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One Hundred Ninety-Sixth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 7, 1969, 10:00 A.M.

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PRESENT:

Theodore Carcich, H. D. Singleton, Carson F. Adams, J. J. Aitken,
D. H. Baasch, R. Curtis Barger, W. P. Bradley, M. V. Campbell, J. E. Edwards,
A. A. Esteb, R. R. Frame, C. O. Franz, T. S. Gerary, A. E. Gibb, J. O. Gibson,
C. E. Guenther, R. R. Hegstad, W. A. Higgins, W. A. Howe, D. S. Johnson,
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J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, A. V. Pinkney, R. M. Reinhard, Fernon Retzer,
Milo Sawvel, J. V. Scully, Clark Smith, F. A. Soper, E. H. J. Steed, I. V.
Stonebrook, C. C. Weis, Herbert White, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

D. A. Delafield, C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield, R. J. Robinson, of Union
College; Don Scully, of Washington Conference

Opening prayer by M. V. Campbell.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
AND REPORTS:

E. H. J. Steed, Temperance Department Secretary, said it gave him great
pleasure to introduce a distinguished visitor to our international headquarters,
Colonel Raphael Arce, Associate Director of the Institute of Scientific Studies
for the Philippine National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism. He has
served in a marvelous way the educational program we are fostering there.

When he first visited one of our Institutes he was both a drinker and
smoker, but he determined to leave off those things. He was a dedicated worker
from the time of that program. He retired from his military duties, and has
been spending his whole time in the educational program. Now he is on a
world tour. Elder Steed wished the Committee members to meet him.

Colonel Raphael Arce expressed his appreciation for having been invited
to attend the Committee, and told of his having fought against intemperance
and alcoholism and all kinds of addiction. Since the Institute for the
Prevention of Alcoholism five years ago, he has felt a responsibility to his
family and to his friends, and to the world over, particularly in the Philippines,
to educate on the benefits of non-drinking. In the service of the Philippines
he was used to drinking and smoking moderately. Even though it is done
moderately or socially he knows it is harmful. He realized the danger of such
habits. He pledged not to touch it, and he saw it was his duty to tell his
folks at home. As Associate Director of the National Committee on Alcoholism,
he tried to use his influence to safeguard their lives. It can affect the
individual; it can affect society; it can affect the national security. He told
of his having been invited in two locations to address the Toastmaster Clubs
on this subject. He concluded by thanking the Committee for this occasion and
expressed the hope it will give him more power in his crusade.
E. H. J. Steed said that the Temperance Department has made some new "firsts." They have just launched a positive, spiritual and evangelistic approach public program to the cause of alcoholism. This, he believes, will be a breakthrough similar to the Five-Day Plan.

The first pilot program was in Miami, and the next will be held in a few days at Reading, Pennsylvania. It is hoped to have this available for the world field by March, 1970.

The current program on smoking is of international significance. It is going so far our way. We must keep it going this way, he said.

The departmental concept is toward presenting a positive, spiritual and evangelistic approach in all their activity and they see that God is effectively blessing their efforts.

Pastor Steed reported that in Greenville, Iowa, the whole town of 2,500 people are this Friday night being challenged to quit smoking. It all began with a selection of this town for a Hollywood film that spotlights a town where all quit smoking. The people decided to make the story real. Adventists will be there with an exhibit, Smoke Signals, and a Five-Day Plan for the community. This event will make national and international emphasis against smoking and point up the value of better living.

D. S. Johnson introduced an old friend from this area, R. J. Robinson. He was Assistant Business Manager at Columbia Union College, and is now at Union College as Business Manager.

R. J. Robinson responded, saying that as is true in other colleges finances is their greatest problem. He said they have an additional problem in many areas. This is because there is a tendency for our young people to begin their education in a community college. It is unfortunate that so many of our young people are encouraged to stay home and enroll in non-Adventist community junior colleges and the result is they never come to our colleges. Somehow we need to lay before our young people the opportunity of Christian education. He requested prayer for Union College that it may continue to offer a strong program of education.

James V. Scully, Bureau of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department Associate Secretary, introduced his son, Don Scully. His son has recently completed his B.D. requirements at Andrews University, and now plans to continue his work as a minister in the Washington Conference.

C. E. Guenther, Lay Activities Department Associate Secretary, who has recently returned from a visit to the South American Division, reported. His first stop was in Peru. Through OPASA (Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service) Adventists have become one of the best known and most loved organizations of Peru.
In the South Peru Mission, 3003 were baptized in one year, approximately 80 per cent of them through La Biblia Habla (The Bible Speaks). In a city of 60,000 where we had no members, we have a school and a church of 245.

Probably no division has distributed as many Bibles as South America. In some cases a single church has distributed more than 2,500 Bibles.

In Bolivia a layman held meetings resulting in the baptism of over 100, including the provincial governor.

In Chile churches are full even for week-night meetings, with approximately one third of the congregation non-Adventists. Laymen of one church are building a portable structure for holding lay efforts, and holding four branch Sabbath schools each Sabbath in a micro-bus.

