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## Two Hundred Forty-Ninth Meeting

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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

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#### PRESENT:

Theodore Carcich, D. S. Johnson, J. J. Aitken, Euel Atchley, D. H. Baasch, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, F. L. Bland, W. P. Bradley, E. E. Cleveland, N. R. Dower, K. H. Emmerson, W. W. Fordham, R. R. Frame, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, R. R. Hegstad, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, C. B. Hirsch, D. W. Hunter, Gordon Hyde, D. S. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, Caris H. Lauda, M. E. Loewen, Theodore Lucas, A. C. McKee, V. M. Montalban, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, W. E. Phillips, A. V. Pinkney, M. H. Reeder, Fernon Retzer, L. B. Reynolds, E. H. J. Steed, R. F. Waddell, M.D., C. D. Watson, R. S. Watts, A. L. White, K. H. Wood

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

J. O. Iversen, N. W. Litchfield, Wayne A. Martin

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Using 1 Timothy 4: 6-11 and <u>Acts of the Apostles</u>, page 311, as a basis for his remarks, the Chairman, <u>Theodore Carcich</u>, stressed the need of personal Christian discipline in daily life. Surrounded as we are by disruptive social and moral practices, we often find ourselves unconsciously reflecting the undisciplined moods of contemporary thought and society. Christian discipline, dictated by the Word of God, is the only antidote against the corrosive laxity and lawlessness plaguing mankind everywhere.

Opening prayer by J. J. Aitken.

MINUTES of the meeting held February 26, 1970, were approved.

MIDDLE EAST TOURS:

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

VOTED, To record an action recommending great caution and care in organizing and participating in tours to the Middle East in view of the danger involved at the present time.

FAR EASTERN DIVISION BUDGET -- APPORTIONMENT:

VOTED, To approve the apportionment of the Far Eastern Division Budget for 1970, as designated, the details being on file in the Treasury office.

#### SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION AUDITOR:

In view of the resignation of B. H. Stickle, Sr., as Auditor of the Southern Asia Division, after consultation with the Division, and study having been given by the General Conference Officers to a replacement, it was--

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VOTED, That E. M. Stiles, an Assistant Treasurer, be elected to serve as Auditor of the Southern Asia Division.

## FAR EASTERN DIVISION--EXCHANGE RATE PHILIPPINE PESO:

A change has been made in the monetary rate of the Philippine Peso. On recommendation of the Far Eastern Division, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the exchange rate for the Philippine Peso be changed from 3.90 to the US Dollar, or .25641, to 5.50 to the US Dollar, or .181818; effective March 1, 1970.

#### CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

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

VOTED, That K. M. Kennedy, of Southern Missionary College, be requested to serve as Chairman of the Gurriculum Committee for 1970 to 1974.

SDA READERS, GRADES SEVEN AND EIGHT:

On request of the Department of Education, the General Conference Officers having concurred, it was--

VOTED, That Miss Carolyn Luce be invited to replace Dr. Natelkka Burrell for temporary work on the Seventh-day Adventist Readers, grades seven and eight, from June to August, 1970; and that this invitation be passed to her through the Southern Union Conference and Southern Missionary College.

#### A. J. WOODFIELD--SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division a call from the Southern Union Conference for A. J. Woodfield, of Newbold College, to connect with Southern Missionary College as Chairman of the Department of English, with the rank of Professor of English Literature; with the understanding he will be eligible for leaves of absence to England every five years.

#### COLLEGE RELIGION DEPARTMENT MEETING:

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

VOTED, That the College Religion Department Meeting, authorized by Autumn Council action, be held at Andrews University, April 19, 20, 1970; it being understood that the Chairmen of the Departments of Religion in the Colleges are to attend.

#### DAVID G. SMALL, M.D.--FURLOUGH RESIDENCY:

VOTED, That David G. Small, M.D., be granted a three-year surgery residency while on furlough and leave of absence from Montemorelos, Mexico.

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GERALD COLVIN -- CALL WITHDRAWN :

VOTED, To withdraw the call for Gerald Colvin, of Union College, to serve as Head of the Department of Education at Japan Missionary College, inasmuch as the Far Eastern Division has changed the type of call, and the invitation had not yet been placed in his hands.

PHILIP JAY JONES--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Philip Jay Jones be released from appointment to the China Mainland Training Program in Mandarin, in Taipei, Taiwan, since for various reasons he is not clear in accepting the call.

JOHN WILLIAM KERSHNER --ASSIGNED TO FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, That John William Kershner, a senior student in Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, now under deferred appointment, be assigned to the Far Eastern Division.

JUDY BROWN--FAR EASTERN DIVISION OFFICE:

VOTED, That Judy Brown, soon to graduate from Walla Walla College, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division in the Treasury office.

GLADYS ELEANOR MORTON -- MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES:

VOTED, That the Columbia Union and Potomac Conferences be requested to release Miss Gladys Eleanor Morton, of Staunton, Virginia, and that she be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Elementary Teacher for Manila, in the school at Philippine Union College.

DEANNAH. GLINDMEYER--SAIGON:

VOTED, That the Central Union Conference and Porter Sanitarium and Hospital be requested to release Miss Deanna H. Glindmeyer, and that she be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Director of Nursing Service for Saigon.

ELMER H. OLSON, M.D.--JAPAN:

VOTED, That Elmer H. Olson, M.D., of Riverside, California, be appointed to the Far Eastern Division as relief Physician for Japan for six months. Dr. Olson previously served in Japan.

WILLIAM LEE BURNS, III--WEST AFRICA:

VOTED, That the Lake Union and Illinois Conferences be requested to release William Lee Burns, III, of Chicago, to connect with the Northern European Division as Teacher of Secondary Science and Mathematics for the Bouake School, in West Africa.

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TIMOTEO MARZOCCHINI--WEST AFRICA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division a call from the Northern European Division for Timoteo Marzocchini, soon to complete his study for a B.D. degree at Andrews University, to serve as Bible Teacher for the Bouake School in West Africa; with the request that the Southern European Division process the call. He previously worked for five years in the Trans-Africa Division.

LEE J. RICHARDS, M.D. -- MAYAGUEZ, PUERTO RICO:

VOTED, That Lee J. Richards, M.D., a Surgeon in Bakersfield, California, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Surgeon for the Bella Vista Hospital, in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

EDWARD HOEHN; M.D. -- KINGSTON, JAMAICA:

VOTED, That Edward Hoehn, M.D., a retired Physician at St. Helena, California, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as a Physician at Andrews Memorial Hospital, Kingston, Jamaica, in harmony with arrangements agreed upon with the Inter-American Division.

ERNEST E. VON POHLE, M.D. -- CURACAO:

VOTED, That Ernest E. von Pohle, M.D., of Tempe, Arizona, be invited to serve as relief Physician for the Princess Margaret Hospital, in Curacao, for six months, from March to August, 1970.

HERBERT HOLNESS, M.D. -- JAMAICA:

VOTED, To pass on to Herbert Holness, M.D., of El Cajon, California, a call from the Inter-American Division for him to serve as a self-supporting Physician for Jamaica; on the basis of a national returning.

**VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:** 

In harmony with recommendations from the Overseas Travel Committee, it was--

VOTED, That overseas visits be authorized as follows:

W. R. Beach and K. H. Emmerson to attend the Spring Meeting of the Northern European Division, April 21 to May 1, 1970;

E. H. J. Steed to visit the Eastern European countries in the Northern and Southern European Divisions, August 1 to September 15, 1970.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Carson Adams--Mount Vernon Academy, Colporteur Institute, March 13-15; W. R. Beach--Mount Vernon, Ohio, Sabbath appointment and Ohio Constituency Meeting, March 21, 22;

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

R. R. Bietz--San Francisco (from Glendale), Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, April 19-21; Honolulu, National Association of SDA Optometrists, June 26-28;

W. P. Bradley--Loma Linda, LLU Task Force II, Master Plan Meeting, LLU Executive Board, March 11-19;

C. L. Christensen--Andrews University, Institute of World Missions, contact student missionaries, contact folk on furlough, etc., March 5-8;

Amos Crowder--Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, property resurvey, May 24-June 5;

W. J. Hackett--New York Conference, Sabbath appointment and Constituency Meeting, March 7, 8;

Richard Hill--Harris Pine Mills, Pendleton, and Walla Walla College, property resurvey, March 27-April 6;

Gordon Hyde--Wisconsin Academy, Baccalaureate service, May 23;

J. O. Iversen--Chicago, Illinois, Religious Communications Congress, April 7-9 (en route from West Coast); Maplewood Academy, speaker at Alumni Week End, April 10-12; New

C. H. Lauda--Albuquerque, Mexico, meetings with Spanish brethren, March 13-18; Phoenix, Arizona, Thunderbird Academy Homecoming and other meetings, March 20-22; Nebraska, Association of Privately-Owned Seventh-day Adventist Services and Industries Meeting, with Elder Reile, March 22-24;

A. C. McKee--Oakland, Antioch, and Loma Linda, Pacific Union Tax Seminar, Antioch Medical Center, professional contacts requested by K. H. Emmerson, March 17-22;

A. V. Pinkney--Columbus, Ohio, week-end services at Ephesus Church, March 6,7;
 H. E. Rice--Loma Linda, Loma Linda University Board and various com mittees, May 15-19;

W. R. L. Scragg--Chicago, Illinois, World Association for Christian Communications, April 2-9;

J. V. Scully--Columbus, Ohio, week-end services at Ephesus Church, April 17, 18;

Ella M. Stoneburner--New England Memorial Hospital, Nutrition Institute Course, April 5-8; Loma Linda, SDA Dietetic Association Meeting and lecture, and attend meetings of Loma Linda University School of Public Health, April 10-14; Honolulu, Home Nutrition Instructors' Course School Health, speaking and visitation, April 15-29;

G. E. Vandeman--Oregon Conference, It is Written Reaping Meetings, April 3-26; Loma Linda (La Sierra Campus), Baccalaureate service, May 30;

Clinton Wall--Atlantic City, New Jersey (from Andrews University), Food Service for General Conference session, March 9-11;

Jack Wetmore--Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, property resurvey, May 24-June 5.

Adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Theodore Carcich, Chairman D. S. Johnson, Secretary Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

# Two Hundred Fiftieth Meeting GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE March 12, 1970, 10:00 A.M.

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## PRESENT:

W. J. Hackett, D. S. Johnson, Carson F. Adams, W. Melvin Adams, J. J. Aitken, Euel Atchley, D. H. Baasch, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, F. L. Bland, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cleveland, W. W. Fordham, R. R. Frame, C. O. Franz, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, M. Carol Hetzell, C. B. Hirsch, D. W. Hunter, Gordon M. Hyde, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, Caris H. Lauda, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, Theodore Lucas, A. C. McKee, V. M. Montalban, C. E. Moseley, Jr., Lawrence M. Nelson, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, E. W. Pedersen, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, M. H. Reeder, H. E. Rice, W. R. L. Scragg, H. D. Singleton, F. A. Soper, E. H. J. Steed, E. W. Tarr, C. D. Watson, R. S. Watts, A. L. White, K. W. Whitney, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl H. Bahr, N. W. Litchfield, W. A. Martin

## DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Excerpts from <u>Selected Messages</u>, Book 2, pages 367, 368, and 369, were read by <u>W. J. Hackett</u>, Chairman. In the first quotation, an appeal is made to all to be what the name Seventh-day Adventist signifies. Also "The people of God are not to be guided by the opinions and practices of the world." The second quotation warns of the difficulty in holding fast the beginning of our confidence firm to the end, and states the difficulty increases when there are hidden influences constantly at work to bring in another spirit, a counterworking element, on Satan's side of the question. The third quotation states "While the contempt placed upon God's commandments leads many to suppress the truth and show less reverence for it, the faithful ones will with greater earnestness hold aloft its distinguishing truths."

Elder Hackett emphasized the thought that Seventh-day Adventists are to be a spectacle to the world. We are to keep in mind always that as a movement we are to exceed the original spirit of this message if we are to be a spectacle to the world.

Opening prayer by A. C. McKee.

## **REPORTS:**

W. R. Beach, Secretary, gave a cheering word concerning baptisms in Africa.

The Trans-Africa Division, including the East African Union, during 1969, had 34,978 baptisms. That tops the report from South America, which was 33,653.

For the quadrennium they had 124,348, which exceeds their goal by 4,348.

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It is interesting to note, as a result of reports which have come in-that the largest concentration of Seventh-day Adventists in the world is not in North America, it is in Latin America. Latin America (Inter-America and South America) are over the half million.

<u>Theodore Carcich</u>, Vice President, gave a report from the Southern Asia Division. In the first thirty years the Southern Asia Division baptized about 3,000.

Dr. R. S. Lowry's report came the other day which states there were over 7,000 baptized in the Southern Asia Division in 1969.

They had 13 workers in Southern Asia who baptized over 100. One, a former Lutheran minister, T. J. S. Fredericks, baptized 421 people last year. A literature evangelist, M. G. Rajasingh, baptized over 100 people in Southern Asia last year. They had 16 preachers in Southern Asia who baptized from 50-99.

<u>M. E. Kemmerer</u>, Associate Treasurer, stated that in the country of Burma where all is under national control they had the highest number of baptisms, 503, last year. This is the highest number ever baptized in Burma in one year, and under present conditions this is especially encouraging.

It is interesting to note that while we approach 2 million in total church membership, just about half are in the Eastern Hemisphere and half in the Western Hemisphere.

E. E. <u>Cleveland</u>, Ministerial Association Associate Secretary, related the following:

A young man by the name of De Forrest Reed who was a student at the University of Nebraska and Howard University was taken into the Army, but had two weeks' leave before being assigned to Vietnam. He spent these two weeks in the Washington area and was contacted by a friend who happens to be a Seventh-day Adventist. She spent two weeks in intensive indoctrination of this young man in the principles of the Adventist faith, at the end of which she brought him to Takoma Park to visit the headquarters of our church. They toured both the General Conference building and the Review and Herald Publishing Association, after which the young man remarked that these were the friendliest people that he had ever met. He was so impressed that he took back to Denver, Colorado, an armful of our message books and continued to study further the principles of our faith.

He was baptized in Denver, Colorado, and then reported to Seattle, Washington, for shipment out, but he was several days late. He was court-martialled along with 24 other men who had also been A.W.O.L. He stated that he was not worried as he awaited his turn, as he had the best lawyer in the business and felt sure that he would be exonerated. When he was finally called to testify, he stated his sorrow at having reported late, but assured his officers that it was not due to cowardice but that he was studying for entrance into the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and could not leave the States until he had completed the course and was baptized. "However, Sir," he said, "I left immediately after my baptism." He was completely exonerated and shipped out to Vietnam without even a reprimand. He ended his letter with these words, "My confidence in my lawyer paid off. Perhaps you would like to know His name. It's Jesus."

MINUTES of the meeting held March 5, 1970, were approved. March 12, 1970

## 1970 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION --ALLOWANCES FOR TRAVEL:

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

VOTED, That travel allowances be granted to elective and nonelective General Conference staff who travel to Atlantic City, New Jersey, to attend the 1970 General Conference session, as follows:

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Single workers $30 round trip (Washington-Atlantic City, including
tolls)
Two in a family $50 round trip (Washington-Atlantic City, including
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1970 CAMP-MEETING SCHEDULE:

A schedule of Camp-Meeting Appointments for 1970 was presented.

VOTED, To adopt the Schedule of Camp-Meeting Appointments for 1970, with the understanding that the General Conference Officers are authorized to make any further revisions necessary.

1970 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--DELEGATES AT LARGE:

A further list of recommendations from the Committee giving study to the Veterans and Special Invitees to the 1970 General Conference session was presented. On recommendation also of the General Conference Officers, it was--

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; with the understanding that the names will be recommended to be seated as delegates at large as provided for in the <u>Constitution</u>, Article III, Section 3-b: Clyde Bradley, C. D. Christensen, E. D. Dick, J. H. Laurence, G. R. Nash, Mrs. Mae Mathews Nielsen, and C. E. Randolph.

FRENCH LITERATURE COMMITTEE:

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

VOTED, That the following individuals representing Northern European Division French-speaking areas be added to the French Literature Committee: W. Duncan Eva, R. R. Frame, Alf Lohne, and Bruce Wickwire.

The French Literature Committee is now comprised as follows:

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

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FAR EASTERN DIVISION NURSES' WORKSHOP:

The Far Eastern Division has authorized a Nurses' Workshop to be held in Singapore, August 8-11, 1970. In the past the Australasian Division has been invited to send leaders to participate in such interdivision meetings. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To forward to the Australasian Division the invitation from the Far Eastern Division to send two nurses to attend the Nurses' Workshop in Singapore, August 8-11, 1970.

REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING HOUSE AND STANBOROUGH PRESS, LTD., MERGER:

The Review and Herald Publishing Association has submitted to the General Conference Officers a document covering the proposed merger of the Review and Herald Publishing House and Stanborough Press, Ltd., publishing activities. The proposed agreement is recommended by the Northern European Division, the Review and Herald Publishing House Board, and the British Union Conference. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, and after careful consideration, it was--

VOTED, To approve in principle this merger of the Review and Herald Publishing Association and the Stanborough Press, Ltd., on the basis of the document which has been placed in our hands; and that the document be placed on file with the minutes of the General Conference Secretary.

LESLIE HARDINGE--

INVITATION TO 1970 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

It is desired to have Leslie Hardinge of Pacific Union College attend the 1970 General Conference session in order to present a study. Information has been received from the Pacific Union Conference that ordinarily he would not be appointed as a delegate to the session. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference a request for the services of Leslie Hardinge, of Pacific Union College, at the time of the 1970 General Conference session in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

FAR EASTERN DIVISION--CLINIC ON ISLAND OF GUAM:

On request of the Far Eastern Division and the Far Eastern Island Mission, it was--

VOTED, To approve the plan of financing the construction of a new medical and dental clinic building on the Island of Guam as submitted, the detail of which is attached to the minutes on file in the General Conference Secretary's Office.

## REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION AND STANBOROUGH PRESS, LTD., MERGER:

The Review and Herald Publishing Association has submitted to the General Conference Officers for processing a document covering the proposed merger of the Review and Herald Publishing Association and the Stanborough Press, Ltd., publishing activities. This solution emerges from a long study of the problems and the potential in a larger program of English language literature work in Great Britain and on the European continent. On solicitation of the British Union and the Northern European Division, the Review and Herald Publishing Association has felt that they could be helpful in making available capital and "know-how".

The attached agreement is recommended by the British Union Conference, the Northern European Division and the Review and Herald Publishing Association Board. Therefore, on recommendation of the General Conference Officers and after careful consideration, it was--

VOTED, To approve in principle this merger of the Review and Herald Publishing Association and the Stanborough Press, Ltd., on the basis of the document which has been placed in our hands; and that the document be placed on file with the minutes of the General Conference Secretary. REVIEW AND HERALD--STANBOROUGH PRESS MERGER:

The Review and Herald Publishing Association has submitted to the Officers a document covering the proposed merger of Review and Herald and Stanborough Press publishing activities. The proposed agreement is recommended by the Northern European Division, the Review and Herald Board and the British Union. It reads as follows:

"l. That the publishing interests of the Stanborough Press, Ltd. be merged with the publishing interests of the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

"2. (a) That British Advent Missions on behalf of the British Union Conference retain ownership of the Stanborough Press, Ltd., and that the Review and Herald be granted the use of the building and grounds for operating purposes for a period of ten years by paying fl-0-0 (one pound) a year, with the possibility of reneval and/or revision by agreement for five-year periods thereafter.

(b) That the operation of Stanborough Press, Ltd. be continued during the lease period under the existing name and charter.

(c) That under such lease arrangements the Review and Herald Publishing Association be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the buildings, equipment, and grounds of the Stanborough Press, Ltd.

"3. (a) That arrangements be made for the Northern European Division, the British Union Conference, and the Stanborough Press, Ltd. to be represented on the Board of the Review and Herald Publishing Association by one member from each of the three organizations. That an effort be made to schedule major items that affect Stanborough Press, Ltd. for consideration at a Board meeting that would be called at the close of Autumn Councils.

(b) That the Review and Herald Publishing Association be represented on the British Union Executive Committee by the manager of the Stanborough Press, Ltd., and represented at meetings of the Northern European Division Committee by someone other than the manager of the Stanborough Press, Ltd.

"4. That the British Union Conference territory become a part of the book territory of the Review and Herald Publishing Association. It is understood that the Publishing Department policies governing the relationships of the Review and Herald Publishing Association with the Union Conferences in its book territory and the publication and distribution of our periodicals and magazines will govern the relationships between the Stanborough Press, Ltd., the British Union Conference, and the world field.

"5. That as the Stanborough Press, Ltd. is a body incorporated under the British Companies Acts and has therefore to conform to certain requirements under these Acts, one of which is that the Company have the properly appointed number of Directors, not less than five and not more than eleven in number, there be nine Directors of the Stanborough Press, Ltd., four recommended by the British Union Conference and five by the Board of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, for the purpose of conforming with legal requirements only.

"6. (a) That an Executive Committee of eight, of which three members would be nominated by the British Union Conference, be appointed by the Review and Herald Board to serve at the Stanborough Press, Ltd. to care for current business under the direction of and in harmony with actions of the Review and Herald Board.

(b) A quorum of the Executive Committee will consist of four members including the chairman.

(It is recommended that the Executive Committee be composed of the following from the Stanborough Press, Ltd.: (1) the Manager, (2) the Treasurer, (3) the Editor, (4) the Sales Manager, (5) the Superintendent; also, (6) the President of the British Union Conference, (7) the Treasurer of the British Union Conference, (8) the British Union Publishing Department Secretary; and that the Manager be the chairman.)

"7. (a) That the assets and liabilities of the Stanborough Press, Ltd. as at the date of merger be evaluated by a study group representing the General Conference, Northern European Division, British Union Conference, and Review and Herald Fublishing Association.

(b) That the amount of the resultant net worth be credited to a separate capital account held in the books of the Stanborough Press, Ltd. in the name of the British Union Conference. This account will remain frozen until the end of the merger period when the net worth of the Stanborough Press, Ltd., as re-evaluated by a study group similar to that in 7(a) will be transferred to the British Union capital account and a settlement in cash be made, taking into account the then current monetary value of the frozen net worth.

(c) That the Review and Herald is prepared to invest up to \$20,000.00 (f8,300) in cash to provide current operating funds plus inventory up to the value of \$10,000.00 (f4,150).

(d) That the Stanborough Press, Ltd. from capital provided for in 7(c) by the Review and Herald Publishing Association will pay within 30 days its outstanding current accounts to the local conferences of the British Union Conference. It is understood that the local conferences will in turn make available like sums of money to their Book and Bible Houses which will then pay their past-due accounts to the Stanborough Press, Ltd.

(e) That while the Review and Herald does not assume responsibility for repayment of loan capital at the Stanborough Press, Ltd., it is envisaged that profitable operation of the plant would make possible, during the proposed lease, the repayment of the loan capital and the rehabilitation of the Press as a financially strong institution. "8. That the Review and Herald Publishing Association invest capital in Stanborough Press, Ltd. as may be determined by its Board in order to achieve a successful operation; the investment of capital to be credited to a separate net worth account in the name of the Review and Herald Publishing Association. During the time of the lease period, the results of operation will be transferred to the Review and Herald net worth account on the books of the Stanborough Press, Ltd. at the close of each fiscal year, and at the close of the lease period the net worth account of the Review and Herald Publishing Association will be returned by Stanborough Press, Ltd. to the Review and Herald Publishing Association by each settlement after taking into account the then current monetary value of the frozen net worth.

"9. That while details of financing, production, marketing, and their related problems will be determined by the Review and Herald Board and its representatives, the responsibility for the sale of subscription literature within the British Union rests principally with the British Union, and that a strong force of publishing leaders and literature evangelists will be maintained and supported.

"10. That both parties endeavor to bring negotiations to a successful conclusion by April 1, 1970, and that questions relating to personnel be cared for as soon as possible thereafter.

"11. That without affecting the principle and intent of this agreement, it be reviewed by both parties at the end of the first year for any needful adjustments, and at the close of the ninth year in preparation for an optional renewal." It was

<u>Agreed</u>, To accept the Review and Herald and Stanborough Press merger proposal and recommend that it be approved by the General Conference Committee.

--Officers' Meeting Minutes, March 4, 1970.

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STUDENT MISSIONARIES:

D. S. Johnson, Associate Secretary, reported that in a meeting of the Committee on Appointees held March 11, 1970, medical clearance was given to eighteen student missionaries. These student missionaries will be working in three overseas divisions and seventeen of the eighteen will be at their assignments one year each.

F. G. REID--PERMANENT RETURN; APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of F. G. Reid from the East African Union, at his request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the East African Union. Further--

VOTED, To record our appreciation for the service given by Elder and Mrs. F. G. Reid during the thirty-two years they have spent in the work in Africa.

BRUCE KUIST -- PERMANENT RETURN :

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Bruce Kuist from Singapore, at his request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

DR. DIETER SCHWARZ -- RELEASED:

VOTED, That Dr. Dieter Schwarz, of Germany, be released from the call to Heri Hospital, in Tanzania, East Africa, since he is not at this time available.

ERLING OLSEN--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Erling Olsen, of Norway, be released from appointment to serve as Assistant Treasurer of the Trans-Africa Division, since he is not clear in accepting the call.

MARIANO A. NABONG, M.D. -- RELEASED:

VOTED, That Mariano A. Nabong, M.D., of the Far East, be released from the call to Malamulo Hospital, Malawi, he having declined.

MARY NYGAARD--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Mary Nygaard, a student at Columbia Union College, be released from deferred appointment to Saigon, she having declined because she is continuing an education program.

I. B. BURTON -- NORTH CONGO FIELD:

VOTED, That the Southwestern Union and Texico Conferences be requested to release I. B. Burton, and that he be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as President and Secretary-Treasurer of the North Congo Field. He previously served twelve years in the Trans-Africa Division.

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DOROTHY TURNER, M.D. -- DAVIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Dorothy Turner, M.D., of Port Hueneme, California, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division for service in the Davis Memorial Hospital, Guyana. Doctor Turner previously served in Iraq and Burma.

ERVIN E. LADD, M.D.--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, That Ervin E. Ladd, M.D., of Portland, Oregon, serve as a relief Physician in the Far Eastern Division for one year, beginning approximately September 1, 1970.

ROESON NEWBOLD, M.D. -- SEOUL, KOREA:

VOTED, That Robson Newbold, M.D., of New Haven, Connecticut, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Medical Director-Surgeon for Seoul, Korea. Dr. Newbold previously served in the Ngoma Hospital, Belgian Congo.

JOY MAE REEVE--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, That the Central Union and Nebraska Conferences be requested to release Miss Joy Mae Reeve, an elementary school Teacher in Omaha, and that she be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Elementary Teacher for either Bangkok or Tokyo.

DR. HANS OTTO SIMM -- TRANSFER TO BANDUNG:

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

VOTED, To transfer the appointment of Dr. Hans-Otto Simm from Bangkok to Bandung.

WALKER OLIPHANT, M.D. -- TRANSFER TO SEOUL, KOREA:

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

VOTED, To transfer the appointment of Walker Oliphant, M.D., from Haad Yai, Thailand, to Seoul, Korea; he to serve June 1 to Sept. 15, 1970.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Carson Adams--Miami Beach, Florida, Southern and Southwestern Unions Book and Bible House Managers' Meeting, May 5-7;

E. H. Atchley--Jacksonville, Florida, Five-Day Plan Special, March 20-28;

T. Carcich--Union College, Baccalaureate address, May 30;

C. L. Christensen--Lincoln, Nebraska, special Spanish Weekend Rallies, March 20-22;

Mazie Herin--Kettering, Ohio, Kettering Memorial Hospital Constituency Meeting, March 22-24;

C. B. Hirsch--Andrews University, Committee Meetings, April 19-24;

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES --CONCLUDED:

J. C. Kozel--San Jose, California, study Pacific Union Home Health Education Service Office, April 28; Portland, Oregon, study Central Collection Agency for Pacific and North Pacific Unions, April 30;

T. Lucas--Winter Haven, Florida, Southern Union MV Advisory, March 23-27;

R. E. Osborn--Denver, Colorado, National Conference on Christian Philanthropy, April 2, 3, La Jolla, Loma Linda, Los Angeles, Glendale, Investment work, April 6-9; San Francisco, Mountain View, Investment work, April 10-13;

H. E. Rice--Loma Linda, Committee to study institutional dietary problems, Loma Linda long-range study committees, Loma Linda University Executive Board, March 16-19; Kettering, Ohio, Kettering Memorial Hospital Constituency Meeting, March 23;

W. R. L. Scragg--Panama City, Florida, Southern Union Lay Activities and Radio-TV Department Meeting, April 20-23;

H. D. Singleton--Huntsville, Alabama, 1970 Message Magazine Crusade Meeting, April 27, 28;

L. G. Small--Union College, Christian Record, Nebraska Conference, Colorado Conference, Porter Memorial Hospital, Wyoming Conference, Insurance business, April 5-10;

Carl Sundin--North Pacific Union, visit academies in interest of Loma Linda University recruitment, March 22-29;

C. D. Watson--Loma Linda University, lecture at Institute of Scientific Studies for Prevention of Alcoholism, June 29-July 5;

N. R. Dower, E. E. Cleveland, D. W. Holbrook, D. W. Hunter, Gordon Hyde, J. R. Spangler, R. F. Waddell--Andrews University, continuing Ministerial Education Committee, April 19, 20.

## HEWITT RESEARCH CENTER--

SUSTENTATION STATUS OF DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS EMPLOYED:

In harmony with a recommendation of the General Conference Officers relative to the sustentation status of denominational workers employed by the Hewitt Research Center which is to engage in special study projects for the denomination, it was--

VOTED, 1. That the continuity of a worker's service shall not be considered broken when, by transfer handled through denominational channels, he accepts employment at the Hewitt Research Center on an administrative level, it being understood that the time spent in the employ of the Hewitt Research Center (a nondenominational organization) shall not be counted toward sustentation service credit. The personal service record of such denominational workers accepting employment at the Hewitt Research Center shall be forwarded to the General Conference Sustentation Committee for recording at the time they make the transfer of employment.

2. That the sustentation eligibility of a former worker (one not currently employed) will not be affected by the time he may spend in the employ of the Hewitt Research Center on an administrative level, it being understood that such time shall not be counted toward sustentation service credit.

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SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BASIC LIBRARY SUBSIDIES:

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

VOTED, That appropriations be granted from the Spirit of Prophecy Basic Library Fund for the publication of Spirit of Prophecy books, with the understanding the Divisions concerned will contribute equivalent amounts in harmony with the policy, as follows:

Southern Asia Division: <u>Counsels to Church</u> (Malayalam), 465 pages, 2,500 copies; \$1,163.00 <u>Trans-Africa Division</u>:

 Impending Conflict
 (Shona), 113 pages, 5,000 copies; \$283.00

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 (Sindebele), 113 pages, 5,000 """"

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 (Xhosa), 113 pages, 5,000 """

Adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

W. J. Hackett, Chairman D. S. Johnson, Secretary Katie Farney, Recording Secretary Two Hundred Fifty-First Meeting

### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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

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#### PRESENT:

Neal C. Wilson, D. S. Johnson, Carson F. Adams, W. Melvin Adams, J. J. Aitken, D. H. Baasch, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, F. L. Bland, M. V. Campbell, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cleveland, J. E. Edwards, R. R. Frame, C. O. Franz, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, W. J. Hackett, R. R. Hegstad, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, Gordon M. Hyde, J. C. Kozel, H. W. Lowe, D. A. McAdams, E. L. Minchin, V. M. Montalban, C. E. Moseley, Jr., Lawrence M. Nelson, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, E. W. Pedersen, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, R. H. Pierson, Fernon Retzer, Milo Sawvel, V. W. Schoen, W. R. L. Scragg, J. V. Scully, H. D. Singleton, F. A. Soper, E. H. J. Steed, E. W. Tarr, C. D. Watson, A. L. White, K. H. Wood

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl H. Bahr, C. D. Forshee, James Horning, N. W. Litchfield, Philip S. Nelson, Eric Were

#### INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:

The Chairman, Neal C. Wilson, opened the way for introduction of visitors. R. R. Frame introduced <u>Eric Were</u>, a fellow Australian, and member of the staff of the Australasian Division. A number of the Committee members are familiar with the name of Eric Were, as a photographer, script writer, artist, and author. He has produced a number of films in behalf of the denomination, and mission work in particular. He was recently in Southern Asia where he produced a film for that Division. He has just returned from the South American Division, and is to be here for quite a while working on the finalization of the South American film. It is planned that several of his films will be shown at the General Conference session. His aim is to continue to use his talents in the spread of the gospel.

K. H. Wood referred to school days at Pacific Union College in the '30's. Back in those days the name of Horning was well and favorably known. Pat Horning was the first editorial intern that was accepted in the denomination. She came to the Review and Herald Publishing Association three years ago, and did so well that she was called to the General Conference office. She is now an Associate Editor on <u>Insight Magazine</u>. Her father, <u>James Horning</u>, from Hollister, California, is with us. About two months ago his mother passed away. Hardly two weeks ago his wife was in an automobile accident and was killed. Pat went to California for the funeral and brought her father back with her. We are glad to have him here with us in the Committee this morning.

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## DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

<u>Neal C. Wilson</u> said a few days ago he read there was a sign placed above a church door--"You are not too bad to come in; you are not too good to stay out." Each of us is in need of the tender love, the compassion, and salvation of Christ; we are never too bad but what we can come in, and never too good, never up to His standards so we feel we can stay away.

Elder Wilson related the story of a lady and her husband from the Florentine Hills in Italy, who have been in this country some eight or nine years, lovely, cultured people, whom he met in California a couple of weeks ago. In detail he told how first the grandchildren came in touch with a Seventh-day Adventist couple who studied with them, and later studies began also with the grandmother. She and her husband as well as the two grandchildren were baptized. She told Elder Wilson this was the greatest experience in her life; and she feels she now has something to live for.

In closing, Elder Wilson read from the New English version Matthew 5: 3-13. We must never lose our experience with Christ and become worthless in this great enterprise, the greatest in the world--reconciling men with Christ.

Opening prayer by D. A. Delafield.

K. F. AMBS--DEATH OF; TRIBUTE:

A tragic event took place on Sunday afternoon, March 15, 1970, when K. F. Ambs, Assistant Treasurer, was smitten with death following a heart attack.

VOTED, That we record our recognition of the dedication of K. F. Ambs, and the great and wonderful contribution of this man to God's Church. Eighteen years of service were given in Africa, and eight years at the General Conference. These years have been a living witness to what workers in this cause ought to be, and the testimony they ought to render as administrators in this cause. His life has been a living sermon in our midst, and we shall miss him greatly.

**REPORT**:

R. R. Frame, Associate Secretary, presented the following report:

Th. Kristensen, President of the West African Union, has reported that he together with Dr. K. Mueller, made a visit to the territory of Eastern Nigeria ten days after the cessation of the civil war. Eastern Nigeria is now divided into three states within the Federation; namely, Rivers State, Southeastern State, and East Central State. Brethren Kristensen and Mueller traveled by foot, by bicycle and for a limited period by motor car. In the Port Harcourt area the visitors met with 300 church members and a total of 1300 assembled at Aba on the Sabbath. It is estimated that during the itinerary more than 50 pastors and evangelists were contacted, and a large number of colporteurs. Steps were taken to reorganize Districts, etc. Pastor Imo, the President of the Eastern Nigerian Mission, had plans together with other leaders to return to Aba, the area where the Mission had its headquarters prior to the war.

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The Ministry of Health has given permission to open the Ahoada Hospital formerly operated by the denomination. The buildings need repairs, and at the present time there is no hospital equipment, no water, and no electricity. Dr. Sam DeShay, who at one time served as medical director of the institution, has returned to the area to finalize negotiations and arrange for a reopening of the hospital.

North Ngwa Hospital is at present being used as an Army camp. Four miles from Ngwa the Ihie School has all of the buildings intact with the exception of the church, which needs some repairs. It is understood that Ihie has reopened as a day school with an enrolment of 200 students. Buildings in other areas have suffered damage. For instance, in the Aba District the damage is estimated at 40 to 50 per cent.

Pastor Kristensen reports that the Nigerian Red Cross is doing its very best to cope with the situation and supplies are flowing into Port Harcourt every day. The Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service is endeavoring to arrange for 50 tons of clothing to be dispatched to Nigeria. Dr. Mueller will be stationed in Port Harcourt for a time, where he will serve as representative of the West African Union Mission.

During the years 1968 and 1969, 1,000 of our people died in Eastern Nigeria, and probably 80 per cent of the deaths were due directly or indirectly to civil war conditions. Thorvald Kristensen further reports that 1969 was the best soul-winning year in the history of the West African Union Mission. 5,127 new members joined the church. In spite of war and turmoil, the work of the church continues to expand and God blesses the activities of His people.

When the visitors arrived in the church at Aba for Sabbath services, the congregation was singing the well-known chorus, "Roll, roll your burdens away, for Jesus has promised to take them away." Reliance upon God will continue to bring strength to His people and to the church in Nigeria. We be-speak the prayers of God's people the world around on behalf of the church in Nigeria.

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

NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE --TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS:

The 1965 Autumn Council appropriated \$15,000 to the Ottumwa, Iowa, church project. In 1966 the Autumn Council appropriated \$20,000 to the Davenport, Iowa, church project. These projects have not materialized as was expected. The Northern Union Conference has requested that these appropriations totaling \$35,000 be transferred. In harmony with a recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That appropriations made to the Northern Union Conference for church projects in Ottumwa, Iowa (1965) \$15,000, and Davenport, Iowa (1969) \$20,000, be reallocated as follows: Cedar Rapids, Iowa, \$10,000; Des Moines, Iowa, \$20,000; and Knoxville, Iowa, \$5,000.

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SPIRIT OF PROPHECY WORKSHOPS:

Spirit of Prophecy Workshops were authorized by the 1969 Autumn Council to be held in April, 1970. In attempting to implement this action, it is felt it would be well for these workshops to be postponed. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That Spirit of Prophecy Workshops authorized for the month of April, 1970, be postponed until a more appropriate time following the General Conference session.

1970 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--SERVICE PERSONNEL:

The General Conference Officers have recommended additional personnel to attend the 1970 General Conference session.

VOTED, That Verna Slate, of the Treasury office, Jamie Trefz, of the Transportation office, and James Roberts be authorized to attend the 1970 General Conference session to assist in connection with the Treasury and Transportation office during the session.

HERBERT STOEGER -- PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division a call from the Pacific Union Conference for Herbert Stoeger, to connect with the Pacific Union College as Professor of Behavioral Science/German.

L. R. HALVORSEN--REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to L. R. Halvorsen, permanently returned from West Pakistan, a call to connect with the Review and Herald Publishing Association as Undertreasurer.

MARVELLA ANDERSON--COLORADO CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Marvella Anderson, Secretary to R. R. Bietz and located in the Voice of Prophecy Building, Glendale, California, a call from the Central Union Conference for her to serve as a Secretary in the Colorado Conference.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM GRAVATT--FEATHER RIVER HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Loma Linda University a call from the Pacific Union Conference for Mr. and Mrs. William Gravatt, to connect with the Northern California Conference for work in the Feather River Hospital, he as an X-ray Technician and she in Central Services.

EMIL E. BIETZ -- PERMANENT RETURN :

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Emil E. Bietz as of July 1, 1970, from the South American Division, at his request, for retirement; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Division. (Voted Feb. 26, 1970.)

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NORMAN E. (TED) CORBETT, D.D.S. -- RELEASED:

VOTED, That Norman E. (Ted) Corbett, D.D.S., be released from appointment to Guam for dental work, he having declined because of a large indebtedness.

#### PER BAKKELOKKEN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Per Bakkelokken from Pakistan to Northern Europe, as of Dec. 10, 1969, at his request for family educational reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

#### L. R. HALVORSEN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of L. R. Halvorsen from Pakistan, effective in June, 1970, at his request for family educational reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

#### MARVELLA ANN JACOBSON--ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Central California Conferences be requested to release Miss Marcella Ann Jacobson, and that she be invited to connect with the Northern European Division in the area of elementary education at the Ethiopian Adventist College in Kuyera, Ethiopia.

#### DORSEY LEE VAN HORN--GUAM:

VOTED, That Dorsey Lee Van Horn, now in the US Navy in Guam, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Dental Laboratory Technician for Guam.

#### DONALD W. BAILEY, D.D.S. -- GUAM:

VOTED, That Donald W. Bailey, D.D.S., of Takoma Park, Maryland, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as a Dentist for Guam.

#### ROBERT WAYNE HAUSER, M.D. -- FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, That Robert Wayne Hauser, M.D., of Reno, Nevada, be invited to serve as a Physician/Anaesthesiologist for the Far Eastern Division.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

E. H. Atchley--Lincoln, Nebraska, Youth Temperance Council, April 21-25; Worcester, Massachusetts, Southern New England Conference-wide Youth Congress, May 2;

O. A. Blake--Andrews University, Budget Committee, April 22-24; Oakwood College, Executive Board, May 20; Riverside Hospital, Executive Board, May 21;

W. P. Bradley--Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood College Board, April 13; Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Hospital Board and Commission on Black Unions, April 14, 15; Lincoln, Nebraska, Christian Record Survey and Board, April 21-23;

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W. P. Bradley (concluded)--Portland, Oregon, Committee on Unifying Home Health Education Service, April 30 (will remain on West Coast); Loma Linda, California, Loma Linda University Officers and Board, May 17-19;

W. W. Fordham--Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Executive Board, May 21; South Central Conference, speaking appointments, May 20-23;

Richard Hill--Des Moines, Lowa, Insurance business (additional stop but not additional time), April 19-May 5;

C. B. Hirsch--Kettering, Ohio, Kettering Medical Center Constiauency and visit schools, March 22, 23;

G. M. Hyde--Andrews University, Ministerial Training Advisory Committee, April 21, 22;

D. S. Johnson--Dallas, Guadalajara, Los Angeles, Loma Linda, San Diego, overseas recruitment, filming survey, April 5-19;

Jonah Kumalae--Toronto, Ontario, Insurance Accounting and Statistical Meeting, June 7-10;

Lowell Litten--Portland, Oregon, and La Sierra College, coordination of program for second Sabbath of General Conference session, March 24-31 (extension of trip voted for Medical Cadet Corps Camps--between camps which are March 13-23 and April 1-12);

A. C. McKee--Denver, Colorado, National Conference on Christian Philanthropy and speaking appointments, April 1-4;

V. M. Montalban--Chicago, Illinois, dedicatory service for Oriental Church and other appointments, May 23-30;

C. E. Moseley, Jr. -- Huntsville, Alabama, weekend services, March 26-29;

R. H. Pierson--Covington, Kentucky, church dedication, April 11;

H. E. Rice--Santa Anna, Texas, Santa Anna Hospital Board, March 25; Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Hospital Board, April 14;

H. D. Singleton--Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood College Board, April 13; Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Hospital Board, April 14, 15;

F. A. Soper--Loma Linda University, lecture at Institute of Scientific Studies for Prevention of Alcoholism, June 29-July 5;

E. H. J. Steed--Andrews University, lecture at Institute of Scientific Studies for Prevention of Alcoholism, July 21-28;

Jack Wetmore--Des Moines, Iowa, Insurance business (additional stop but not additional time, April 19-May 5).

#### ROBERT COLLINS -- AIR TRAVEL CARD:

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

VOTED, To authorize a North American air travel card for Robert Collins, employed in the General Conference Insurance office.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COURT CASE:

The Pacific Union and Central California Conferences have requested the General Conference to join in the division of costs on finance of a court case for Dewey Blodgett, of Gilroy, California. He is a dairy worker, and has been challenged by the labor union. The Central California Conference is desirous to go ahead in every way possible to protect his religious rights. On recommendation of the Religious Liberty Court Cases Committee, it was--

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VOTED, That the General Conference join with the Pacific Union and Central California Conferences in the expense of protecting the interests of Dewey Blodgett, in harmony with the policy.

#### AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION--

AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE AIRPLANE:

A request has come from the Australasian Division for approval of the use of a new airplane donated for use in the New Guinea/Solomon Islands area. In harmony with a recommendation from the Standing Committee on Airplanes Operated by the Denomination, it was--

VOTED, To grant permission to the Australasian Division to operate an Aztec "D" airplane, donated to be used in the New Guinea/Solomon Islands area.

Adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

Neal C. Wilson, Chairman D. S. Johnson, Secretary Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

## Two Hundred Fifty-Second Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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

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#### **PRESENT:**

R. H. Pierson, D. S. Johnson, Carson F. Adams, W. Melvin Adams, J. J. Aitken, D. H. Baasch, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, F. L. Bland, W. P. Bradley, Theodore Carcich, N. R. Dower, J. E. Edwards, W. W. Fordham, R. R. Frame, C. O. Franz, T. S. Geraty, C. E. Guenther, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, C. B. Hirsch, D. W. Hunter, Gordon M. Hyde, J. C. Kozel, Caris H. Lauda, M. E. Loewen, D. A. McAdams, A. C. McKee, E. L. Minchin, V. M. Montalban, C. E. Moseley, Jr., Lawrence M. Nelson, C. E. Palmer, E. W. Pedersen, W. E. Phillips, R. H. Pierson, M. H. Reeder, Fernon Retzer, L. B. Reynolds, V. W. Schoen, W. R. L. Scragg, J. V. Scully, H. D. Singleton, F. A. Soper, E. H. J. Steed, E. W. Tarr, R. S. Watts, A. L. White, Neal C. Wilson, K. H. Wood

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl H. Bahr, D. A. Delafield, N. W. Litchfield, W. A. Martin, Philip S. Nelson, M.D.; Roy R. Brown and George R. Earle, from the Northeastern Conference

### DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Theodore Carcich offered the opening prayer.

<u>R. H. Pierson</u>, Chairman, said that very frequently we read of the Saviour that when He looked over a large group of people His heart was moved with compassion. In this land of America, where we have so much, and where there is much evidence of affluence, we are to keep our hearts warm and tender toward areas that do not have as much as we have. Our hearts need to be moved with compassion for those who are out at the ends of the earth. This is a worldwide program --not just here in this great land of America and Canada. We are proud of our nation and all, but we need to keep our eyes out to the ends of the earth as well. Let us not forget those who have less of these things out in other lands.

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

## E. E. BIETZ--

NAME RECOMMENDED TO SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE:

E. E. Bietz, Medical Secretary of the South American Division, has been voted a permanent return. He has served as a hospital administrator, spent five years in South America, and all together has given 42 years of service to the denomination. A request for sustentation has been received from him.

VOTED, That the name of E. E. Bietz be passed on to the Sustentation Committee for favorable consideration.

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## 1970 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--DELEGATES:

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

VOTED, That the following-named persons be recommended to be seated as delegates to the Fifty-First Session of the General Conference, under the 25 per-cent provision made in the <u>General Conference Constitution</u>, Article III, Section 3-<u>b</u>: L. J. Harju and P. P. Schuil, of the Northern European Division; and L. A. Ramirez and D. J. Von Pohle, of the Inter-American Division.

#### HAROLD NEMBHARD--CANADA:

The Canadian Union Conference has requested the services of Harold Nembhard, of the West Indies Union Conference, for Spring evangelistic meetings in the Ontario-Quebec Conference, for approximately three months.

VOTED, To pass on to the Inter-American Division the invitation from the Canadian Union Conference for Harold Nembhard, of the West Indies Union Conference, to go to Canada for a three-month evangelistic campaign, in the Ontario-Quebec Conference; on the basis of arrangements which have been worked out by the Canadian Union Conference and the Inter-American Division.

## BRUCE RONK--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and Union College a call for Bruce Ronk, to teach in Andrews University as Assistant Professor of English.

#### WM. MILTON LEE--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, To authorize a furlough extension of approximately two months or to June 25, 1970, which will include attendance at the General Conference session, for Wm. Milton Lee, from the South China Island Union Mission; in harmon, with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

## B. HERBERT STICKLE, JR. -- FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, To authorize a furlough extension of three months, which will include attendance at the 1970 General Conference session, or to August, 1970, for B. Herbert Stickle, Jr., from India; in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

#### RICHARD P. FABER -- SPECIAL FURLOUCH:

VOTED, To authorize a special furlough of ten weeks for Richard P. Faber, from North Nigeria, for personal and family reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Northern European Division.

#### JAMES A. EDGECOMBE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of James A. Edgecombe, from the South Caribbean Conference, as of April 5, 1970, on his request, due to a health problem in his family; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

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HOWARD CHEESEMAN--REPATRIATED TO CANADA:

VOTED, To authorize the repatriation of Howard Cheeseman to Canada from the West Indies College, for personal reasons; in harmony with the agreement made with Brother Cheeseman when he was called from England to the West Indies College, and with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

DONALD ROBERT WATTS -- PERMANENT RETURN :

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Donald Robert Watts from Singapore, at his request, for family educational reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

PHILIP E. GIDDINGS -- PERMANENT RETURN :

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Philip E. Giddings from the Ivory Coast, West Africa, as of June, 1970; in harmony with the recommendation of the Northern European Division. Elder Giddings has given sixteen years of service in West Africa.

HARVEY E. HEIDINGER, M.D. -- PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Harvey E. Heidinger, M.D., from Dessie, Ethiopia, January 1971, at his request, to provide educational facilities for the children; and for personal reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Northern European Division.

F. J. CRUMP--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of F. J. Crump from Spicer Memorial College, India, for family educational reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

CHILE CASPE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Chile Caspe, a Teacher at the Maxwell Preparatory School, East African Union, to the Far Eastern Division, at her request for personal reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the East African Union.

#### CLINTON L. VON POHLE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Clinton L. Von Pohle be released from the call to be Industrial Coordinator of the West Indies College, in Jamaica, inasmuch as he is unable to go for the time desired.

EDWIN EISLE -- NORTHEAST BRAZIL MISSION:

VOTED, To transfer the assignment of Edwin Eisle, under appointment to Bihar, India, in the Southern Asia Division, to be Lay Activities, Sabbath School, and Radio-TV Secretary of the Northeast Brazil Mission, in the South American Division. Because of visa problems it was not possible for him to enter India.

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BRUNHILDE PAULSEN--SONGA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for Miss Brunhilde Paulsen, a Nurse, formerly of the Central European Division, now serving at Gland, Switzerland, to serve as a Nurse in the Songa Hospital, Congo Republic; with the request that the Southern European Division process the call.

ELLSON MUJUNGU--TANZANIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the East African Union a call from the Trans-Africa Division for Ellson Mujungu, to serve in the Mto-Wa-Mbu Dispensary, in Tanzania; with the request that the East African Union process the call.

TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION--CALLS FOR TEACHERS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division a request from the Trans-Africa Division for two teachers, one to serve in the Kivoga College and the other in the Gitwe College, under the technical assistance program of the French and Belgian Governments; and with the understanding they will be supported by this program.

TURID MOLLER--WEST PAKISTAN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division a call from the Southern Asia Division for Miss Turid Moller, of Denmark, to serve as a Physiotherapist at Karachi Hospital, in West Pakistan.

GARY D. FRESK--MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College be requested to release Gary D. Fresk, and that he be invited to connect with the Middle East Division as Head of the Music Department Middle East College.

TREVOR COLIN GREIVE, M.D. -- NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION:

VOTED, That in harmony with arrangements worked out with the Australasian Division, Trevor Colin Greive, M.D. of Australia, be placed under deferred appointment to the Northern European Division, under provisions in the policy for Residency Training for Prospective Missionary Physicians--Overseas Divisions. It is understood he will be available for service about mid-1972.

PAUL GILBERT JOHNSON, M.D. -- NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION:

VOTED, That Paul Gilbert Johnson, M.D., now interning at the White Memorial Medical Center, be placed under deferred medical appointment to the Northern European Division.

ARTHUR E. GESCHKE, M.D.--NIGERIA:

VOTED, To record the appointment of Arthur E. Geschke, M.D., of Fresno, California, as a relief Physician for the Ile-Ife Adventist Hospital in Nigeria, for two months, beginning about July, 1970.

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## W. FRED RILEY--ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, That W. Fred Riley, a former worker in West Africa, now in La Sierra, California, be invited to connect with the Northern European Division as Science Teacher for the Akaki School in Ethiopia.

#### CHRISTOPHER D. CUMINGS -- NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION:

VOTED, That Christopher D. Cumings, a senior medical student at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, be placed under deferred appointment to the Northern European Division; on the basis of a national.

#### CHRISTOPHER ADEOYE -- NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION:

VOTED, That Christopher Adeoye, a senior medical student at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, be placed under deferred appointment to the Northern European Division; on the basis of a national.

#### FEKEDE GEMECHU--NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION:

VOTED, That Fekede Gemechu, a senior medical student at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, be placed under deferred appointment to the Northern European Division; on the basis of a national.

## C. DUNBAR HENRI--EAST AFRICAN UNION:

VOTED, That the Southern Union and South Atlantic Conferences be requested to release C. Dunbar Henri, of Atlanta, Georgia, and that he be invited to serve as President of the East African Union. Elder Henri previously served nineteen years in West Africa.

## VIVIAN CHRISTENSEN--CENTRAL AFRICAN UNION:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences berequested to release Vivian Christensen of San Diego Academy, and that she be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as Girls' Worker for the Rwankeri School, in the Central African Union.

#### ROBERT F. CHAPMAN--ZAMBIA:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Northern California Conferences be requested to release Robert F. Chapman, of the Rio Lindo Academy faculty, and that he be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as Plant Superintendent of the Mwami Hospital, Zambia.

#### JAMES M. CRAWFORD, D.D.S.--GUAM:

VOTED, That the Atlantic Union and Southern New England Conferences be requested to release James M. Crawford, D.D.S., and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Dentist for the Far Eastern Island Mission Clinic, on Guam.

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GEORGE ERIC STONECYPHER -- GUAM ACADEMY :

VOTED, That George Eric Stonecypher, soon to graduate from Walla Walla College, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Science-Mathematics Teacher for the Guam Mission Academy.

CONNIE BEEBE--BANGKOK, THAILAND:

VOTED, That the Southwestern Union Conference and Southwestern Junior College be requested to release Miss Connie Beebe, Assistant Dean of Women at SJC, and that she be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Elementary Teacher at Bangkok, Thailand.

WILLIAM G. JENSEN--TRINIDAD:

VOTED, That William G. Jensen, permanently returned from the Far Eastern Division, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Maintenance Engineer for the Port-of-Spain Community Hospital, in Trinidad.

BARBARA HUDGINS --GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to Faith for Today a call for Miss Barbara Hudgins, to connect with the General Conference office as a Secretary in the Department of Health.

GERHARD SUCKERT--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

On request of the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To approve the plan for Gerhard Suckert, Pastor of the German Church in Glendale, California, to take a leave of absence to his homeland, Germany.

**APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:** 

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

F. L. Bland--Murfreesboro, Tennessee, speaking appointments, April 10, 11; Huntsville, Alabama, Oakwood College Committee Meeting and Board Meeting, April 12, 13; Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Hospital Board and Southern Publishing Association Board, April 14, 15;

E. E. Cleveland--Detroit, Michigan, speaking appointments at Burns Avenue Church, May 22, 23;

Amos Crowder--Marinette, Wisconsin, Ansul Training School for Fire Extension, May 10-14;

R. R. Hegstad--Chicago, Illinois, and Andrews University, Associated Church Press Convention and speaking appointment at Andrews, April 6-13;

C. B. Hirsch--Southwestern Union College, Commencement speaker, May 31;

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

Harry House--Miami and Orlando, Florida, Insurance business, April 18-24; James Joiner--Nashville, Tennessee, <u>Kit</u> business, April 12-17 (change

of dates from March 25-30, voted);

C. H. Lauda--Chicago, Illinois, meet with foreign language workers, May 27 (en route to camp meeting in Iowa);

D. A. McAdams--Arlington, California, meet with Book and Bible House Managers, March 10-12 (extension of trip to Walla Walla);

C. E. Moseley, Jr.--Oakwood College, speaker at Alumni Homecoming Weekend, March 27-29; Jacksonville, Florida, church revival, April 18-25;

H. D. Singleton--South Central Conférence, Constituency Meeting and Sabbath appointment, March 27-29; South Central Conference, speaking appointments, May 9-20;

F. A. Soper--San Antonio, Texas, <u>Listen</u> editorial assignments, March 22-24; Pacific Press, in connection with Loma Linda Institute, July 7-9;

J. R. Spangler--Stoneham, Massachusetts, special weekend meetings at New England Memorial Hospital Church, May 8, 9;

C. D. Watson--Pacific Press, in connection with Loma Linda Institute, July 7-9.

Adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

R. H. Pierson, ChairmanD. S. Johnson, SecretaryKatie Farney, Recording Secretary