation meetings, October 24-31; Omaha, Central Section ASI Convention, October 24-26; Pacific Union, nurse recruiting at colleges and Hawaiian Mission Academy, December 9-20;
Carl Sundin--Hot Springs, Arkansas, Medical Workers' Retreat, August 30-September 2;
E. W. Tarr--Union Springs Academy, Workshop, November 15-17; Chicago, Public Relations Society of America meeting, November 18-20;
Herbert White--Dallas, Texas, Canadian Union Publishing Department Council, September 23, 24; St. Louis, Missouri, Central Union Publishing Department Council, October 27-31; Corning, New York, Atlantic Union Publishing Department Council, November 10-13.

Adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

M. V. Campbell, Chairman
A. Edwin Gibb, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

One Hundred Thirty-Sixth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 15, 1968, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

M. V. Campbell, A. Edwin Gibb, W. Melvin Adams, J. J. Aitken, Wesley Amundsen, D. H. Baasch, B. B. Beach, W. R. Beach, Theodore Carcich, J. E. Edwards, A. A. Esteb, W. W. Fordham, T. S. Geraty, J. O. Gibson, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, D. W. Hunter, J. C. Kozel, Caris H. Lauda, M. E. Loewen, E. L. Minchin, G. R. Nash, R. E. Osborn, E. W. Pedersen, J. W. Peeke, R. H. Pierson, M. H. Reeder, Fernon Retzer, W. R. L. Scragg, E. H. J. Steed, R. S. Watts, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield, Lowell Litten, J. A. Skrzypaszek (of Australia)

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

M. V. Campbell, Chairman, spoke of our living in an era when knowledge is increasing to such a great extent it is impossible for one to keep fully up to date in even a few areas. Some expect Seventh-day Adventist ministers not only to keep abreast with the increase of knowledge, but to devote considerable space in their sermons to the progress of science and recent changes in thought. Elder Campbell expressed the belief that if our ministers would pay more attention to gospel truth more souls might be won.

He read several paragraphs from Volume 8, Testimonies to the Church, pages 309, 310, under the title "A Purer Fountain." In these paragraphs it is stated that Christ presented the principles of truth in the gospel, and that in His teaching we may drink of the pure streams that flow from the throne of God. He imparted only that knowledge that could be utilized. To those who were so eager to pluck from the tree of knowledge He offered the fruit of the tree of life. Elder Campbell concluded by saying that the major part of our sermons should follow the example of Christ, to lead people to eternal life.

Opening prayer by E. L. Minchin.

REPORTS:

R. H. Pierson, President, shared with the Committee a letter from one of the District Pastors in Egypt.

He baptized 100 during the first six months of 1968. When an expatriate evangelist baptized 38 some time ago, we all rejoiced. Now to see one of our national workers baptize 100 in six-months' time is encouraging. Let us pray for these men who are working away faithfully.

G. A. Lee, President of the Central Pacific Union Mission, has just conducted an effort in Vila, in the New Hebrides. He writes:

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There was a good crowd present the opening evening, estimated to be between 450 and 500. For the following eighteen meetings they did not go below 200 in attendance. After visitation they found that there were 128 genuinely interested persons. A class of 108 was formed from those who were determined to follow the Lord all the way. Among these was the Controller of Stores for the Condominium Government of New Hebrides, and his daughter; he is also head of the Boy Scout Movement for the New Hebrides, and head elder of a leading Protestant Church in Vila. Also in the class is the newly appointed National Moderator of the same leading Protestant Church, one pastor of the same denomination, and four elders.

This report is a sample of what we are receiving from many parts of the world. I am sure all our hearts are encouraged.

K. H. Wood, Editor of the Review and Herald, referred to a letter written by Dr. S. A. Nagel from Biafra on July 7 and received August 5, 1968. He wrote that during World War II he served as a medical officer in the Philippines. He has never seen anything like the suffering he is witnessing in Biafra. He expressed appreciation for the material sent, though transportation difficulties have made it impossible for it to reach him.

In another letter he writes that a worker there served more than a thousand meals last month. During July they would have close to 90 surgery cases; they were running at the time he wrote between 60 and 70. In addition they were having trouble with their water supply. It had broken down a number of times. They finally borrowed a little engine from Ile-Ife, Nigeria. They hooked it up to the water pump. The water is rationed to three hours a day. The nursing staff is restricted to the use of four bush lanterns to manage their work with at night. In the refugee camp they buried their twenty-third person the day previous.

Elder Wood said a portion of these reports he has received from Biafra may be published in the Review and Herald.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITOR:

E. W. Pedersen, Field Secretary, introduced to the Committee Elder J. A. Skrzypaszek, from Poland, who is now living in Australia. The Division sent him to Europe, where he has been visiting Italy, Yugoslavia, and other countries in Eastern Europe. Brother Skrzypaszek is doing a great work for the immigrants that come in, making the first contacts. He is in contact with many firms in Melbourne, and helps these immigrants to get employment. The work which he is doing has a marked influence on the growth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia. It is his plan to leave on August 18 for San Francisco, California, and fly back to Australia.

J. A. Skrzypaszek spoke of the honor that was his to be present in the Committee. He told in detail of his work for the immigrants who come to Australia from Europe, and of the increase in membership in various churches in Australia for peoples from European countries.

MINUTES of the meeting held August 8, 1968, were approved.

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1968 AUTUMN COUNCIL--

ATTENDANCE BY WIVES OF GENERAL CONFERENCE PERSONNEL:

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

VOTED, That in the cases where wives accompany their husbands to the 1968 Autumn Council in Toronto, the family per diem rate and hotel expense be allowed.

WILLIAM WAGNER, M.D.--

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED:

Dr. William Wagner, who has served as Medical Secretary for the Inter-American Division, has conveyed the information that he has found it impossible to continue for personal reasons, and he has taken up work in Turlock, California. He has tendered his resignation.

VOTED, To accept the resignation of Dr. William Wagner as Medical Secretary for the Inter-American Division.

JACK A. HAY, M.D.--

MEDICAL SECRETARY INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION:

Dr. Jack A. Hay, who has been located in Rwanda, Africa, and has spent many years in the Trans-Africa Division, plans to return permanently in the near future. The basis of his request for a permanent return is the education of their children. He is the doctor in Judy Steps Out. He and Mrs. Hay, whose experience in accepting the truth is described in the book, have been very fine mission workers. He desires to continue in denominational service. They could still contribute to the mission program, while living in North America--Miami. The General Conference Officers have considered this, and on their recommendation it was--

VOTED, That Dr. Jack A. Hay be elected as Medical Secretary for the Inter-American Division.

EVANGELINE VOTH--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Evangeline Voth from the Benghazi Adventist Hospital, in Libya, at her request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Middle East Division. Miss Voth has been in the mission field approximately fifteen years, and has given fine service.

RUTH TOBIASSEN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Ruth TobiasSEN from the Benghazi Adventist Hospital, in Libya, at her request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Middle East Division. Miss TobiasSEN has been in the mission field approximately sixteen years, and has given fine service.

AILI E. AUVINEN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Aili E. Auvinen from Kendu, Africa, to the United States, as of December, 1968, at her request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division. Miss Auvinen was originally from Finland, and the North American Division is recognized as her home base.

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JOHN CHRISTIAN HENRIQUES--
DEFERRED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That John Christian Henriques, a senior medical student at Loma Linda University, be placed under deferred medical appointment to the Inter-American Division.

FRED WOUDENBERG--SURINAM MISSION:

VOTED, That Fred Woudenberg, at one time a worker in the Northern European Division, now a student at Andrews University, with the expectation of graduating with his B.D. degree in 1969, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as District Pastor of the Surinam Mission.

WM. GERALD THESMAN--BELEM HOSPITAL, BRAZIL:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences be requested to release Wm. Gerald Thesman, Controller of the Simi Valley Community Hospital, and that he be invited to connect with the South American Division as Business Manager of the Belem Hospital.

LEONARD KEMPThorNE HADLEY--PORT-OF-SPAIN, TRINIDAD:

VOTED, That Leonard Kempthorne Hadley, soon to receive his M.A. degree in Business Administration at Andrews University, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Business Manager of the Port-of-Spain Community Hospital; on the basis of a national returning.

SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION--
CALL CANCELED:

VOTED, To cancel the call for a French-speaking worker from Martinique for the Camerouns; on request of the Southern European Division.

HAROLD O. BURDEN--COLOMBIA-VENEZUELA UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the South American Division a call for Harold O. Burden, who is on furlough and studying at Andrews University, pursuing a B.D. degree, and that he be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Head of the Theology Department, Colombia-Venezuela Union College; with the request that the South American Division process the call.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

- E. H. Atchley--Denver, Colorado, for Bible Conference, September 19-21;
- W. R. Beach--Long Beach, California, Centennial Program, September 20;
- W. J. Brown--Quebec, Eastern Canadian Teachers' Convention, September 29-October 2; Oshawa, Canadian Union Educational Department Council, October 17-20 (following Autumn Council);
- T. Carcich--Eustis, Florida, evangelistic series, early March, 1969;

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Paul DeBooy--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Educational Quadrennial Meeting, August 20-23;

N. R. Dower--Oklahoma City, combined Workers' Meeting, September 15-18;

John Hancock--Hot Springs, Arkansas (Camp Yorktown Bay) MV Bible Conference, September 25-29 (en route from Colorado);

R. E. Harris--Berrien Springs, to look for place to live, August (open date);

Mazie Herin--Hinsdale Sanitarium, change of dates to September 8-13 (was July 7-12);

W. A. Howe--Chicago, establishment of secondary school at Shiloh Church, August 28;

M. H. Jensen--Atlanta, to meet with welfare officials, August 19-22;

Harold Reiner--Seattle, implementation of visitation program (en route from Loma Linda);

Paul Smith--San Francisco, Stewardship business, August 15-17;

Walter Starks--San Francisco, Stewardship business, August 15-17;

Carl Sundin--Lyons, Colorado, Medical-Ministerial Retreat, September 18-22;

Jack Wetmore--Branson Hospital, Kingsway College, Kingsway Publishing Association, Insurance business, September 30-October 18.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

Recommendations from the Overseas Travel Committee were presented, and it was--

VOTED, That authorization be given for overseas visits, and cancelations, as follows:

Overseas Travel--

J. E. Edwards--Southern Asia Division, October 1-December 10, 1969 (instead of September to December, 1969);

D. W. Holbrook--Trans-Africa Division, Southern European Division, June 15-September 23 (instead of June 15-August 30, 1968);

E. L. Minchin--Australasian Division, December 5, 1968-May 15, 1969 (instead of Dec. 15, 1968-March 30, 1969; includes leave of absence);

G. R. Nash--Australasian Division, May 1-July 30, 1969 (instead of July 1-September 6);

E. W. Tarr--Far Eastern Division, February 1-April 1, 1969 (instead of March 15-May 15, 1969);

Overseas Travel Cancelations--

M. E. Kemmerer--Middle East Division, November 5-25, 1968; Southern Asia Division, November 26-December 30, 1968;

Theodore Lucas--South American Division, October 20-December 20, 1969;

Paul Smith--Australasian Division, October 1-December 15, 1969;

Appointments--

Paul DeBooy--South American Division, October 20-December 20, 1969;

K. H. Emmerson--South American Division, November 15-28, 1968;

W. W. Fordham--Inter-America (Port-of-Prince, Haiti), November 10-24, 1968; Northern European Division (evangelistic campaign), January-March, 1969;

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VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS (concluded):

C. B. Hirsch--Australasian Division, October 15-December 12, 1969;
Inter-American Division (Montemorelos, Mexico, returning from West Coast),
January 30-February 2, 1969;

R. E. Osborn--Middle East Division, November 5-25; Southern Asia, November 26
-December 15, 1968.

OFFERING PROMOTION ARTICLES:

At the recent North American Division Editors' Council held in New York City, at which sixty-five Editors and related individuals were present, a number of suggestions were made. These are being screened and directed to various groups. An action concerning offering promotion articles has come to the attention of the General Conference Officers, and with their concurrence, it was--

VOTED, To recommend that offering promotion articles be channeled through the Bureau of Public Relations of the General Conference with the following suggested guidelines:

1. That the length of the articles be limited to not more than two type-written pages.
2. That where possible the article be accompanied by "action" photographs.
3. That the material be in the hands of the editor at least six weeks in advance of the offering.
4. That the articles promoting an offering be limited to use in two issues of the union paper.

Adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

M. V. Campbell, Chairman;
A. Edwin Gibb, Secretary;
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETINGS
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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One Hundred Thirty-Seventh Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 22, 1968, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

R. S. Watts, A. E. Gibb, K. F. Ambs, Wesley Amundsen, Euel Atchley, D. H. Baasch, J. E. Edwards, K. H. Emmerson, A. A. Esteb, A. C. Fearing, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, D. S. Johnson, Caris H. Lauda, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, D. A. McAdams, G. R. Nash, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, M. H. Reeder, Fernon Retzer, Clark Smith, F. A. Soper, E. H. J. Steed, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

The devotional reading on page 596 of the Church Hymnal, entitled Christian Warfare (Ephesians 6:10-18), was read by the Chairman, R. S. Watts, responsively with the members of the Committee.

Opening prayer by Clark Smith.

MINUTES of the meeting held August 15, 1968, were approved.

JUDY MONTFORT--OAKWOOD COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Allegheny West Conferences a call for Judy Montfort, to connect with Oakwood College as a Teacher in the Anna Knight Elementary School.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON COMMITTEE--

PERSONNEL CHANGE:

In harmony with a recommendation from the Sabbath School Department, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That inasmuch as O. Brozio no longer serves the Central European Division as Sabbath School Secretary, Eberhardt Koehler, an Editor in the Hamburg Publishing House, Germany, be named to serve as a nonresident member of the Sabbath School Lessons Committee in place of O. Brozio.

ESTHER M. FELTUS--

NAME RECOMMENDED TO SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE; APPRECIATION:

Miss Esther M. Feltus has been voted a permanent return from the Far Eastern Division. She has served thirty-nine years in the denominational work, in the homeland and overseas. Her overseas service included work in both the Southern Asia and Far Eastern Divisions. She has now made application for sustentation benefits.

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VOTED, That the name of Miss Esther M. Feltus be recommended to the Sustentation Committee for consideration; at the same time recording our appreciation for the service she has given, with the recognition that she has exerted a stabilizing influence where she has served.

DOROTHY MAY TURNER, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Dorothy May Turner, M.D., be released from appointment to the Giffard Memorial Hospital, Nuzvid, India, on a relief basis; because of her inability to obtain a visa to enter India.

JAMES C. JAY, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

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

WILLIAM LOWELL BRADSHAW--BENGHAZI ADVENTIST HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That William Lowell Bradshaw, of Portland, Oregon, be invited to connect with the Middle East Division to serve as a Dental Technician for the Benghazi Adventist Hospital, in Libya. Mrs. Bradshaw is a trained and experienced office Secretary.

HENRI WIEBE, M.D.--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Henri Wiebe, M.D., of Glendale, California be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as a Pediatrician in the Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico. Mrs. Wiebe is also a Physician, and has taken a residency in Internal Medicine.

VICTOR OSMOND WALLEN--CENTRAL JAMAICA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That Victor Osmond Wallen, of New York City, a graduate from Oakwood College, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as a Ministerial Intern in the Central Jamaica Conference; on the basis of a national returning.

MELVIN PETERS--WEST INDIES COLLEGE:

VOTED, That Melvin Peters, a graduate from Andrews University with a B. D. degree be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Professor of Biblical languages, West Indies College, Mandeville, Jamaica; on the basis of a national returning.

HAROLD A. FANSELAU, M.D.--RIVER PLATE SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite Harold A. Fanselau, a Pathologist of Glendale, California, to connect with the South American Division as a Doctor for the River Plate Sanitarium and Hospital, in Puiggari, Argentina. Mrs. Fanselau is a Pediatrician.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

W. Melvin Adams--Portland, Oregon, Sabbath Services and Religious Liberty Rally, August 24, 25 (will be attending Religious Liberty Quadrennial in Portland beginning August 26);

Euel H. Atchley--Central Union, school appointments, September 18-21, 29, 30 (en route to and from Temperance Quadrennial Council, Colorado Springs); Atlantic Union school appointments, October 6-9, 17-23 (en route to and from Autumn Council in Toronto);

N. R. Dower--Berrien Springs, Educational Quadrennial Council, August 20-27;

J. E. Edwards--Indiana Conference, Health and Welfare meetings, October 21-24; Lake Region Conference, Health and Welfare Federation meetings, October 25-27;

R. R. Hegstad--Portland, Oregon, Sabbath services and Religious Liberty Rally, August 24, 25 (preceding Religious Liberty Quadrennial, August 26);

Harry House--Extend dates of trip to Maritime Conference and Newfoundland from September 9-14 to September 8-22 (voted 7-16-68);

D. S. Johnson--Kettering, Andrews University, Battle Creek, Interview prospective medical, educational men for overseas, August 23-28;

Caris H. Lauda--Omaha, Nebraska, Check on accommodations for Central Section ASI Conference, September 4; Minneapolis, Northern Union Laymen's Congress, September 4-7;

M. E. Loewen--Portland, Oregon, Sabbath services and Religious Liberty Rally, August 24, 25 (preceding Religious Liberty Quadrennial, Portland, August 26);

J. V. Scully--Portland, Oregon, Sabbath services and Religious Liberty Rally, August 24, 25;

E. H. J. Steed--Minneapolis, Northern Union Temperance Secretaries Council, October 27-29; St. Louis, Central Union Temperance Secretaries Council, October 29 - 31; El Paso, Southwestern Union Temperance Secretaries Council, November 1-6;

G. E. Vandeman--Baton Rouge, Louisiana, IIW business, September 5-9;

N. C. Wilson--Boulder, Colorado, Hospital Association Meeting, August 25 (en route Andrews University);

R. S. Watts, E. H. J. Steed, T. S. Geraty, Mrs. Oilene Liu, M. H. Reeder--Colorado Springs, Temperance Quadrennial Council, September 22-28.

INGATHERING EDITORIAL AND

MISSIONARY LITERATURE GUIDANCE COMMITTEES--RECORDING SECRETARY:

An action was taken May 9, 1968, authorizing Miss Marcedene Wood to go to Nashville, Tennessee, September 9-11, to serve as Recording Secretary for the Ingathering Editorial and Missionary Literature Guidance Committees. Miss Wood has now taken up another line of work in the General Conference. It was--

VOTED, That Mrs. Bertha Fearing be invited to replace Miss Marcedene Wood as Recording Secretary for the Ingathering Editorial and Missionary Literature Guidance Committees to meet in Nashville, Tennessee, September 9-11, 1968.

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**PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE--
REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSES:**

According to an Autumn Council action in 1961, in order to have representation on the Publishing Department Advisory Committee it was voted that the publishing houses in each territory name one Book and Bible House Manager to attend, on a rotating basis. These names are to be approved by the General Conference Committee. The Publishing Department has submitted the names of three Book and Bible House Managers who have been nominated by the three publishing houses in the United States.

VOTED, That the following-named individuals be authorized to serve as members of the Publishing Department Advisory Committee which will convene in Dallas, Texas, September 22, 1968:

B. Page Haskell, Book and Bible House Manager, Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, representing Southern Publishing Association territory;

E. L. Van Sanford, Manager Book and Bible House, Illinois Conference, representing Review and Herald Publishing Association territory;

Vernon Tooley, Book and Bible House Manager, Nebraska Conference, representing the Pacific Press Publishing Association territory.

JAMES J. NORTH, Jr.--

EXTENDED ACTIVE DUTY AS RESERVIST:

On recommendation of the National Service Organization, it was--

VOTED, That ecclesiastical endorsement be given to Chaplain (Capt.) James J. North, Jr., for extended active duty as a reservist in the United States Air Force.

Adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

R. S. Watts, Chairman
A. Edwin Gibb, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

One Hundred Thirty-Eighth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 29, 1968, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

R. R. Bietz, C. O. Franz, R. E. Adams, Euel Atchley, D. H. Baasch, R. Curtis Barger, R. R. Frame, A. E. Gibb, C. E. Guenther, J. H. Hancock, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, D. W. Hunter, D. S. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, D. A. McAdams, C. E. Moseley, Lawrence M. Nelson, R. E. Osborn, W. L. Pascoe, E. W. Pedersen, J. W. Peeke, R. H. Pierson, A. V. Pinkney, M. H. Reeder, R. M. Reinhard, Fernon Retzer, Clark Smith, F. A. Soper, E. H. J. Steed, G. E. Vandeman, R. S. Watts, Neal C. Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT:

C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield

WELCOME:

R. H. Pierson, president, welcomed R. R. Bietz, recently elected as a vice president of the General Conference. Elder Pierson recounted his background of denominational service and stated that his main assignment will be to serve as chairman of the Loma Linda University board. Other assignments will be made for him in the next few weeks. He will be in Washington a number of times during the year, although his main office will be in California.

DEVOTIONAL:

R. R. Bietz, chairman, read from Matthew 10 beginning with verse 5 and then from Luke 22 beginning with verse 35. He also read the latter text from the New English Bible. He emphasized the words "it is different now." At first Jesus was very popular, there was not much opposition to His teaching. Then considerable opposition developed. There were new oppositions and new hatreds. There were many schemes to destroy Him and put Him out of the way.

Things do change and circumstances change, and because circumstances change, we, too, must change our methods. Evangelism is different than when he first started out in the ministry. Young people are different today. We have to change our methods to fit into the world situation in order to win people to this message. The message is the same. Jesus Christ is the same today, yesterday, and forever, and this is the comforting thought of all. We must inspire our people to change with the changing times as far as methods are concerned so that this work can make the tremendous impact on the world that is expected. We all believe that the most wonderful days of this church are here. We don't have to wait for them.

Opening prayer by R. H. Pierson.

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MINUTES of the meeting held August 22, 1968, were approved.

REPORT:

R. R. Frame reported that a cable was received this morning from W. D. Eva of the Northern European Division giving the green light for the special medical team to enter Biafra. Drs. Roth and Wilson and Terry Brown, nurse, will be joined by Dr. Krum. These men are going in under the direction of the Red Cross and will locate at our hospital in North Ngwa.

Elder Frame paid special tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Nagel of the North Ngwa Hospital who have given of themselves unsparingly during this crisis in Biafra.

1968 AUTUMN COUNCIL--STANDING COMMITTEES:

A list of Standing Committees for the 1968 Autumn Council was distributed.

VOTED, To adopt the list of Standing Committees presented, with additions, and that we recommend it to the 1968 Autumn Council.

HAROLD ESLINGER--

ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSEMENT:

On recommendation of the National Service Organization, it was--

VOTED, That ecclesiastical endorsement be given to Navy Chaplain Harold Eslinger.

HENRY I. MILLER--CHRISTIAN RECORD BRAILLE FOUNDATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and Oklahoma Conferences a call from Christian Record Braille Foundation for Henry I. Miller, to serve as District Representative in Texas.

CECIL PRYOR--MINNESOTA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Christian Record Braille Foundation a call from the Northern Union Conference for Cecil Pryor, to serve as District Pastor in the Minnesota Conference.

FRANK SKORETZ--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Frank Skoretz, from Costa Rica, on his request because of the health situation of his daughter; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

BERNARR B. JOHNSON, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Bernarr B. Johnson, M.D., from Vellore Medical College, India, at the end of his short term; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

GORDON EVANS--GUAM MISSION ACADEMY:

VOTED, That the Lake Union and Michigan Conferences be requested to release Gordon Evans, of Tecumseh, Michigan, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division to serve as Secondary-Elementary Teacher for the Guam Mission Academy.

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LOWELL W. WELCH--MOUNTAIN VIEW COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the Central Union Conference and Union College be requested to release Dr. Lowell W. Welch, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Academic Dean of Mountain View College, Philippines.

HENRY NELSON--GITWE SEMINARY:

VOTED, To record that Henry Nelson, of Lodi, California, is connecting with the Trans-Africa Division to serve as a Builder at Gitwe Seminary for approximately nine months on a volunteer basis.

CARMEN OLIVERA--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Miss Carmen Olivera, graduate student at Loma Linda University, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as a Dietitian in the Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico; on the basis of a national returning.

ROBERTO N. SILVA--SILVESTRE HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That the Columbia Union and Potomac Conferences be requested to release Roberto N. Silva, and that he be invited to connect with the South American Division as a Chaplain in the Silvestre Hospital, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; on the basis of a national returning.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

E. H. Atchley - Pacific Union, all academies, colleges, junior academies, some grade schools, doctors-ministers' seminar, Union Temperance Secretaries' Council, Week of Prayer, October 25-November 29; North Pacific Union, same as above, December 1-14 (except seminar and week of prayer);

R. C. Barger - Atlantic Union, Sabbath School Workshops, April 20-May 17, 1969;

Paul DeBooy - Atlantic Union College, MV Program, September 25-29; New York Center, Atlantic Union Conference Elementary Teachers' Convention, September 30-October 1; Southwestern Union College, MV Program, October 1-5; Toronto, MV Programs, October 9-16 (continuation of Autumn Council trip); Canadian Union MV Secretaries' Council, October 16-19;

C. E. Guenther - Portland, Oregon, assist with Annual Secretarial Council, October 21,22; El Paso, Texas, Departmental Council, November 2-6;

D. A. McAdams - Dallas, Southern Publishing Association Board of Directors, September 23 (attending Publishing Department Quadrennial Council September 15-22);

L. B. Reynolds - Minneapolis, Minnesota, Northern Union Departmental Council, October 28,29;

Calvin B. Rock (Southern Union) - Hyde Park, New York, Annual Laymen's Convention, September 20-22;

H. D. Singleton - Charlotte, North Carolina, Evangelistic weekend, October 26,27;

P. G. Smith - Portland, Maine, assist local conference Stewardship Secretary, September 4-6;

Kenneth Stewart - Camp Berkshire, Workers' Meeting, August 25,26; Atlantic Union Teachers' Institute, New York Center, Greater New York Conference office, Faith for Today, Northeastern Academy, Adventist Home, New York Conference office, Union Springs Academy, September 29-October 6;

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George Vandeman - Rockford, Illinois, evangelistic meetings, October 17-20;
F. L. Bland, O. A. Blake, K. H. Emmerson, W. W. Fordham, T. S. Geraty,
C. E. Moseley, H. D. Singleton - Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood College Board,
September 9;

F. L. Bland, O. A. Blake, W. W. Fordham, C. E. Moseley, H. D. Singleton,
H. E. Rice - Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Sanitarium & Hospital Board, September 10

E. E. Cleveland, F. L. Bland, C. E. Moseley, A. V. Pinkney, H. D. Singleton,
W. W. Fordham - Nashville, North American Regional Advisory Council, September 11.

Adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

R. R. Bietz, Chairman
C. O. Franz, Secretary
Corinne Wilkinson, Recording Secretary