In Brazil Bible Speaks students are invited to our churches for graduation exercises when completing their lessons. Usually a baptism is held on the same occasion. In one case in Belo Horizonte, 45 of those present responded to a call for baptism.

In Belém a 14-year-old Roman Catholic boy has distributed Bibles and lessons to 50 people.

In the Sao Paulo Conference more than 2,000 branch Sabbath schools are functioning.

The plan for adding new churches to the already large number of churches in this field is simple and complete. La Biblia Fala (The Bible Speaks) students are organized into branch Sabbath schools, then into companies, and finally into churches.

Each union has set a goal for lay preacher efforts. The goal for South Brazil was set at 1,810, but later the local conference raised this goal to 2,665.

The division mid-year council voted to hold a union laymen's congress in each union during Laymen's Year, 1971.

In an area of Fun Luiz, Brazil, where two years ago we had no members, a new church building was inaugurated. Every square foot of space was occupied, including standing room with many unable to enter. The first baptism in the new building was conducted as part of the service. The mission president said "I can build a new church anywhere in our field and fill it with new people before the structure is completed."

In each of the approximately 35 places where meetings were held with laymen, members were challenged to set individual goals for souls, signing their names with their goals. The total of the goals for souls to be won in twelve months was well over 10,000. Now members in every church of the division will be asked to add their names and their goals to the list.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Sao Paulo has written a new book on the ministry of the laity. In his introduction he says that he has had to
wait eighty years to write a book on his favorite subject. Our leaders in
the South American Division are reading, underlining, and quoting from this
remarkable book, and encouraging pastors to make more effective use of the
laymen in evangelism. Adventists have had all of this light and much more
through the Spirit of Prophecy for all these eighty years.

Elder Guenther stated in closing that he is more convinced than ever
that the greatest contribution any minister can make is to help develop the
great potential for evangelism in the lay membership of our church.

W. A. Higgins, Publishing Department Associate Secretary, said they are
receiving thrilling reports of soul winning. The record this year is the best
they ever had as they gather reports from North American conferences. They
have received reports from ten conferences in North America, totaling 215
baptisms.

Last month, in the Colorado Conference he met a man by the name of Dan
Collins. This man visits the homes where books have been sold; he inquires
how they like their books, and if they have read them. When he finds a likely
prospect he arranges a Bible study. Within one year's time, as a result of
these contacts, 67 persons have been baptized. The idea has caught fire.

The week following our rally, the brethren planned a group-canvasing
campaign in the town of Brighton. That week they sold $2,700 worth of books,
enrolled 52 in the Bible Correspondence Course, offered prayer in 174 homes,
and left 1,508 pieces of free literature. When the evangelistic meetings
began there were eight families visited by the literature evangelists attending.
This is an example of the team work and co-operation of our publishing brethren.

MINUTES of the meeting held July 31, 1969, were approved.

JOYCE JUDEFIND--SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Joyce Judefind, in the General Conference office,
a call from the Atlantic Union Conference for her to serve as an Accountant
in the Southern New England Conference office.

HARVEY RUDISAILE, JR.--HINSDALE SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University a call from the Lake Union
Conference for Harvey Rudisaile, Jr., Assistant to the Controller at LLU, to
connect with Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital as Assistant to the Controller.

CHARLES L. TOEWS--SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus, a call
from the Pacific Union Conference for Charles L. Toews, to connect with the
Southeastern California Conference as Camp Ranger for the Pine Springs Ranch.
REINHARD B. ENGEL—PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Reinhard B. Engel from the Congo Republic to Central Europe on his request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division. He went to the Southern African Division in 1960, and has given good service.

W. G. JENSEN—PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of W. G. Jensen from Mountain View College in the Philippines, on his request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

HENRY FUSS—PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Henry Fuss from Mexico, on his request for family educational reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division. He has spent ten and one-half years in the Division.

D. F. NELSON--RELEASED:

VOTED, That D. F. Nelson be released from the call to serve as Bible Teacher for the Pakistan Union Training School, on his request since he is on a study program.

EDWARD JAMES HEALY--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Edward James Healy be released from the call as Press Manager of the Franco-Haitian Seminary, he having declined because of financial problems.

GEORGE BABCOCK--PAKISTAN UNION TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, That the Southern Union Conference be requested to release George Babcock, and that he be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as Principal of the Pakistan Union Training School, Chuharkana.

FRED W. ELLIS—PAKISTAN UNION TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, That the Lake Union and Wisconsin Conferences be requested to release Fred W. Ellis, and that he be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as Bible Teacher at the Pakistan Union Training School, Chuharkana. Mrs. Ellis is also a Teacher of experience.

LARRY PUGH--RUSANGU SECONDARY SCHOOL, ZAMBIA:

VOTED, That Larry Pugh, a student soon to graduate from Columbia Union College, be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as an Assistant Teacher in the Commercial Department of the Rusangu Secondary School, Zambia.

ALLEN JOHN OLSEN--FRANCO-HAITIAN SEMINARY:

VOTED, That Allen John Olsen, of Maitland, Florida, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Press Manager of the Franco-Haitian Seminary.
MARJEAN HORNING--SAIGON HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Miss Marjean Horning, of Hanford, California, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Director of Nursing Services for the Saigon Hospital.

ROBERT C. BIRD--CHINA MAINLAND TRAINING PROGRAM:

VOTED, That the Central Union and Colorado Conferences be requested to release Robert C. Bird, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as a trainee in the China Mainland Training Program, South China Island Union.

E. J. SHIDLER, M.D.--THE PHILIPPINES:

VOTED, That the appointment of E. J. Shidler, M.D., be transferred from Guam to Bacolod, in the Philippines.

WARREN PETERS, M.D.--BANDUNG HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Warren Peters, M.D., now under deferred appointment, be assigned to the Bandung Hospital.

C. CLYDE PETERS--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, That C. Clyde Peters be granted a three-months' extension of furlough from Peru, making a total of one year, for study purposes.

WILMA LEAZER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Wilma Leazer be released from appointment as Director of Nursing Service for the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital, in Korea, since she has declined for family and personal reasons.

ALMA BINDER--SEOUL, KOREA:

VOTED, That Miss Alma Binder, of Bowdle, South Dakota, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Director of Nursing Service for the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital, in Korea.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

J. J. Aitken--Glendale, California, Pacific Union College, Union College, VOP Councilor's Meeting, VOP Board of Trustees, visit broadcasting facilities, September 14-28 (extension of trip voted for September 22-28);
K. F. Ambs--Hot Springs, Arkansas, emergency trip re. building program, August 4, 5;
Karl Bahr--Dallas, Texas, Committee on Conference Accounting, September 5-7;
E. E. Cleveland--Cleveland, Ohio, Evangelistic Services, August 3-9;
APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

Paul DeBooy--Andrews University, Student Religious Leaders' Retreat, October 9-12 (will be in Lake Union October 6-8); Oakwood College, MV Rally, October 17-19 (en route to Central Union--voted); Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, Bible Conference, October 23-25 (en route from Central Union);

D. A. Delafield--Florida Conference, Workers' Meeting and Testimony Countdown Program, August 17, 18; Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, Workers' Meeting and Testimony Countdown Program, August 19; Carolina Conference, Workers' Meeting and Testimony Countdown Program, August 20; Texas Conference, Workers' Meeting and Testimony Countdown Program, August 21; Nebraska Conference, speak at College Church, and Testimony Countdown Program, August 22, 23; Washington Conference, Mass Meeting re Testimony Countdown Program, September 5, 6; Upper Columbia Conference, Testimony Countdown Program, September 7; Northern California Conference, Testimony Countdown Program, September 10-17; Southern California Conference, Camp Meeting and Testimony Countdown Program, September 19-28; Michigan Conference (Andrews University), Testimony Countdown Program, October 10, 11;

Paul Gordon--Illinois Conference, Testimony Countdown Program, August 3-5; Minnesota Conference, Workers' Retreat and Testimony Countdown Program, August 13-16 (in connection with North Dakota trip voted); Greater New York Conference, Testimony Countdown Program, August 24, 25;

W. A. Higgins--Mountain View, California, Beginners' Training School, September 22-27 (in connection with Western Canada trip voted);
Richard Hill--Wisconsin, Broadview Academy, Union College, Porter Sanitarium, Mile High Academy, August 17-September 14 (change of dates and extension of trip);
W. A. Howe--Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus, Secondary Teachers' Meeting, August 27 (in connection with Pacific trip already voted);
D. S. Johnson--Seattle, Washington, Evangelistic Rallies, Workers' Retreat, mission recruitment, September 19-October 2;
J. C. Kozel--Gatlinburg, Tennessee, Ingathering Editorial Planning Committee, September 8, 9 (replacing M. E. Kemmerer, and en route from Dallas, Texas);
Theodore Lucas--San Antonio, Texas, Servicemen's Center Board Meeting and other meetings, September 1, 2;
Fernon Retzer--Oklahoma and Arkansas, Sabbath School itinerary, September 19-25 (in connection with trip to Kansas voted);
W. M. Starks--Dallas, Texas, Estate Planning and Investment Meeting, September 7, 8 (en route to Fresno, California);

Adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Theodore Carcich, Chairman
H. D. Singleton, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary
PRESENT:


OTHERS PRESENT:

D. A. Delafield, W. A. Martin, Miss Hannelore Witzig

Theodore Carcich served as Chairman.

Opening prayer by Andrew C. Fearing.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:

C. O. Franz introduced Dr. Jan U. Kuzma, and gave him a word of welcome to the Committee. He is head of the Biostatistical Department of the Public Health Section of Loma Linda University, and is here to attend a committee on Manpower Resources Services.

Miss Mazie Herin introduced Miss Hannelore Witzig, Associate Medical Secretary of the Central European Division, and told of her pleasure in traveling with her. Miss Witzig is head Nurse in Germany, and when she returns she is to be Associate Secretary for Health Education and Welfare, in addition to her other work.

STANDARDS OF ACCREDITATION OF HOSPITALS:

H. E. Rice, Associate Secretary Health Department, made a statement concerning the Standards for Accreditation which are being proposed by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. They are now involved in a rewriting of their Standards for Accreditation. Two new suggestions that are being incorporated that particularly affect us relate, first, to the requirement that the chief of staff elected by the staff is an ex officio member of the board of directors. This has the effect of having the staff given direct access to the board rather than through the administrator of the hospital. A second requirement is that there be physician representation on the board. Another requirement proposed is that the boards broadly represent the community interests where the hospitals are located. We have already gone on record as opposing these changes and expressing the conviction that hospitals should be evaluated on the results of their operation rather than on the methods as relates to board structure. It is felt we ought to maintain this opposition and to meet the problem in a unified way. Further study is to be given to this problem.
MINUTES of the meeting held August 7, 1969 were approved.

CHURCH EXTENSION--
CHANGE OF FUND ALLOCATION:

At the Autumn Council in 1955 an allocation of appropriation from the Church Extension Fund of $1,000 was made to the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, building project. At that time they were able to secure funds from other sources to go ahead with their project. We now have a request from the Atlantic Union and Northern New England Conferences that this amount be used for the Bennington, Vermont, church program. In view of these circumstances, it was--

VOTED, That we approve of the transfer of this Church Extension appropriation of $1,000 from the Portsmouth, New Hampshire building project to the Bennington, Vermont, church.

INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION--
EXCHANGE RATE FOR JAMAICA:

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

VOTED, That the rate of exchange for the new Jamaican dollar be set at .8333 or US $1.20; effective September 1, 1969.

RADIO-TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

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

VOTED, That A. G. Munson, Manager of the Voice of Prophecy, be appointed as a member of the Radio-TV Advisory Committee, replacing I. E. Gillis; and that H. M. S. Richards, Jr., be added to the membership of the Radio-TV Advisory Committee.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY--
BIBLE DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE:

The advisability of appointing a Standing Committee to co-operate with the American Bible Society in matters involving Bible distribution has been given favorable consideration by the General Conference Officers.

VOTED, That the following Committee be appointed to study ways in which we can co-operate with the American Bible Society in promoting Bible distribution: W. J. Hackett, Chairman; D. J. Hunter, Secretary; A. C. Fearing, K. R. Frame, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, L. B. Reynolds, and V. W. Schoen.

GLENN E. BEAGLES--ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Andrews University a call from the Atlantic Union Conference for Glenn E. Beagles, to connect with Atlantic Union College as Assistant Business Manager-Controller.
BARBARA MCDONALD--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

VOTED, That Miss Barbara McDonald, of Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico, be granted a six-months' leave of absence beyond the regular furlough to complete her degree at Loma Linda University.

EARL WITZEL--FURLough EXTENSION:

VOTED, That Earl Witzel, of Northeast Brazil College, be granted an extension of three months to his nine-months' furlough, to enable him to complete his studies at the University of Wisconsin.

JAMES SUZUKI--RELEASED:

VOTED, That James Suzuki be released from appointment as Administrator of Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico, he having recently accepted another call.

FEDERICO CHUQUIMIA--EAST PERU MISSION:

VOTED, That Federico Chuquimia, a student at Walla Walla College, be invited to connect with the South American Division as Secretary-Treasurer of the East Peru (formerly Upper Amazon) Mission on the basis of a national returning.

A. C. RODA--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, That A. C. Roda, of Washington D.C. at present, where he is working on his Master's degree, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as an Assistant Hospital Treasurer and Manager; on the basis of a national returning to his home division. Information was given that he served in the Far East for a number of years.

C. E. EASLEY, M.D.--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, That C. E. Easley, M.D., a General Practitioner and Surgeon, located at Rolling Hills, California, now planning to retire, be appointed to the Far Eastern Division on a one-year relief basis.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

J. J. Aitken--Hutchinson, Kansas, Evangelistic meetings, November 1-25.
R. R. Bätz--Hoberg's Resort, Central, Northern California Evangelistic Council, November 14-17.
T. Carcich--Austin, Texas, Minister-Laymen meeting, November 21, 22.
A. O. Dart--Canadian Union, speaking appointments and Elementary Teachers' Convention, August 22-27.
R. M. Davidson--Andrews University, assist R. M. Reinhard with audit of Andrews University, September 15-20 (extension of trip to Dallas, Texas).
D. A. Delafield--Testimony Countdown Program, Atlanta, Georgia, mass meeting, August 15, 16; Georgia-Cumberland Workers' meeting, August 24-27; Testimony Countdown Seattle-Auburn area, September 5-7 (extension of one day); Northern and Central California Conferences, September 8-18 (extension of 3 days); Denver, Colorado, Southwest Region Conference, September 29 (enroute California); Colorado Workers' meeting, September 30.

J. E. Edwards--Glendale, VOP Board, September 22 (enroute to Far East).

Paul Gordon--Testimony Countdown Program, Washington Conference, September 5-6; Upper Columbia Conference, September 7; Northern California, September 10-17.

C. E. Guenther--So. Lancaster, Lay Activities Council, September 30-October 2; Berrien Springs, Lake Union Secretaries' Council, October 29, 30; Miami Beach, Southern Union Departmental meetings, November 6-11.

W. A. Howe--Memphis, Educational Facility Planners Conference, October 6-9; Phoenix, School Business Officials meeting, October 18-23; Revisitation and Evaluation, Thunderbird Academy, October 23; Sandia View Academy, October 24; Chisholm Trail Academy, October 26.


D. W. Hunter--Cortland, New York, Church Dedication speaker, September 19-21.

Elder and Mrs. M. H. Jensen--Michigan, assist with Health and Welfare Federations, October 5-14.

C. H. Lauda--Cleveland, Ohio, speak at sectional convention of Yugoslavian people, August 30, 31.

Edna M. Loveless--Andrews University, consult with Elder R. Harris re material for Bible textbook writing, September 24, 25.

A. C. McKee--Oshawa, Toronto, Deferred Giving Program, October 17-21; North Pacific Union, Seminar, November 9-13.

G. R. Nash--Hamlet, Manchester, Ohio, Sabbath appointments September 12-14; Boston, Sabbath School Workshop, September 26-27 (extension of 2 days); Berrien Springs, Lake Union Secretaries Council, October 28, 29.

Larry Noble--Lake Region, Lake Union, Andrews University, Insurance business, September 26-October 1.

R. H. Pierson--Camp au Sable, Michigan, Andrews University Board-Faculty Retreat, September 14-16; University Board, September 17; Loma Linda, LLU Officers and Board, September 18, 21, 23, 24; Glendale, VOP Board, September 22.

Fernon Hetzer--Central Union Departmental Councils, October 20-24; Minneapolis, Northern Union Departmental Council, October 27-30.

R. M. Reinhard--Oakwood College, assist K W Whitney with audit, September 28-October 3.

J.V. Scully--So. Lancaster, Communications Council, speaking appointments November 11-15.


Ruth Wheeler--Andrews University, consultation on Health-Science booklets, latter part of August (10 days to two weeks).

Adjourned at 11 A.M.

Theodore Carcich, Chairman
H. D. Singleton, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary
DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

R. S. Watts, Chairman, read from Prophets and Kings the chapter on "A Spiritual Revival." "Between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah will come the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. Upon this battle we are now entering, --a battle not between rival churches contending for the supremacy, but between the religion of the Bible and the religions of fable and tradition. ... God calls for a revival and a reformation. The words of the Bible, and the Bible alone, should be heard from the pulpit. ... Let the word of God speak to the heart. Let those who have heard only tradition and human theories and maxims, hear the voice of Him who can renew the soul unto eternal life."—Prophets and Kings, pages 625, 626.

Opening prayer by R. Curtis Barger.

MINUTES of the meeting held August 14, 1969, were approved.

ACTING GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDITOR:

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

VOTED, That R. M. Reinhard be requested to serve as Acting General Conference Auditor until the 1970 General Conference session.

SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION—EXCHANGE RATES:

On recommendation of the Southern European Division, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the fixed rates of exchange for the following areas of the Southern European Division be effective August 15, 1969:

France—French Franc from 4.90 to 5.52 or .204 to .181 to the US $;
Madagascar—Malagasy Franc from 245.00 to 276.00 or .0040816 to .00362 to the US $;
SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION--
EXCHANGE RATES (concluded):

Reunion--*CFA from 245.00 to 276.00 or .0040816 to .00362 to the US $;
Equatorial Africa--CFA from 245.00 to 276.00 or .0040816 to .00362 to the US $;
Senegal--CFA from 245.00 to 276.00 or .0040816 to .00362 to the US $.
* Communante Financière Africaine

SUSAN ROZELL--GENERAL CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Susan Rozell, permanently returned from the Southern Asia Division, a call from the General Conference for her to serve as a Secretary in the Secretariat.

ROBERT SHELDON--
CHRISTIAN RECORD BRAILLE FOUNDATION, INC.:

VOTED, To pass on to Robert Sheldon, permanently returned from the Far Eastern Division, a call from the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., for him to serve as Public Relations Director.

ALMA BINDER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Alma Binder be released from appointment to Seoul, Korea, as Director of Nursing Service for the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital, because of personal considerations.

JOSEPH S. ESPINOSA--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Joseph S. Espinosa be released from appointment as Evangelist for the Colombia-Venezuela Union Mission, he having declined the call.

STANLEY JAMES SORNBERGER--PERU:

VOTED, That Stanley James Sornberger, of Orleans, California, be appointed as relief Pilot Mechanic at the Pucallpa Airbase in Peru, for a period of one year.

ARTURO SCHMIDT--COLOMBIA-VENEZUELA UNION MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to the South American Division the call of the Inter-American Division for Arturo Schmidt to serve as Union Evangelist for the Colombia-Venezuela Union Mission, with the understanding that he will be made available for other unions in the Inter-American Division as arranged.

EARL GREGG--TANZANIA UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference the call of the Trans-Africa Division for Earl Gregg, Auditor of the Lake Union Conference, to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Tanzania Union.
DAVID HUEI-CHUNG LOWE--
DEFERRED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That David Huei-Chung Lowe, junior medical student at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, be placed under deferred medical appointment.

BARBARA BEAVEN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Barbara Beaven from Beirut, Lebanon, for personal reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Middle East Division.

WILFRED EASTMAN, M.D.--RELIEF SERVICE:

VOTED, That Wilfred Eastman, M.D., a Surgeon located in Takoma Park, Maryland, be appointed to the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital on a three-month relief basis.

DALE B. VISGER--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

VOTED, That Dale B. Visger, on short furlough from the Southern Asia Division, be authorized to remain in the homeland for one year with the hope that his wife's health will improve enough by that time so that he can return to India. Canadian Union College will make use of his services during the 1969-'70 school year under terms agreed upon by the Committee on Allowances and Adjustments.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL:

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

VOTED, To authorize visits to overseas fields and to make adjustments on visits already voted, as follows:

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

W. M. Adams--Carolina Conference, Religious Liberty meetings, December 11-14;
W. P. Bradley--Loma Linda and Glendale, California, Loma Linda University Board and Voice of Prophecy Board, September 19-24;
E. E. Cleveland--Union Springs Academy, Conference Workers' Meeting, August 25;
Richard Green--Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 15-17;
Hawthorne, California, National Cash Register Computer School, November 3-14 (motel and per diem);
Hawthorne, California, National Cash Register Computer School, December 1-5 (motel and per diem);
C. E. Guenther--Minneapolis, Minnesota, Northern Union Departmental Council, October 27, 28;
Melvin Harris--Boston, Massachusetts, Mutual Insurance Engineers' Meeting, October 15-17;
R. R. Hogstad--Ottawa, Toronto, New York, Conference on China for Editors ($15 fee), and Liberty business, September 23-26;
D. W. Hunter--Glendale and La Sierra, California, Gift Bible Planning Committee and speaking appointments, August 21-26;

Charles Martin--Camp Kulaqua, Florida, Servicemen's Retreat, September 26-28;
A. C. McKee--Denver, Colorado, Central Union Departmental Meetings, October 22, 23;
J. W. Peeke--Riverside, California, Committees and other Insurance business, September 10-26;
V. V. Schoen--Glendale, California, Gift Bible Planning Committee, August 24-26;
J. V. Scully--Southwestern Union, Religious Liberty chapters at Southwestern Union College and academies in union, September 30-October 4;
H. D. Singleton--Hardin, Kentucky, South Central Workers' Meeting, September 12-16;
W. M. Starks--Detroit, Michigan, Canvass and Workshop (Lake Region), November 1-11;
R. F. Waddell, M.D.--Bermuda Mission, Five-Day Plan Programs, October 31-November 14;
Neal C. Wilson--Atlantic Union, Union Committee to elect new President, August 27; Nashville, Tennessee, Southern Publishing Association Board, September 10; Lansing, Michigan, Andrews University Board and Retreat, September 14-17; Loma Linda, California, Forum Meeting and Loma Linda University Board, September 18-24; Mountain View, California, Pacific Press Board, September 25;

Adjourned at 10:35 A.M.
One Hundred Ninety-Ninth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 28, 1969, 10:00 A.M.

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PRESENT:


OTHERS PRESENT:

C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield, Lowell Litten, Wayne Martin, Philip S. Nelson, M.D., F. Donald Yost

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

The Chairman, R. H. Pierson, read several paragraphs from The Ministry of Healing, pages 469, 470, under the topic "Help in Daily Living." Among the thoughts presented were the following:

"There is an eloquence far more powerful than the eloquence of words in the quiet, consistent life of a pure, true Christian. . . . It is our own character and experience that determine our influence upon others. In order to convince others of the power of Christ's grace, we must know its power in our own hearts and lives. The gospel we present for the saving of souls must be the gospel by which our own souls are saved. . . . No other influence that can surround the human soul has such power as the influence of an unselfish life. The strongest argument in favor of the gospel is a loving and lovable Christian." Elder Pierson spoke of this as some of the finest instruction for ministers and leaders that we have in the English language. These are very fine principles that are laid down.

Referring to the 1970 General Conference session, Elder Pierson suggested that we remember the session in prayer. The next months will slip by more rapidly than we realize. He spoke of the twenty-five to thirty thousand people who are to be there from all over the world, and said we desire to send them back with God's help with a new vision and a new determination to see the work of God finished. We are here to keep before us the vision of a finished work. Let us keep this vision before the brethren.

Opening prayer by E. L. Minchin.
August 28, 1969

VISITORS:

G. L. Cullum, Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor of the South-East African Union, was introduced to the Committee. He presented greetings from the members in that field. He also expressed his pleasure in being present, and the privilege it is to be associated with such a wonderful family. Mention was made of the six hundred lay efforts that are to be conducted in the Trans-Africa Division. The Chairman extended a welcome to him.

Another visitor was welcomed by the Chairman--O. W. Lange, President of the Pakistan Union. Elder Lange was in India and assisted R. H. Pierson in getting started in the work in the Southern Asia Division years ago. Elder Lange, too, expressed his pleasure in being here.

REPORT:

W. E. Phillips, Assistant Treasurer, gave the following report: Hurricane Camille, sweeping across the Gulf coast, Virginia, and West Virginia, was the worst hurricane ever to strike the United States. Hundreds died, and 200,000 were left homeless.

Lay Activities men went into action in the Southern, Southwestern, and Columbia Union Conferences. Twelve conference disaster vans began immediately to bring much needed relief supplies. Some of the vans made more than one trip, unloading food and clothing for the homeless victims. Our centers handed out clothing, mattresses, blankets, sheets, baby food, disposable diapers, food, and other materials needed by victims of the hurricane, who lost everything they owned.

Walter Mazat, the Lay Activities Secretary of the Southern Union Conference, co-ordinated the relief activities at Biloxi and Gulfport, Mississippi. Elder and Mrs. M. H. Jensen, of the Eastern depot in New York, were sent by SAWS (SDA Welfare Service, Inc.) to assist Brother Mazat in setting up the procedures to organize the relief centers to orderly serve the homeless victims of Camille, the worst hurricane to ever hit the United States.

MINUTES of the meeting held August 21, 1969, were approved.

LOUISE RICHARDSON--

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Potomac Conferences a call for Miss Louise Richardson, to connect with the General Conference as a Secretary in the Association of SDA Self-Supporting Institutions and North American Missions office.

CENTRAL EUROPEAN DIVISION--

APPROPRIATIONS FOR HAMBURG CHURCH:

The situation involving the erection of a new church in Hamburg, Germany, was outlined. This project has needed attention for years, but because of difficulty in securing adequate land for the building, the project had to be postponed. Now suitable land has been found, but the city government of Hamburg has imposed stringent requirements which have immensely increased building
costs. The project may cost between $400,000 and $500,000 U.S. The Central European Division has sent the General Conference a financing plan. Request has been made for General Conference assistance. The project must be initiated in October, 1969, and must be completed within twenty-four months from that date.

VOTED, That $50,000.00 be allotted from the General Conference Emergency Fund to the Central European Division for the Hamburg Church. It was further--

VOTED, To earmark $25,000.00 from the 1970 Special Appropriations at the 1969 Autumn Council to be allotted to the Central European Division for the Hamburg Church.

AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION--
EXCHANGE RATES:

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

VOTED, That the exchange rates for New Caledonia and the Society Islands be adjusted, effective September 1, 1969, as follows:

From Pacific Franc 86.35 to 100.00 or .011581 to .01 to the US $.

1970 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--
STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

VOTED, That Standing Committees for the 1970 General Conference session be appointed as follows:

Constitution and Bylaws--R. R. Bietz, Chairman; W. P. Bradley, Secretary;
Credentials and Licenses--F. L. Bland, Chairman; D. W. Hunter, Secretary;
Distribution of Labor--Neal C. Wilson, Chairman; R. R. Frame, Secretary;
Delegates, Seating of Additional, and Additional Standing Committee Assignments--R. S. Watts, Chairman; A. E. Gibb, Secretary;
Finance Committee--K. H. Emmerson, Chairman; J. C. Kozel, Secretary;
Plans Committee--W. J. Hackett, Chairman; C. O. Franz, Secretary.

DAVID L. DRESSLER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of David L. Dressler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dressler, from Singapore, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

JERALD B. JOHNSTON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Jerald B. Johnston, son of Elder and Mrs. Bruce Johnston, from Japan, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.
ROBERT E. NORTHROP--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Robert E. Northrop from Brazil, for educational reasons, effective in May, 1970, at his request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division.

DR. LESLIE HARDINGE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Dr. Leslie Hardinge be released from appointment as head of the Bible Department at Mountain View College, in the Philippines, since he does not see his way clear to accept the call.

R. C. DARNELL, JR.--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, That a furlough extension to October 24, 1969, be granted R. C. Darnell, Jr., for study purposes; in harmony with the recommendation of the Middle East Division.

A. WESLEY OLSON, M.D.--OKINAWA:

VOTED, That A. Wesley Olson, M.D., of Kettering, Ohio, who is now under deferred appointment to the Far Eastern Division, be assigned to Okinawa.

ROBERT N. SMITH, M.D.--THAILAND:

VOTED, That the assignment of Robert N. Smith, M.D., under deferred appointment, and now assigned to Tokyo, be transferred to Thailand; on request of the Far Eastern Division.

TREASURER FROM AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION--
TO PAKISTAN UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call from the Southern Asia Division for a Treasurer for the Pakistan Union, suggesting the name of John Silver; and with the request that the Australasian Division process the call.

E. D. BRANTLEY--WEST INDIES COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the Atlantic Union and Northeastern Conferences be requested to release E. D. Brantley, and that he be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division for work in the Music Department of the West Indies College; with the understanding that he is to be on a limited program.

KENNETH BURDEN, M.D.--ANDREWS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Kenneth Burden, M.D., of Sanitarium, California, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as relief Physician for Andrews Memorial Hospital, for three months, beginning September 1, 1969.

GLEN PHILLIPS--CARIBBEAN UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Glen Phillips, recent graduate of Andrews University, an invitation from the Inter-American Division for him to serve as Bible Teacher in the Caribbean Union College; on the basis of a national returning.
DONALD WALTON CHRISTENSEN--
CHINA MAINLAND TRAINING PROGRAM:

VOTED, That the Southwestern Union Conference and Southwestern Union College be requested to release Donald Walton Christensen, and that he be appointed for the China Mainland Training Program.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Carson F. Adams--Minneapolis, Minnesota, speaking appointments, September 5, 6 (extension of trip to Minnesota); Chicago, Illinois, Sales Development and Advertising Convention, September 8-11 (en route from Minneapolis);
R. Curtis Barger--Mountain View, California, Pacific and North Pacific Unions, joint Sabbath School Secretaries' Annual Council, September 21-24; Lake Texhoma (Ardmore, Oklahoma), Southwestern Secretaries' Council, October 26-30;
W. R. Beach--Berrien Springs, Andrews University Board and Faculty Retreat, September 14-17; Loma Linda, California, Loma Linda University Board Meeting, September 21-24;
W. J. Brown--Miami, Florida, Collegedale, Tennessee, Huntsville, Alabama, Southern Union Departmental Meetings, Southern Missionary College Teacher Education Program, Oakwood College Teacher Education Program, November 4-15;
E. E. Cleveland--Hardin, Kentucky, Workers' Meeting of South Central, September 12-16;
R. M. Davidson--Dallas, Texas, Committee on Conference Accounting, September 5-7 (extension of trip voted to Dallas);
J. E. Edwards--Camp Cumby-Gay, Georgia, Southern Union Federation Officers' Meeting, September 4-7 (in connection with trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, September 8-10);
Norma Eldridge--Kettering, Ohio, attend first graduation of Kettering College, August 29-31;
K. H. Emmerson--Boston, Massachusetts, select new President for Atlantic Union, August 27;
A. A. Esteb--Lake Texhoma (Ardmore, Oklahoma), Southwestern Secretaries' Council, October 26-30;
C. E. Guenther--Camp Cumby-Gay, Georgia, Southern Union Federation Officers' Meeting, September 4-7 (in connection with trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, September 8-10);
W. J. Hackett--Andrews University, Andrews University Advisory Council, September 21;
Elder and Mrs. M. H. Jensen--Gulfport, Mississippi (from New York), assist in organizing relief operations of hurricane "Camille," August 22-29 (maybe longer);
Wayne Martin--Illinois Conference, Fall Workers' Meeting, October 26-30;
C. E. Moseley, Jr.--Akron, Ohio, speaking appointments, August 30, 31;
R. H. Pierson--Memphis, Tennessee, speak at Memphis First Church, September 6;
APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

H. D. Singleton--Terre Haute, Indiana, speaking appointments, August 29-31 (in connection with Andrews University voted); Hardin, Kentucky, South Central Workers' Meeting, September 12-16;

W. M. Starks--Dallas, Texas, Southwest Region Workers' Meeting, September 30 -October 2 (in connection with California trip already voted);

C. E. Vandeman--Pacific Union Conference, "It-Is-Written" Rallies, September 20-27;

Maybelle Vandermark--Camp Cumby-Gay, Georgia, Southern Union Federation Officers' Meeting, September 4-7 (in connection with trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, September 8-10);

Herbert White--Minneapolis, Minnesota, speaking appointments, September 5, 6 (extension of trip to Minnesota); Chicago, Illinois, Sales Development and Advertising Convention, September 8-11 (en route from Minneapolis).

OVERSEAS TRAVEL:

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

VOTED, To authorize overseas travel items, with cancelations and adjustments as follows:

Authorizations

B. F. Perez--Southern European Division (Spain, evangelism and Voice of Prophecy), Spring of 1970 (to Voice of Prophecy Board);

V. M. Montalban--Middle East Division, October 24 to December 15, 1969;

R. H. Pierson--Europe, Africa, October 25 to November 17, 1969 (Europe-Africa Commission);

Cancelations

E. W. Howse--Inter-American Division, August 25 to September 5, 1969;

R. H. Pierson--Middle East Division, October 24 to Nov. 15, 1969;

Adjustments


Adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

R. H. Pierson, Chairman
D. H. Baasch, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary