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## Two Hundred Forty-Fifth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 5, 1970, 10:00 A.M.

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## PRESENT:

R. H. Pierson, D. W. Hunter, Carson F. Adams, W. Melvin Adams, J. J. Aitken, D. H. Baasch, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, F. L. Bland, W. J. Brown, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cleveland, N. R. Dower, A. A. Esteb, W. W. Fordham, R. R. Frame, C. O. Franz, T. S. Geraty, A. Edwin Gibb, J. O. Gibson, J. H. Hancock, Mazie Herin, C. B. Hirsch, Gordon M. Hyde, D. S. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas, D. A. McAdams, V. M. Montalban, C. E. Palmer, E. W. Pedersen, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, M. H. Reeder, L. B. Reynolds, H. E. Rice, A. H. Roth, V. W. Schoen, J. V. Scully, Clark Smith, E. W. Tarr, C. C. Weis, A. L. White, Herbert White, K. H. Wood

## OTHERS PRESENT:

C. D. Forshee, J. O. Iversen, N. W. Litchfield, Seth Lundstrom, W. A. Martin, Philip S. Nelson, M.D., R. L. Odom

## DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

R. H. Pierson, Chairman, read from page 497 of Ministry of Healing the following statement: "Men of stamina are wanted, men who will not wait to have their way smoothed and every obstacle removed, men who will inspire with fresh zeal the flagging efforts of dispirited workers, men whose hearts are warm with Christian love and whose hands are strong to do their Master's work."

Elder Pierson said that as workers in the General Conference as we travel we meet many obstacles and problems, and constantly associate with workers who are meeting problems. It is then we need to speak courage and help to lift and inspire all the workers in the field. Our message this morning is a message that will send us out to do God's work in spite of the obstacles. He read a poem by Miller concerning Columbus, in which he advised his sailors to "Sail on." Let us as leaders say in time of peril "Toil on, toil on." May the Lord make us all courageous leaders.

Opening prayer by E. W. Pedersen.

MINUTES of the meeting held January 29, 1970, were approved.

## ECUMENISM RESEARCH AGENCY--

## MICROFILM OF DENOMINATIONAL RECORDS:

On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, the following recommendation from the Statistical Advisory Committee was presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Ecumenism Research Agency have requested copies of the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination Historical Data, to be microfilmed and sold to libraries containing data of various denominations for research purposes, it was--

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VOTED, That the Statistical Secretary be authorized to provide Ecumenism Research Agency with the following data for microfilming:

1. Copies of all Yearbooks
2. Copies of all Annual Statistical Reports
3. Copies of all General Conference Session Bulletins

#### 1970 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--

##### DELEGATES AT LARGE:

A Committee on Delegates at Large to the 1970 General Conference session under the twenty-five per cent provision presented a report. Attention was called to Article III, Section 3b of the Constitution which makes provision for delegates at large to be seated not to exceed 25 per cent of the total number of delegates in attendance otherwise provided for. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the following members of the General Conference staff and Chaplain be recommended to the 1970 General Conference session to be seated as delegates at large:

Karl Bahr	I. H. Harrison	Philip Nelson
Orley Berg	J. O. Iversen	R. L. Odom
A. O. Dart	James Joiner	Mary Ogle
D. A. Delafield	N. W. Litchfield	Harold Reiner
H. L. Dyer	Lowell Litten	Ella May Stoneburner
Norma Eldridge	Wayne Martin	A. L. Tucker
C. D. Forshee	Louise Meyer	Maybelle Vandermark
Paul Gordon	Robert L. Mole	
	(Military Chaplain)	

#### V. H. KOENIG--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University a call for V. H. Koenig, to connect with Andrews University as Chairman of the Department of Education.

#### ERWIN SICHER--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences a call for Erwin Sicher, to connect with Andrews University to teach in the History and Political Science Department.

#### JERRY DAVIS--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences a call for Jerry Davis, to connect with Loma Linda University as Associate Chaplain of Loma Linda University Hospital.

#### B. L. COLLINS--GENERAL CONFERENCE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Ohio Conferences a call for B. L. Collins, of Mount Vernon Academy, to be a Technical Engineer in the General Conference Insurance Department.

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LEO R. VAN DOLSON--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College a call for Leo R. Van Dolson, now on leave of absence from Pacific Union College, to connect with Loma Linda University as Assistant Professor of Health Education in the School of Public Health.

MARILYN KUEFFNER--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference and Atlantic Union College a call for Miss Marilyn Kueffner, to connect with Loma Linda University as Associate Professor of Nursing.

NAOMI GESSNER--VOICE OF PROPHECY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference a call for Miss Naomi Gessner, to connect with the Voice of Prophecy to be Secretary to Norman Matiko, in the Field Service Department.

B. R. SPEARS--VOICE OF PROPHECY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference a call from the Voice of Prophecy for B. R. Spears, to connect with the Voice of Prophecy Evangelistic Association.

M. J. JOHNSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of M. J. Johnson, Laboratory Technician from Benghazi, Libya, to India, because of the nationalization of the Benghazi Adventist Hospital; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Middle East Division.

W. D. PERRY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of W. D. Perry, Laboratory Technician from Benghazi, Libya, to the United States, because of the nationalization of the Benghazi Adventist Hospital; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Middle East Division.

SHIRLEY HUTCHINS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Shirley Hutchins from the Far Eastern Division office, at her request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Division.

W. W. RUNYAN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of W. W. Runyan, Business Manager from Penang and Hong Kong, at his request, after approximately fourteen years of service; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

PAUL STOEHR--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Paul Stoehr from Belem, Brazil; in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division.

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## KEITH E. FARNSWORTH--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Keith E. Farnsworth from Solusi College, Rhodesia, at his request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division; effective in May, 1970.

## G. OLSCHESKI--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of G. Olschewski from the Sentinel Publishing Association, Cape Town, South Africa, to the Central European Division; in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division. He has served in Africa since 1961.

## INGA-LIS ORNEHULT--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Inga-Lis Ornehult, a Nurse in the French language area of Ngoma, Trans-Africa Division, to Sweden, at her request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Division.

## E. T. GACKENHEIMER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of E. T. Gackenhimer from the Trans-Africa Division, at his request, for health reasons; effective in May, 1970; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Division.

## JERONIMO GARCIA--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Jeronimo Garcia, of Brazil, be released from the call to Portugal as a relief Evangelist, since he is not in a position to respond at this time.

## DONALD AND MILDRED STILSON, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Donald and Mildred Stilson, M.D., be released from appointment to the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center, Trans-Africa Division, they having declined the call.

## JACK CORNWELL--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Jack Cornwell be released from the call as Science Teacher in the Far Eastern Mission Academy, Guam, since he wishes to obtain his Master's degree.

## SAMUEL E. COLE--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, That the furlough of Samuel E. Cole, from Puerto Rico, be extended three months to enable him to complete his doctoral studies; in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

## CLEO JOHNSON--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, That the furlough of Cleo Johnson, who is being transferred from Benghazi, Libya, to the Far East, be extended three months to enable him to complete his Master's degree; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

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## JESS HOLM, M.D.--ANDREWS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Jess Holm, M.D., of Saigon, Viet Nam, be transferred to the Inter-American Division for service as Medical Director at Andrews Memorial Hospital, Jamaica, West Indies.

## JACK J. BLANCO--PHILIPPINE UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, That Jack J. Blanco, of Solusi College, Bulawayo, Rhodesia, be transferred to the Far Eastern Division to serve as Bible Teacher at Philippine Union College, in the Philippines.

## HUGH C. LOVE, D.D.S.--OKINAWA AND PAKISTAN:

VOTED, That Hugh C. Love, D.D.S., of Loma Linda, California, serve as relief Dentist, first in Okinawa, April 1 to June 15, 1970; and in Karachi, Pakistan, July 1 to September 30, 1970; according to arrangements made with him and the fields concerned.

## RONALD SPALDING, M.D.--PHILIPPINES:

VOTED, That Ronald Spalding, M.D., of Gobles, Michigan, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division for service at Bacolod, in the Philippines, for one year.

## FLOYD D. RAMSEY--WEST AFRICAN UNION MISSION:

VOTED, That the Northern Union and Iowa Conferences be requested to release Floyd D. Ramsey, and that he be invited to connect with the Northern European Division to serve as Publishing Secretary in the West African Union Mission.

## DUDLEY W. INGGS--KOREAN UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College be requested to release Dudley W. Inggs, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as English Teacher for the Korean Union College.

## PIERRE GALLIS--KIVOGA SCHOOL, BURUNDI:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for Pierre Gallis, now in Brussels, Belgium, to serve as Normal Teacher at the Kivoga School in Burundi; with the request that the Southern European Division process the call.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Carson Adams--Mountain View, California, Narcotics Educational Program, Pacific Press Constituency Meeting, February 16-19; Minneapolis, Minnesota, Book and Bible House Managers from Canadian, Central, and Northern Unions, February 24-26 (en route from West Coast);

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## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

W. M. Adams--Detroit, Michigan, Americans United Meeting and Sabbath appointments, February 7-11;  
 E. H. Atchley--Mount Vernon Academy, Consecration speaker, May 29;  
 R. R. Bietz--Toppenish, Washington, annual one-day German Camp Meeting, May 16 (from Glendale);  
 W. J. Brown--Cedar Lake Academy, graduation exercises, May 29-31;  
 T. Carcich--Rockford, Illinois, church service and dedication, May 15-17;  
 E. E. Cleveland--Chattanooga, Tennessee, guest speaker, March 21, 22; Memphis, Tennessee, Biennial Session of South Central Conference, March 29;  
 William Craig--Atlanta, Georgia, Southern Union Risk Management Seminar, March 23-26;  
 Amos Crowder--Atlanta, Georgia, Southern Union Risk Management Seminar, March 23-26;  
 W. W. Fordham--Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood College Executive Board, February 17; Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital Executive Board, February 18;  
 R. R. Frame--Loma Linda, California, Loma Linda University Alumni Meetings and contact students, February 13-25;  
 A. E. Gibb--Columbia, South Carolina, visit Dr. and Mrs. Ridgley re appointment, February 2, 3;  
 C. E. Guenther--Central Union, Federation Meetings, April 5-19;  
 W. A. Higgins--Houston, Texas, Colporteur Rally, April 4, 5;  
 Harry House--Atlanta, Georgia, Southern Union Risk Management Seminar, March 23-26;  
 D. W. Hunter--Holly, Michigan, Baccalaureate speaker at Adelphian Academy, May 30; Berrien Springs, Commencement speaker at Andrews University Academy, May 31;  
 J. C. Kozel--Lincoln, Nebraska, Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., Board, April 23;  
 Lowell Litten--Forest Lake Academy, special Missionary Week End, February 5-7;  
 Theodore Lucas--Casper, Wyoming, state-wide Conference MV Rally, Feb. 12-16;  
 P. A. McAdams--Lincoln, Nebraska, Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., Board; April 23;  
 Lawrence Noble--Atlanta, Georgia, Southern Union Risk Management Seminar, March 23-26;  
 Boardman Noland--Atlanta, Georgia, Southern Union Risk Management Seminar, March 23-26;  
 J. W. Peeke--Atlanta, Georgia, Southern Union Risk Management Seminar, March 23-26;  
 W. E. Phillips--San Francisco, Watsonville and Riverside, California, Harris Pine Mills Board and Welfare business, February 16-20;  
 R. M. Reinhard--Atlantic Union Conference, Financial Survey, February 26;  
 H. E. Rice--Canaan, Connecticut, Sabbath speaking appointment and Geer Memorial Extended Care and Nursing Home Opening, February 21, 22; Loma Linda, California, Loma Linda University Executive Committee, March 19;  
 John Roth and L. G. Small--Atlanta, Georgia, Southern Union Risk Management Seminar, March 23-26;  
 W. M. Starks--Miami, Florida, conduct Stewardship Workshops and Conference with Florida Stewardship Secretary, January 31-February 1;  
 K. W. Whitney--Atlantic Union Conference, Financial Survey, February 26.

Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

R. H. Pierson, Chairman  
 D. W. Hunter, Secretary  
 Katie Farney, Recording Secretary



Two Hundred Forty-Sixth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 12, 1970, 10:00 A.M.

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PRESENT:

Theodore Carcich, D. W. Hunter, Carson F. Adams, W. Melvin Adams, Euel Atchley, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, R. R. Bietz, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, W. P. Bradley, W. J. Brown, M. V. Campbell, Theodore Carcich, K. H. Emmerson, A. A. Esteb, W. W. Fordham, R. R. Frame, C. O. Franz, T. S. Geraty, J. O. Gibson, Mazie Herin, C. B. Hirsch, D. W. Holbrook, D. W. Hunter, D. A. McAdams, V. M. Montalban, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, W. E. Phillips, R. H. Pierson, A. V. Pinkney, M. H. Reeder, Fernon Retzer, L. B. Reynolds, H. E. Rice, J. V. Scully, H. D. Singleton, Clark Smith, F. A. Soper, E. W. Tarr, C. C. Weis, Herbert White, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl H. Bahr, C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield, Seth Lundstrom, Wayne A. Martin

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Theodore Carcich, Chairman, spoke of the plan we follow when opening a meeting of always asking God's presence to bless us, to divest our souls of self by the infilling of His Spirit, so that our work can be conducted in a way that meets the mind of God.

Prayer by J. V. Scully.

REPORTS:

R. H. Pierson, President, spoke of his pleasure in receiving a letter from the Students of Newbold College, and shared it with the Committee members, as follows:

"The students at Newbold College have responded to your request for 'earnest, persevering prayer' regarding the coming General Conference session. We feel indeed that the Spirit's presence is sorely needed in the heart and life of each of God's people, and that this coming session must be the beginning for the final thrust in finishing God's work on this earth; to this end we are earnestly praying. In our prayer groups and individual prayers we are also pleading with the Lord to guide you and the other leaders in the preparation for the session, and to pour out His Spirit to His people beforehand, so that the meetings can accomplish His intended purpose for them, indeed, for a Pentecostal experience. We believe that the Lord has heard us, for He 'is not slack concerning His promise.'

"Please be aware that we are standing behind you and all the leaders in this crisis hour of earth's history. Please pray for us that we may be properly prepared for the place God has for each of us in His plan. May we each work to fulfill Christ's prayer for us:

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"That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they may be one in us."

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D. W. Hunter, Associate Secretary, said the latest report on baptisms in the South American Division during 1969 was 32,700. With late reports coming in, they now think it will be 34,000.

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Theodore Carcich, Vice-President, said that a few weeks ago three men held public meetings in various cities in Finland, the President of the Union leading out. The total result was that there were 9,000 people in attendance on one Sunday in Finland.

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In conservative Holland, J. F. Coltheart held meetings in Rotterdam. They could not get all the people in, either to the first, second, or third meeting. There was an overflow of 5,000 people on the first opening Sunday. In the mid-week meeting, they had an attendance of 2,000 people. Let us hope the spirit of doing it in Europe will flow from Northern Europe to Central and to Southern Europe and all over the world.

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MINUTES of the meeting held February 5, 1970, were approved.

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INVITATIONS TO VETERANS AND SPECIAL INDIVIDUALS:

On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, the first and a partial report of the Committee giving study to the Veterans and Special Invitees to be authorized to attend the 1970 General Conference session, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, was presented and adopted as follows:

VOTED, That invitations be sent to the following Veterans and Special Workers to attend the 1970 General Conference session, June 11-20, in Atlantic City, New Jersey; the expense to be carried on the same basis as the elective staff:

J. F. Ashlock, C. W. Bozarth, A. L. Christensen, Esther Feltus, Orson I. Fields, I. E. Gillis, W. J. Harris, R. A. Hayden, O. E. Krause, W. E. Macpherson, G. M. Mathews, Claude B. Miller, H. W. Miller, H. C. Morton, W. B. Ochs, George H. Rue, H. J. Welch.

REAL HAPPINESS IS--

SUBSIDY FOR PRINTING:

At the 1968 Autumn Council action was taken authorizing the printing of the book Real Happiness is, the General Conference to share in the cost. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That an appropriation be made from the General Conference Contingency Fund to cover the portion of the subsidy for the 170,000 copies thus far printed of the book Real Happiness Is.

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BANK ACCOUNT:

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

VOTED, That an account be opened in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the First National Bank of South Jersey, Pleasantville, New Jersey; and that the said bank be, and hereby is, authorized to honor the signatures of K. H. Emmerson, Treasurer; and/or O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer; on checks drawn against this account, for the 1970 General Conference session business.

SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION--  
BANK ACCOUNTS:

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

VOTED, To authorize the opening of an account in the First National Bank of New York, New York City, for the Southern Asia Division Special; and that the said bank be, and hereby is, authorized to honor the signatures of K. H. Emmerson, Treasurer; and/or O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer; on checks drawn on this account.

VOTED, To authorize the opening of an account in the Suburban Trust Company of Takoma Park, Maryland, for the Southern Asia Division Special; and that the said bank be, and hereby is, authorized to honor the signatures of K. H. Emmerson, Treasurer; and/or O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer; on checks drawn on this account.

TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION--  
EXCHANGE RATE RHODESIAN POUND:

The country of Rhodesia is now changing its currency from the pound to the decimal system. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the fixed rate for Rhodesia be changed from Rhodesian pound at US \$2.80 or .3571428, to Rhodesian dollar at US \$1.40 or .714285; effective February 1, 1970.

LIBERTY EDITORIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

On request of the Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department, it was--

VOTED, That the following named persons be appointed as the Liberty Editorial Advisory Committee to serve until the time of the 1970 General Conference session:

W. J. Hackett	Gordon M. Hyde
W. M. Adams	M. E. Loewen
Elvin Benton	Darren Michael
W. P. Bradley	J. V. Scully
T. Carcich	Neal C. Wilson
R. R. Hegstad	

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## HARRIS PINE MILLS--

## PROXY FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS:

VOTED, That Robert H. Pierson be appointed as Proxy to represent the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at the meeting of the Harris Pine Mills organization, to be held February 17, 1970, in San Francisco, California.

## GENCON AGENCY, INC.--

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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

VOTED, To recommend that the following serve as the Gencon Agency, Inc., Board of Directors: K. H. Emmerson, Calvin J. Hanson, Stanton H. Parker, J. W. Peeke, and John E. Roth.

## OVERSEAS TRAVEL:

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

VOTED, That an adjustment be made in the overseas visit voted for Paul M. DeBooy, as follows: To visit the South American Division Dec. 26, 1969 to Feb. 23, 1970, instead of Dec. 26, 1969 to March 11, 1970.

## PAUL DENTON--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to Paul Denton, permanently returned from the Trans-Africa Division, a call to connect with Andrews University as Director of Audio-Visual Center and Instructor in Education.

## MRS. HELEN AUSTIN--FEATHER RIVER HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University a call from the Pacific Union Conference for Mrs. Helen Austin of the LLU Hospital, to connect with the Northern California Conference to join the staff of Feather River Hospital.

## C. F. PHILLIPS--FEATHER RIVER HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University a call from the Pacific Union Conference for C. F. Phillips, Purchasing Agent at LLU, La Sierra Campus, to connect with the Northern California Conference, to be Personnel Director of Feather River Hospital.

## LLOYD E. BARBER--REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

Indonesia

VOTED, To pass on to Lloyd E. Barber, permanently returned from the Far Eastern Division where he served as Business Manager of the ~~Thailand~~ Publishing House, a call to connect with the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

## WENDALL LEE GRADY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Wendall Lee Grady from Brazil, on his request for personal reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division.

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## WILLIAM L. ZEHM--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of William L. Zehm from Peru, on his request, to provide educational facilities for members of his family; and in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division.

## T. V. ZYTKOSKEE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of T. V. Zytoskee from Korea, on his request, to provide educational facilities for members of the family; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division; effective as from May, 1970.

## MELINDA McRAE--PERMANENT RETURN:

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

## ILENE GROSS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Ilene Gross from Bangkok, Thailand, on her request after two terms of service; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

## HAZEL HAUCK--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Hazel Hauck from Bangkok, Thailand, on her request after two terms; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

## BETTY WALKER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Betty Walker from Bangkok, Thailand, at her request after a two-year term; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

## L. C. HAGELE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of L. C. Hagele from Guam, on his request for upgrading in connection with his own educational program; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

## DINAH QUIJADA--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Dinah Quijada, Laboratory Technician from Benghazi, Libya, because of the nationalization of the Benghazi Adventist Hospital, to the Far Eastern Division. Miss Quijada is now employed at Youngberg Hospital, in Singapore.

## ROBERT B. GRADY, JR.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Robert B. Grady, Jr., be released from the call to Taiwan as Departmental Secretary of the South China Island Union Mission, since he feels he should complete his term of service in Hawaii.

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ELEANOR SKRUPA--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Eleanor Skrupa be released from the call to the Far Eastern Division as an elementary Teacher in Manila, the Philippines; since she does not see her way clear to go at this time.

DAVID McILWAIN RUSSELL, JR.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That David McIlwain Russell, Jr., be released from the call to the Benghazi Adventist Hospital as Assistant Business Manager; in view of the nationalization of the Hospital.

RICHARD L. McKEE--SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION MISSION:

VOTED, That Richard L. McKee, at present under appointment as Publishing Secretary for the West Indonesia Union Mission, be reassigned to the same work in the Southeast Asia Union Mission; on request of the Far Eastern Division.

TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION--  
CALL FOR WORKER:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for a Manager for National True Foods, Inc., with the request that the Australasian Division process the call.

DEANE F. NELSON--SEOUL, KOREA:

VOTED, That Deane F. Nelson, presently taking Public Health at Loma Linda University, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Chaplain for the Servicemen's Center and Assistant English Institute Director at Seoul, Korea.

J. J. BOUIT--TOGO-DAHOMY MISSION:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Central California Conferences be requested to release J. J. Bouit, who is on leave to obtain a degree at Andrews University, and that he be invited to connect with the Northern European Division as Minister/Evangelist for the Togo-Dahomey Mission in West Africa.

J. B. STORFJELL--MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union and Washington Conferences be requested to release J. B. Storfjell, Teacher at Auburn Academy, and that he be invited to connect with the Middle East Division as Bible and Biblical Languages Teacher for the Middle East College, Beirut, Lebanon.

M. S. CASTRO--LUANDA, ANGOLA:

VOTED, To pass on to the South American Division a call from the Southern European Division for M. S. Castro, from Portugal, now employed in the South Brazil Union Conference, to serve as Pastor of the European church in Luanda, Angola Union Mission; on the basis of a national returning to his home division.

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## MILTON DUTRA AMORIM--ANGOLA:

VOTED, To pass on to the South American Division a call from the Southern European Division for Milton Dutra Amorim, now a student at Collonges, France, from Brazil, for general missionary work in Angola; with the request that the South American Division process the call.

## D. A. CHRISTOFORIDES--CYPRUS:

VOTED, That the call for D. A. Christoforides, of Greece, to serve as Pastor-Evangelist in Cyprus, in the Middle East Division, be reactivated; requesting that the Southern European Division process the call.

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EASTERN EUROPEAN DELEGATES:

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

VOTED, That letters of invitation and affidavits be provided on behalf of the following persons from Eastern European countries for the 1970 General Conference session:

Karoly Berency, Jozsef Zakash, Karoly Olah, of Hungary; and Milan Sudoravicit, of Yugoslavia.

## MRS. EDWARD H. MURD--ACTION RESCINDED:

Action was taken by the General Conference Committee on Nov. 25, 1969, extending an invitation to Mrs. Edward H. Murd to attend the 1970 General Conference session. The invitation was extended with the understanding that she would come as a nondelegate at personal expense. In view of questions which have arisen, it was--

VOTED, That the action extending an invitation to Mrs. Edward H. Murd to attend the 1970 General Conference session be rescinded.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Carson Adams--Atlantic Union College, Colporteur Institute, March 3-8;

W. M. Adams--Galesburg, Illinois, Religious Liberty Court Case, February 11, 12 (extension of trip);

J. J. Aitken--Nebraska, week-end service and two Radio-TV Workshops, April 24-28;

W. R. Beach--Portland, Maine, North American Division Publishing House Co-ordinating Committee, April 27-30;

O. A. Blake--Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood College Executive Board, February 17; Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Hospital Executive Board, February 18; Oshawa, Ontario, Canadian Union Publishing House, March 4, 5; Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Hospital Executive Board, March 17; Loma Linda, California, Fact-Finding Task Force II and Loma Linda University Executive Board, March 18-24;

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F. L. Bland--Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood College Board, February 17;  
Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Hospital Board, February 18;

W. P. Bradley--Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood College Board, February 17;  
Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital Board, February 18;  
Loma Linda, California, Loma Linda University Executive Board and Task Force II,  
February 24-26;

A. O. Dart--Colorado, Family Counseling Program, March 7-28;

K. H. Emmerson--Salt Lake City, Utah, 1974 General Conference session  
business, February 15, 16 (en route to California); Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood  
College Board, April 13; Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Sanitarium and  
Hospital Board, April 14; Berrien Springs, Michigan, Ministerial Training  
Advisory Committee, April 21-23; Portland, Maine, Publishing House Co-ordinating  
Committee, April 27-30;

John Hancock--Southern New England Conference, One-to-One Rally, May 1, 2;

Mazie Herin--Kansas City, Missouri, attend Council of Baccalaureate and  
Higher Degree Programs and visit Shawnee Mission Hospital, March 11-16;

M. Carol Hetzell--Chicago, Illinois, Interfaith Religious Communication  
Congress, April 8-10;

J. O. Iversen--Southern California (via Texas), Fact-Finding Task Force  
Survey on Filming Needs, March 12-29;

M. E. Kemmerer--Lincoln, Nebraska, Central Union Educational Advisory  
Meeting and Committee Meeting, March 18, 19;

J. C. Kozel--Southern New England Conference, Sabbath Services and  
Constituency Meeting, February 28-March 1;

R. H. Pierson--Indianapolis, Indiana, State-wide Go-Tell Congress, April 18;

A. V. Pinkney--Detroit, Michigan, speak at Burns Avenue Church, February 20,  
21;

M. H. Reeder--to Nashville, Tennessee, in connection with the National  
Advertising Program, February 13-16; Chicago, Illinois, Interfaith Religious  
Communication Congress, April 8-10;

J. V. Scully--North Pacific Union, visit academies and churches in inter-  
est of Religious Liberty, March 8-18 (en route from Pacific Union);

H. D. Singleton--Louisville, Kentucky, speaking appointment, March 14  
(in connection with Allegheny West session);

E. W. Tarr--Chicago, Illinois, Interfaith Religious Communication Congress,  
April 8-10.

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SPRING MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE--  
DAILY PROGRAM:

VOTED, To adopt the following Daily Program for the 1970 Spring Meeting  
of the General Conference Committee:

8:00-- 9:25 A.M.	Special Committees
9:30--10:00 "	Devotional Service
10:00--12:00 "	Business Meeting
2:00-- 5:00 P.M.	" "

It was stated the first meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 1970, at  
9:30 A.M.

Adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Theodore Carcich, Chairman  
D. W. Hunter, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary



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Two Hundred Forty-Seventh Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 19, 1970, 10:00 A.M.

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PRESENT:

Theodore Carcich, H. D. Singleton, J. J. Aitken, W. P. Bradley, W. J. Brown, M. V. Campbell, N. R. Dower, W. W. Fordham, C. O. Franz, T. S. Geraty, M. Carol Hetzell, D. W. Holbrook, E. W. Howse, Gordon Hyde, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas, V. M. Montalban, R. E. Osborn, E. W. Pedersen, J. W. Peeke, R. H. Pierson, L. B. Reynolds, H. E. Rice, V. W. Schoen, W. R. L. Scragg, Clark Smith, E. W. Tarr, C. D. Watson, A. L. White, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

J. O. Iversen, James Joiner, N. W. Litchfield, W. A. Martin

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

In describing Christ as God's perfect word to man and man's perfect representative to God, the Chairman, Theodore Carcich, read and expounded Hebrews 1: 1-8.

Prayer was offered by E. W. Howse.

REPORT:

R. H. Pierson, President, having just returned from San Francisco and Los Angeles, California, and having attended the Harris Pine Mills Board and Constituency Meeting for the Pacific Press Publishing Association, reported.

He said that according to some of the practices of the trade Harris Pine Mills cannot operate. However, they sold over \$23,000,000 worth of wood products last year, from their plant at Pendleton, Oregon, and their nineteen branches throughout the country. At their plant they have been told "You cannot close down on Sabbath; you have to keep things going." But every Friday afternoon the fire is pulled from the boiler, and the rest of the factory keeps the Sabbath. It is the good Lord that comes along and helps us out.

Many years ago, C. H. Harris tried out a different size of furniture, and it proved a success. Elder Nagele told us of some of the advantages of having a different size than others use. It is not supposed to work. But you may go into their showroom in San Francisco, and it is beautiful. If you come near where they have their showrooms it is well to see them, it is a real thing of beauty. It is like the bumblebee that it is said cannot fly, it just goes ahead and flies anyway. 2,037 young people in our institutions have been helped, on an average of \$700 each year. It is a real contribution to the Church.

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At the Pacific Press Publishing Association meeting held February 18, L. F. Bohner and others were re-elected for another four years, making up the staff for the quadrennium. They had a six-million dollar gain over that of the four years before.

MINUTES of the meeting held February 12, 1970, were approved.

RONALD GRAYBILL--WHITE ESTATE:

Information was given of a project which has been planned in writing a biography of Mrs. Ellen G. White. Arthur White is to be the author of the book. In view of the heavy load of work carried by him, there is need for help in gathering together the material for this book.

VOTED, That a call be placed for Ronald Graybill, of the Northern California Conference, to connect with the Ellen G. White Estate, Inc., to carry on this special work for a period of up to two years, as researcher and assistant in reference work, to begin August 1, 1970.

COLLEGE MV OFFICERS' SEMINAR:

At the 1969 Autumn Council action was taken authorizing a College MV Officers' Seminar in 1970, the date and place to be designated. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the College MV Officers' Seminar be held April 19-22, 1970, at Union College.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS' MEETING:

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

VOTED, That the Seventh-day Adventist Intercollegiate Workshop be held at Union College, April 20-22, 1970, concurrently with the College MV Officers' Seminar.

TEMPERANCE WORKSHOP:

A further recommendation from the General Conference Officers was presented, and it was--

VOTED, That a Temperance Workshop be held at Union College on April 23, 1970.

FRENCH LITERATURE COMMITTEE:

Consideration has been given to appointment of a French Literature Committee, and on recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the following French Literature Committee be appointed superseding previous committees appointed, as follows:

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T. Carcich, D. H. Baasch, F. L. Baer, L. F. Bohner, C. O. Franz, B. J. Kohler, M. E. Lind, D. A. McAdams, W. E. Murray, L. C. Naden, E. Naenny, C. L. Powers, W. R. Vail, E. Vervoort, A. L. White, W. A. Wild, W. R. Wollard

The foregoing action was taken with the understanding that persons chosen by the 1970 General Conference session to succeed any of the above named will replace them on the committee.

#### ART DIRECTORS' MEETING:

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

VOTED, That a meeting of art directors of publishing houses and college art teachers be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 28-30, 1970, and to authorize attendance by the following personnel:

- A. 1. Publishing Houses--Art Department representatives, up to three, one of which should be a layout artist (each house);
- 2. One editor (each house);
- 3. General manager (each house).
- B. General Conference, university, and college representatives as follows:

T. Carcich, D. A. McAdams (Secretary), Carson Adams, Alan Collins (Atlantic Union College), Gregory Constantine (Andrews University), D. W. Hunter, Mrs. Eleanor Jackson (Southern Missionary College), K. R. Mackintosh (Walla Walla College), Vernon Nye (Pacific Union College), and L. B. Reynolds

#### S. DABROWSKI TO DDR MEETINGS--ERFURT:

Negotiations having been worked out with the Division Presidents of the Central European and Northern European Divisions, and in concurrence with a recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That S. Dabrowski, of Poland, be invited to attend a Workers' Meeting in the DDR April 9-13, 1970, in Erfurt. The invitation is to be sent to the Northern European Division.

#### TEXTBOOK PLANNING--

##### SECONDARY BIBLE TEXTBOOK WRITERS:

On recommendation of the Textbook Planning Committee, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That Lee Roy Holmes, of Upper Columbia Academy, and R. M. Hillier, of College View Academy, be employed as textbook writers for the secondary Bible instructional material program, for approximately three years beginning July 1, 1970, to work on the campus of Andrews University, under the sponsorship of the General Conference Department of Education; and that the calls be passed to them through their employing organizations.

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C. E. PLATNER TO ASSIST:

The Bureau of Public Relations will be in need of help during the 1970 General Conference session.

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences a request for C. E. Platner, to assist in the Bureau of Public Relations during the 1970 General Conference session; with the understanding that his expenses will be cared for by his employing organization, and/or the Pacific Union Conference.

W. H. LESOVSKY--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference and Atlantic Union College a call for W. H. Lesovsky, to connect with Andrews University to teach in the Modern Languages Department.

T. S. GERATY--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to T. S. Geraty, Department of Education Associate Secretary, a call from Andrews University for him to serve as Professor of Education and Chairman of the Department of Education.

CARROLL L. WESTERMEYER--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and Colorado Conferences a call for Carroll L. Westermeyer, a Teacher on leave from Colorado Conference, to connect with Loma Linda University as Assistant Librarian, on the Loma Linda Campus.

GERALD F. COLVIN--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and Union College a call for Gerald F. Colvin, a Teacher in the Department of Education at UC, to connect with Loma Linda University as Assistant Professor, Counselor of Education.

REUBEN HILDE--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences a call for Reuben Hilde, to connect with Loma Linda University as Assistant Professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

VERNON CARNER--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences a call for Vernon Carner, to connect with Loma Linda University to teach in the Division of Religion.

BAILEY GILLESPIE--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences a call for Bailey Gillespie, of San Fernando Academy, to connect with Loma Linda University as Instructor in Community Dentistry, School of Dentistry.

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## LELAND SHULTZ--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Voice of Prophecy a call for Leland Shultz, who is connected with the printing plant at the VOP, to connect with Loma Linda University as Production Superintendent of Printing Service.

## CARL L. BAUER, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Carl L. Bauer, M.D., from Japan, on his request because of personal considerations; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division. He served three and one-half years at the Tokyo Sanitarium-Hospital.

## HARRIET E. DINSMORE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Harriet E. Dinsmore from Korea, on her request, she having served fourteen years in the Southern Asia and Far Eastern Divisions; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

## WM. E. RICHARDSON--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Wm. E. Richardson be released from the call to Mountain View College in the Philippines as a Teacher in the Bible Department, he having declined.

## MURRAY HOWSE, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Murray Howse, M.D., of Australia, be released from the call to Nairobi Practice, Kenya, East African Union; since he does not see his way clear to accept.

## PETER M. VAN BEMMELEN--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

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

VOTED, To authorize a three-months' furlough extension for Peter M. van Bemmelen, President of the Surinam Mission, thus extending the furlough to June 15, 1970; to enable him to take advanced studies at Andrews University.

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

VOTED, To authorize an extension of furlough for R. C. Darnell, Jr., from the Middle East Division, for approximately sixteen weeks, from October 24-February 16, 1970, for studies.

## BRUCE MOYER--SOLUSI COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union and Washington Conferences be requested to release Bruce Moyer, a District Pastor, and that he be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as a Bible Teacher for Solusi College, Rhodesia.

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## A. KEITH CALLENDER--DEFERRED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That A. Keith Callender, sophomore student at Loma Linda University, School of Medicine, be placed under deferred medical appointment for the Trans-Africa Division.

## KARL E. JOHNSON--NEW CALEDONIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division a call from the Australasian Division for Karl E. Johnson, of Madagascar, for work in New Caledonia; with the request that the Southern European Division process the call.

## ELSMA RUNNALA--KARACHI HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call from the Southern Asia Division for Miss Elisma Runnala, to serve as a Nurse in the Karachi Hospital, West Pakistan; the Australasian Division to process the call.

## JUNE GERSBACK--KARACHI HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call from the Southern Asia Division for Miss June Gersback, to serve as a Nurse in the Karachi Hospital, West Pakistan; with the request that the Australasian Division process the call.

## GLORIA CHEN--KARACHI HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To record the appointment of Gloria Chen, of the South China Union College, as "House Mother" for the Karachi Hospital, West Pakistan, Southern Asia Division. The Far Eastern Division processed the call February 5, 1970.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Carson Adams--Portland, Maine, North American Division Publishing House Coordinating Committee, April 27-30;

J. J. Aitken--Union College, Commencement address, May 31;

R. R. Bietz--Pacific Union College, interview personnel, March 14 (from Glendale); Bakersfield (from Glendale), church dedication, May 2;

E. E. Cleveland--Andrews University, Negro History Week, February 11, 12;

W. W. Fordham--Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood College Board, April 13; Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Hospital Board, April 14;

Richard Green--Home Health Education Service Pacific Union, assist with new computer programs, March 12, 13; Central Union and Union College, assist with new computer programs, March 16-18; Pacific Press, assist with new computer programs, March 23-25;

W. J. Hackett--Loma Linda, California, medical recruitment and Hewitt Research Center Meeting, February 18-22;

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## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

C. B. Hirsch--Lincoln, Nebraska, Union College, February 15, 16;  
South Lancaster, Massachusetts, Atlantic Union College, February 24-27;  
Loma Linda University, meetings, March 16-20;

Harry House--Ontario-Quebec Conference, College Park Church, Kingsway  
College, Kingsway Publishing, North York Branson Hospital, Insurance business,  
March 1-4;

M. H. and Mrs. Jensen--Lake Region, Spring Federation Meetings, April 11-15;  
Ohio Conference, Federation Workshops, May 10-13 (just M. H. Jensen);

D. A. McAdams--Portland, Maine, North American Division Publishing House  
Coordinating Committee, April 27-30;

J. W. Peeke--Chicago, Illinois, Insurance business, February 23-26;  
Riverside, California, Western Branch Office Insurance business, May 17-21;

R. H. Pierson--Portland, Maine, North American Division Publishing House  
Coordinating Committee, April 27-30; Atlanta, Georgia, Berean Church appointment,  
May 16;

H. E. Rice--Loma Linda, Task Force II Subcommittee Meeting, March 24;

John Roth--Louisville, Kentucky, National Adjuster Training School and  
Property Adjusting Course, August 17-22;

C. C. Weis--Nashville, Tennessee, Board Meeting of Southern Publishing  
Association and Ingathering Magazine editing, April 15;

Neal C. Wilson--Atlanta, Georgia, speaking appointment at Berean Church,  
April 11; Portland, Maine, North American Division Publishing House Coordinating  
Committee, April 27-30.

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Adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

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



## Two Hundred Forty-Eighth Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 26, 1970, 10:00 A.M.

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## PRESENT:

R. H. Pierson, D. W. Hunter, W. Melvin Adams, J. J. Aitken, W. R. Beach, F. L. Bland, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cleveland, N. R. Dower, K. H. Emmerson, W. Duncan Eva, A. C. Fearing, W. W. Fordham, C. O. Franz, J. O. Gibson, W. J. Hackett, R. R. Hegstad, Mazie Herin, E. W. Howse, Gordon M. Hyde, J. C. Kozel, Caris H. Lauda, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas, C. D. Martin, A. C. McKee, V. M. Montalban, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, E. W. Pedersen, W. E. Phillips, A. V. Pinkney, M. H. Reeder, Fernon Retzer, V. W. Schoen, W. R. L. Scragg, B. E. Seton, F. A. Soper, E. H. J. Steed, E. W. Tarr, R. F. Waddell, M.D., C. D. Watson, A. L. White, K. H. Wood

## OTHERS PRESENT:

C. D. Forshee, J. O. Iversen, James Joiner, N. W. Litchfield, Lowell Litten, W. A. Martin

## DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

W. Duncan Eva, President of the Northern European Division, offered prayer.

Speaking on the topic of "Commission or Omission," R. H. Pierson, Chairman, dealt with the active Christian witness as compared with the social gospel approach. God's plan for communicating this changeless gospel is still the same. When the Saviour sent His disciples out, He said "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." One says "I'll fulfill this great commission by going and preaching the doctrine of Christ." Another says "I'll fulfill this great commission by going and doing the works of Christ." Both are right--Sinai, Calvary, Galilee, all have their place in the Jesus way.

He quoted from the devotional book Think on These Things, by N. F. Pease, a statement that it is not good to live in a world like this and be unconcerned. No follower of Christ can be indifferent to the sufferings of others. Abraham Lincoln is quoted as saying, "I'm sorry for the men who can't feel the whip when it is laid on the other man's back." Jesus wept at the opening of a tomb, and when He looked upon a doomed city. He could not be indifferent to human sorrow and tragedy. We must witness both by our works and with our lips. Do and say. In the controversy over social action and doctrinal witnessing, Jesus would say today what He said 2,000 years ago "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Matt. 23: 23. We are to do the works; we are to speak the words! We need both social action and doctrinal witnessing. To omit either is to change God's changeless plan for communicating the changeless message of a changeless Christ. It changes the great commission to the great omission.

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## VISITORS INTRODUCED:

Theodore Carcich, Vice-President, on invitation of the Chairman, introduced visitors present. The Northern European Division and British Union Conference are negotiating regarding a possible merger of the Review and Herald Publishing Association and the Stanborough Press, Ltd. The proposal will be presented in a board meeting this afternoon. General Conference representatives will be there to give guidance. This would mean a great forward step to our publishing work in Northern Europe and particularly in the British Union.

He introduced W. Duncan Eva, President of the Northern European Division; B. E. Seton, British Union Conference President, K. A. Elias, General Manager of the Stanborough Press, Ltd.; and Colin Wilson, of Scotland. They will be in Takoma Park over the week end.

## REPORTS:

A. C. McKee, Director of Deferred Giving, expressed pleasure in bringing greetings to the members of the General Conference Committee from our workers and believers in the Australasian Division. He spoke with appreciation of the very keen, progressive and dedicated group of workers from the division office down through the ranks and into the local conferences. The Division Committee have called W. E. Rudge as Division Director of Deferred Giving. He is a very fine and capable man with many years' experience in departmental responsibilities and fourteen years as conference administrator. He will bring to this department a great deal of inspiration and spiritual guidance that will be very fruitful in days to come.

Elder McKee in company with W. E. Rudge had the privilege not only of meeting with the Division Committee, but of meeting with the Seventh-day Adventist solicitors in New South Wales, also the Division solicitors in Sydney and the solicitors in New Zealand in giving considerable study to the laws of New Zealand and the Commonwealth and how they relate to the various aspects of deferred giving. This enlarged concept of Christian stewardship is greatly appreciated by our leaders and constituency, and will find a large response on the part of our people in Australia. They had opportunity of meeting with our people in four of the camp meetings and three special workers' meetings in Australia and New Zealand, and found our people have warm and receptive hearts. Wherever they presented the deferred giving program they had a tremendous response on the part of the people. Elder McKee closed with a story of a contact with a fine couple who came into knowledge of the truth as a result of G. E. Vandeman's meetings three years ago. They gave testimony to their happiness in keeping the Sabbath, and the fact that as a result of their tithe paying the Lord had blessed them greatly in their business. They feel they have gained a new concept of Christian stewardship and have dedicated their entire estate to the cause of God through the preparation of a Christian will.

Arthur L. White, Secretary of Ellen G. White Estate, stated he had just received a letter from D. A. Delafield, the Assistant Secretary, who is in Australasia for three months. He reports that he has just launched Testimony Countdown in the Wahroonga Church. The house was packed the first night with more than a thousand present and it was packed every night for the six nights he reports on. Elder Delafield writes in his very fine letter--"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes." Australia has ordered fifteen hundred sets of Testimonies for the Church and 350 of the Pastor's Kits. They plan to move

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into a nation-wide Testimony Countdown program beginning in May. Australia has given the same kind of a response that we found with our pilot program in Takoma Park and is now being experienced across North America as many of our churches have moved into this program.

R. H. Pierson, President, reported that the baptisms for 1969 in the South India Union totaled 5,642. This is practically two times the number they had the year before. Next year's goal is 11,000 in this one union, in the Gibraltar of heathenism.

R. R. Hegstad, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department Associate Secretary, reported that the meetings in Kingston, Jamaica, held by R. K. Cemer, began February 11 with some 3,000 people crowding the tent. On the first Sunday afternoon and night, two sessions accommodated 6,000. The second Sunday crowd swelled to more than 7,000. The afternoon meeting alone produced 300 decisions for the Sabbath. Elder Hegstad spent the first two weeks with Elder Cemer, giving illustrated lectures on religious liberty in various countries.

W. Duncan Eva, President of the Northern European Division, told of a recent visit with J. F. Coltheart. He gave a wonderfully encouraging report of the work in Rotterdam. The black-and-white pictures Pastor Coltheart had shared showed some full halls. The large hall in Rotterdam was full at each session he held. Not only are we cheered by the numbers who attended--and there were thousands of precious souls--and the number who will be influenced to take their stand for the truth, but it is the new attitude toward evangelism on the part of the workers that cheers us most. Brother Coltheart says he has not had a finer, more co-operative group of workers than in Holland. The results in Finland were extraordinary. It was the same in Sweden. The brethren in Northern Europe are working with new faith and courage. We have more requests for Pastor Coltheart's services than we can fill.

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MINUTES of the meeting held February 19, 1970, were approved.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEES--  
REVISION OF DATES:

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

VOTED, That a revision be made in the dates voted at the 1969 Autumn Council for certain elementary school committees; the revised dates to be as follows:

Advisory Committee on Bible Teaching Subcommittee for Elementary School Level	Oct. 15-22, 1970
Committee on Elementary School and Junior Academy Standards	Oct. 25-27, 1970
Commission on Elementary Education	Oct. 28-29, 1970

The above-named committees are to be held in Washington, D.C.

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1970 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--  
SERVICE PERSONNEL:

VOTED, That Mrs. Dorothy Emmerson be invited to attend the 1970 General Conference session at Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 11-20, 1970, for service, to replace Mrs. Lois McCormick, who is now employed in the Potomac Conference office.

PAUL M. DeBOOY--PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Paul M. DeBooy, YFMV Department Associate Secretary, a call for him to connect with the Pacific Union Conference as Young People's Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

BIBLICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE--DATE AND PLACE:

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

VOTED, To authorize a meeting of the full Biblical Research Committee for October 26-29, 1970, and also Feb. 8-11, 1971; to be held in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BIBLE WORKSHOP:

At the 1969 Autumn Council budget provision was made for a Bible Workshop in 1970. On request of the Department of Education, and with the approval of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That an Elementary School Bible Workshop be held June 15 to August 7, 1970, at Loma Linda University, to prepare Bible materials for Grades One to Four, with the understanding that the cost of the Workshop will be met from the Elementary Bible Revision budget; salary and travel of persons in attendance to be paid by the employing organization; and room and board by the General Conference.

CONTINUING MINISTERIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE--

DATE OF MEETING:

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

VOTED, That the Continuing Ministerial Education Committee be held beginning at 7:00 P.M., April 19, 1970 and all day April 20, at Berrien Springs, Michigan.

I. M. VACQUER--SUSTENTATION:

A request for retirement has come from I. M. Vacquer, now serving in our West Coast Transportation Office. He has served in the denominational work for thirty-nine years. On recommendation of the Personnel Committee, it was--

VOTED, That I. M. Vacquer be granted retirement, effective June 30, 1970; and that his name be recommended to the Sustentation Committee for consideration.

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## SHIRLEY HUTCHINS--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Shirley Hutchins, permanently returned from the Far Eastern Division, a call to serve as a Secretary in the General Conference office.

## GEORGE H. TAGGART--

## REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and Michigan Conferences a call for George H. Taggart, to connect with the Review and Herald Publishing Association as Manager of the Periodical Department.

## HENRY BAERG--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Henry Baerg from Lima, Peru, at his request, for retirement, effective March 4, 1970; in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division; and with appreciation for his many years of service overseas. He served approximately twenty-three years in the Division.

## DALE B. VISGER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of the Dale B. Visger family, who have been on leave of absence from Bangalore, India, inasmuch as medical clearance has not been given for their return; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

## MR. AND MRS. BISHARA AZIZ--ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Middle East Division a call from the Northern European Division for Mr. and Mrs. Bishara Aziz, a Nurse couple from Benghazi, Libya, to serve in the Asaita Clinic, in Ethiopia.

## JAIME SANCHEZ--PUERTO RICO:

VOTED, That Jaime Sanchez, presently in New York City, now under deferred appointment to the Inter-American Division, be assigned to be Medical Technician for the Bella Vista Hospital, in Puerto Rico.

## SERAPOUHI MAKSOUDRON--MWAMI HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Middle East Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for Serapouhi Maksoudron, from Benghazi, Libya, an Armenian Lebanese Nurse, to serve as a Nurse for the Mwami Hospital; with the request that the Middle East Division process the call.

## CALEB BRU--CENTRAL AFRICAN UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the East African Union a call for Caleb Bru, President of the Seychelles Field, to serve as Young People's Missionary Volunteer and Lay Activities Secretary of the Central African Union, in the Trans-African Division; asking the East African Union to process the call.

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D. W. HOLBROOK--

## EXTENSION OF TRAVEL TIME:

VOTED, That the travel time for D. W. Holbrook, who has been voted to visit England and France from March 12 to 22, 1970, be extended to March 29, he to conduct the Week of Prayer at Newbold College.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

On recommendation of the North American Travel Committee, it was--

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries as follows:

Karsten Assheim--Andrews University, contact mission appointees, April 14-19;  
 R. R. Bietz--Portland, Maine, North American Division Publishing House  
 Coordinating Committee, April 27-30;  
 F. L. Bland--Los Angeles, meetings in University Church, May 1-4;  
 T. Carcich--Portland, Maine, North American Division Publishing House  
 Coordinating Committee, April 27-30;  
 Paul DeBooy--Lincoln, Nebraska, Annual College MV Officers' Seminar, April 19-22;  
 N. R. Dower--Maritime and Newfoundland Conferences, Biennial Sessions, Workers' Meetings, and Audits, March 14-22 (replaces W. P. Bradley);  
 J. E. Edwards--Atlantic Union College, Alumni Week End, April 17-19;  
 T. S. Geraty--Berrien Springs, Michigan, North American Division Curriculum Committee arrangements, February 25-27; Chicago, Illinois, American Association of Higher Education Meeting, February 27-March 4 (already voted);  
 Loma Linda, California, Loma Linda University School of Medicine Board of Regents visitation, March 8-15; Lincoln, Nebraska, Union College Survey follow-up and Tri-Union Education Meeting, March 16-18; Berrien Springs, Secondary School Bible Revision and Teacher Education Curricula Study, March 19-22; Kettering, Ohio, Kettering Medical Center Constituency and Board Meeting, March 23, 24;  
 J. O. Gibson--Weirton, West Virginia, evangelistic campaign, April 18-May 2;  
 John Hancock--Lincoln, Nebraska, Annual College MV Officers' Seminar, April 19-22;  
 E. W. Howse--Los Angeles, appointment with attorney concerning Loma Linda Foods new corporation and tax status, February 25, 26;  
 M. E. Kemmerer--Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Georgia-Cumberland Constituency, March 8;  
 C. J. Nagele--Washington (from Chicago via New York), Spring Council, March 30-April 2;  
 R. H. Pierson--Mt. Pisgah Academy, Carolina Conference, Constituency Meeting, March 22; Highland Academy, Kentucky-Tennessee, Conference Constituency Meeting, April 12;  
 M. H. Reeder--Chicago, Illinois, Pre-Council Meeting of Interfaith Religious Communications Congress, April 6-8 (extension of two days); Central Union, itinerary for Press Secretaries' Workshops, April 12-May 3 (extension of trip); St. Louis, Missouri, Methodist General Conference, April 23 (requested by Officers);  
 H. E. Rice--Orlando, Florida, Medical Meetings, May 4, 5 (en route to West Coast);  
 W. M. Starks--New Orleans, Stewardship Workshop, March 28-April 6;  
 E. H. J. Steed--Union College, Temperance Council (Youth), April 21-25;

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## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

R. F. Waddell--Willowdale, Ontario, Branson Hospital Annual Board Meeting, March 4;

Kit Watts--Wheaton, Illinois, Christian Writers' Conference, March 31-April 3 (\$55 fee);

Herbert White--Atlanta, Georgia, Publishing business, February 26-March 1; Berrien Springs, Michigan, Colporteur Institute, March 3-9; Lincoln, Nebraska, Colporteur Institute, March 10, 11; San Jose, California, Home Health Education Service Program, March 12, 13; Portland, Oregon, HHES Program, March 16, 17; Mountain View, Glendale, Loma Linda, publishing business, March 18-22; Richardson, Texas, HHES Program, March 24, 25; Atlanta, Georgia, HHES Program, March 26, 27.

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Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

R. H. Pierson, Chairman  
D. W. Hunter, Secretary  
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary