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Two Hundred Sixty-Sixth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 4, 1970, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

R. R. Bietz, W. P. Bradley, Carson F. Adams, W. Melvin Adams, J. J. Aitken, Euel Atchley, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, F. L. Bland, W. J. Brown, M. V. Campbell, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cleveland, N. R. Dower, J. E. Edwards, K. H. Emmerson, A. A. Esteb, R. R. Frame, C. O. Franz, A. Edwin Gibb, J. O. Gibson, W. J. Hackett, M. Carol Hetzell, C. B. Hirsch, D. W. Holbrook, E. W. Howse, D. W. Hunter, Gordon Hyde, D. S. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, Caris H. Lauda, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, C. D. Martin, D. A. McAdams, A. C. McKee, E. L. Minchin, C. E. Moseley, Jr., Boardman Noland, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, R. H. Pierson, A. V. Pinkney, M. H. Reeder, Fernon Retzer, L. B. Reynolds, V. W. Schoen, W. R. L. Scragg, H. D. Singleton, Clark Smith, P. G. Smith, W. M. Starks, E. H. J. Steed, R. F. Waddell, M.D., R. S. Watts, A. L. White, Herbert White, Neal C. Wilson; and the Overseas Division Officers

OTHERS PRESENT:

W. J. Cannon, H. E. Douglass, N. W. Litchfield, W. L. Murrill

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

The Chairman, R. R. Bietz, said that at this time there is an exodus from all over the world to Atlantic City. There have been months of preparation. reports have been written, display booths have been set up, sermons have been prepared and hotel reservations have been made. There is one thing that overshadows all this preparation, and that is to share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Elder Bietz read two paragraphs from Gospel Workers, page 289, concerning the power and influence of the Holy Spirit. One outstanding sentence reads as follows: "Those who are under the influence of the Spirit of God will not be fanatical, but calm and steadfast, free from extravagance in thought, word, or deed." Let us unite our hearts in prayer that this spirit may be with us here this morning; that we may be mighty men of God.

Opening prayer by R. S. Watts.

MINUTES of the meeting held May 28, 1970, were approved.

STUDENT MISSIONARY PROGRAM--
ORIENTATION COURSE:

A large number of our young people have gone out to serve in mission fields in various stations, as teachers and in evangelistic outreach. The number is increasing. It is desirable that some effort be made to prepare these young

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people for these experiences by a student missionary orientation program. On recommendation of the Home and Overseas Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the following Committee be appointed to prepare a Student Missionary Orientation Course in the Summer of 1970, ~~as follows~~: D. S. Johnson, Chairman; D. H. Baasch, Secretary; Walton J. Brown, J. H. Hancock, W. L. Pascoe, G. Oosterwal, of Andrews University; and Elton H. Wallace, of Pacific Union College; and that the Committee be called at a convenient time to prepare this course.

G. ROSSI--SEMINAR AT ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

G. Rossi is Public Relations, Radio-TV and Religious Liberty Secretary of the Italian Union Mission. On request of the General Conference Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department, it was--

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division a request that arrangements be made for G. Rossi to go to Andrews University following the General Conference session, to attend a Religious Liberty Seminar on Calendar Reform in the Vatican.

TRANSFER OF LOMA LINDA FOODS:

On October 24, 1968, an action was taken by the General Conference Committee approving the transfer of Loma Linda Foods from the Pacific Union Conference to the General Conference. At the 1969 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee further consideration was given to the transfer, and eleven points were agreed upon in order to carry out the arrangements. No. 6 set up a General Board of Management. At that time action was also taken that the transfer of Loma Linda Foods to the General Conference be effective January 1, 1970. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To approve the transfer of all assets of LOMA LINDA FOODS from the Pacific Union Conference to the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists subject to liabilities, and to authorize continuation of LOMA LINDA FOODS BUSINESS under the ownership of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists by and through a separate general Board of Directors appointed for said purpose by the General Conference Committee. That said transfer shall be effective as of July 1, 1970. It was further--

VOTED, To authorize R. R. Bietz, Chairman; E. M. Howse, Vice-Chairman, and C. P. Miles, Secretary of the General Board of Management, to participate in signing the necessary documents to effect the transfer.

GAINES PARTRIDGE--

ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Oakwood College a call from Atlantic Union College for Gaines Partridge, to serve as Professor of Education.

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ROBERT DALE HYDE--
GENERAL CONFERENCE TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, To pass on to Robert Dale Hyde, permanently returned from the Middle East Division, a call to work in the General Conference Temperance Department.

ROWENA RICK--
GENERAL CONFERENCE TREASURY DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Rowena Rick, permanently returned from the Far Eastern Division, a call to connect with the General Conference as Administrative Office Assistant in the Treasury Department.

A. G. ZYTKOSKEE--GENERAL CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union Conference and Kettering Medical Center a call for A. G. Zytkoskee, to connect with the General Conference as Personnel Director.

RUBY JONES--REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Ruby Jones, a Secretary in the General Conference Regional Department, a call to connect with the Review and Herald Publishing Association as a Secretary in the Review Editorial Office.

MRS. PATRICIA ELLEN GRIFFIN--
VOICE OF PROPHECY:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Washington Conferences a call for Mrs. Patricia Ellen Griffin, to connect with the Voice of Prophecy as IBM operator in the Word Processing Center.

JAMES VAN ARSDALE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of James Van Arsdale, son of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Van Arsdale, from Taipei, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

MRS. WARREN W. RAMSDELL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Mrs. Warren W. Ramsdell and the children from Tanzania, because of the tragic death of Warren W. Ramsdell; in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

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D. C. BEARDSSELL--
PERMANENT RETURN TO ENGLAND:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return to England of D. C. Beardsell from the Central African Union, after some fifteen years of service, at his request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

CAROL MARIE MATTISON--ACTION RESCINDED:

VOTED, To rescind the action taken July 3, 1969, granting permanent return to Carol Marie Mattison, daughter of Elder and Mrs. W. H. Mattison, now on furlough from India. They feel she should remain longer with them.

BRUCE BAKER, M.D.--RELIEF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To record the arrangement for Bruce Baker, M.D., of Inglewood, California, for relief service for three weeks in Jamaica and six weeks in Guyana, filling emergency situations.

JOHN DEE FLETCHER, M.D.--MONTEMORELOS, MEXICO:

VOTED, That John Dee Fletcher, M.D., of Aberdeen, Washington, be invited to connect with the Inter American Division as Surgeon/Medical Director of the Montemorelos Hospital, Montemorelos, Mexico.

ARTHUR CAMPBELL MILLER, M.D.--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Arthur Campbell Miller, M.D., of Days Creek, Oregon, be placed under deferred appointment to the Inter American Division as Surgeon for Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico, to be available in 1972.

ROGER NELSON, M.D.--BANGKOK SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Roger Nelson, M.D., of Stoneham, Massachusetts, give three-weeks' relief service at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. It is understood there are no financial obligations involved.

ALVIN E. DAHL, M.D.--SAIGON:

VOTED, To record the relief medical appointment of Alvin E. Dahl, M.D., of Englewood, Colorado, to serve six months in Saigon, beginning October 15, 1970, according to arrangements worked out.

BELINDA B. BADER--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union and Upper Columbia Conferences be requested to release Miss Belinda B. Bader, Dean of Girls at Upper Columbia Academy, to serve as a worker in the Treasury, Far Eastern Division headquarters, Singapore.

Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

R. R. Bietz, Chairman
W. P. Bradley, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Two Hundred Sixty-Seventh Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 11, 1970, 4:00 P.M.

The meeting was held in the Convention Hall, Room 20, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

R. H. Pierson, W. R. Beach, A. Aeschlimann, B. L. Archbold, D. H. Baasch, B. B. Beach, R. R. Bietz, W. J. Blacker, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, Manfred Boettcher, L. F. Bohner, J. W. Bothe, W. P. Bradley, T. Carcich, W. T. Collins, P. H. Eldridge, W. Duncan Eva, R. R. Figuhr, C. O. Franz, A. Edwin Gibb, Otto Gmehling, Carl Guenther, Richard Hammill, John Hancock, Tulio Haylock, D. W. Hunter, R. L. Jacobs, D. S. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, B. E. Leach, M. E. Lind, Chas. D. Martin, Glenn Maxson, D. A. McAdams, M. L. Mills, V. M. Montalban, C. E. Moseley, Jr., W. E. Murray, L. C. Naden, Lawrence M. Nelson, R. H. Nightingale, M. S. Nigri, A. R. Norcliffe, R. E. Osborn, W. L. Pascoe, W. E. Phillips, C. L. Powers, R. M. Reinhard, H. E. Rice, A. H. Riffel, Arthur H. Roth, H. H. Schmidt, Clark Smith, C. L. Taylor, H. Vogel, E. R. Walde, H. S. Walters, R. S. Watts, R. S. Watts, Jr., F. C. Webster, F. W. Wernick, K. W. Whitney, Roger A. Wilcox, Neal C. Wilson, and others

OTHERS PRESENT:

W. J. Harris, M. J. Sorensen

Opening prayer by Manfred Boettcher, President of the Union of Seventh-day Adventists in the German Democratic Republic.

EDITOR SIGNS OF THE TIMES MAGAZINE:

On page 127 of the Working Policy it states that in North America the appointment of all senior book editors and editors of the principal denominational journals shall be approved by the General Conference Committee.

A. S. Maxwell has served as Editor of the Signs of the Times Magazine for many years, with great distinction. Since he has now retired, the Pacific Press Publishing Association Board have given consideration to the appointment of an Editor for the Signs of the Times. They have appointed Mervyn Maxwell, head of the Church History Department at Andrews University. Prior to his connection with Andrews University, Mervyn Maxwell had experience as a Pastor-Evangelist, also as Professor of Theology and Bible at Union College.

VOTED, To approve the appointment of Mervyn Maxwell as Editor of the Signs of the Times; and to pass on to Andrews University the call from the Pacific Press Publishing Association for him to serve in this position.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION, 1975:

In consideration of the numerous meetings that have been held recently, and the apparent need for some others on a regional or continental basis; and considering, too, that the postponing of a world session would result in some over-all financial saving at a time when inflationary costs make the financial outlook of the world uncertain and lay a heavy strain upon denominational budgets in many fields and institutions, it was--

VOTED, That the next session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists be postponed one year and be held in 1975; with the understanding:

1. That any further postponement be in harmony with the provision of Article IX, Section 1, of the Constitution;
2. That the location of the next session be decided at the 1970 Autumn Council.

DELEGATIONS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE--
RECOMMENDATIONS RE:

VOTED, To recommend to the Fifty-First Session Committee on Constitution and Bylaws--

1. That the ratio of one to 2,000 in computing the number of delegates to the General Conference session, appearing in Article III, Section 5 a, of the Constitution, be changed to one in 2,200;
2. That the ratio of one to 12,000 in computing the number of delegates on the Nominating Committee of the General Conference session, as set forth in Article II, Section 2 a of the Bylaws, be changed to one in 15,000.

ARTHUR S. MAXWELL--
APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE:

VOTED, To express to Arthur S. Maxwell, retired Editor of the Signs of the Times, deep appreciation for his long service and great contribution to the Advent Message; and that recognition of this service be taken note of at the Fifty-First Session of the General Conference.

Adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

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

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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First Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 21, 1970, 8:00 A.M.

The meeting was held in the Convention Hall Ballroom, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

R. H. Pierson, C. O. Franz, L. L. Bock, Carson Adams, G. O. Adams, R. E. Adams, James J. Aitken, E. Amelung, B. L. Archbold, David H. Baasch, R. Curtis Barger, Maurice T. Battle, B. B. Beach, W. R. Beach, W. J. Blacker, F. L. Bland, L. F. Bohner, J. W. Bothe, C. E. Bradford, A. H. Brandt, Oswald Bremer, Walton J. Brown, R. B. Caldwell, Theodore Carcich, W. T. Clark, M. M. Claveria, E. E. Cleveland, W. T. Collins, C. G. Cross, Ralph M. Davidson, N. R. Dower, P. H. Eldridge, G. M. Ellstrom, K. H. Emmerson, W. Duncan Eva, W. A. Fagal, A. C. Fearing, V. A. Fenn, S. L. Folkenberg, W. W. Fordham, R. R. Frame, V. E. Garber, Edwin Gibb, Jesse O. Gibson, Richard E. Green, C. B. Guild, C. E. Guenther, W. J. Hackett, John Hancock, Tulio R. Haylock, Roland Hegstad, R. H. Henning, C. D. Henri, Mazie A. Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, Bekele Heye, I. D. Higgins, F. Hildebrandt, Charles B. Hirsch, D. W. Holbrook, W. A. Howe, D. W. Hunter, Gordon M. Hyde, Ray L. Jacobs, A. J. Johanson, D. S. Johnson, Harry D. Johnson, Odd Jordal, M. E. Kemmerer, W. L. Kilroy, P. N. Knudsen, B. J. Kohler, John C. Kozel, Th. Kristensen, Caris H. Lauda, Ben J. Liebelt, M. E. Lind, M. E. Loewen, Alf Lohne, R. S. Lowry, Hartley B. Ludden, J. Madsen, R. F. Mattison, W. H. Mattison, George W. Maywald, D. A. McAdams, A. C. McKee, Garland J. Millet, S. Moctezuma, V. M. Montalban, C. E. Moseley, Jr.

Chas. J. Nagele, R. H. Nightingale, M. S. Nigri, B. Noland, A. Ray Norcliffe, Boyd E. Olson, Robert E. Osborn, Hugo Palm, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, Em. W. Pedersen, Jewell W. Peeke, A. V. Pinkney, C. L. Powers, Leo Ranzolin, Marvin H. Reeder, R. M. Reinhard, F. Retzer, Louis B. Reynolds, Arthur H. Roth, Cree Sandefur, C. E. Schmidt, W. M. Schneider, V. W. Schoen, W. R. L. Scragg, James V. Scully, B. E. Seton, H. N. Sheffield, M.D., Lewis A. Shipowick, H. D. Singleton, Clark Smith, Glenn E. Smith, Paul G. Smith, Frances A. Soper, J. R. Spangler, Walter M. Starks, E. H. J. Steed, B. H. Stickle, I. V. Stonebrook, Carl Sundin, Paul Sundquist, E. W. Tarr, K. W. Tilghman, George Vandeman, H. Vogel, Ralph F. Waddell, William Wagner, E. R. Walde, H. S. Walters, Ralph Watts, Jr., Ralph S. Watts, Sr., F. C. Webster, C. C. Weis, F. W. Wernick, Herbert White, K. W. Whitney, Bruce M. Wickwire, Roger A. Wilcox, Neal C. Wilson, Kenneth H. Wood, Jean Zurcher

OTHERS PRESENT:

N. W. Litchfield,

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DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Opening prayer by R. H. Henning, of Tanzania, East Africa.

R. H. Pierson, Chairman, read Matt. 17: 8, 9, as a text of Scripture taken from the experience of Jesus and the disciples after the tremendous experience which had occurred on the Mount of Transfiguration. It says, "And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead." Elder Pierson called attention to the following points:

(1) They saw no man save Jesus only. In our pre-session meetings we were given a new vision of our crucified, risen, and soon-coming Lord. These fine meetings helped to set the tone and create the atmosphere for a good General Conference session. (2) They came down from the mount. Yesterday was a high day. We were aware of the sweet presence of the Lord as we met all day. Now today we come down from the mount. But it must not be to a lower spiritual plain. Every day we must be conscious of the presence of the Spirit of God. We are going back into the field and work, we will be coming into grips with the problems and the challenge of the times. But we must keep the sense of His presence tho' we have come down from the mount. I would change the words of the Master, and say, Tell the vision to every man. This is our challenge as we go back to our people.

Elder Pierson said probably mistakes have been made. He suggested that the delegates write down things they feel would be helpful for the next session in 1975. In the pressure of the program during the last ten days, we want to be sure this morning that everything is all right. We have been under pressure. Sometimes we had to move things along rather rapidly. We will try to do better. If quick decisions were made on the spur of the moment instead of with wider counsel, we were pressed and there were many suggestions. We had to move ahead on the spot. If anybody was wounded or offended, please forgive me, and in the usual program I will try to work things out more in counsel in future under normal conditions.

I would have liked, last night, to have made another appeal for racial unity and progress, and spelt out some of the problems we face; and certainly I would like to have said there were no simple answers to those problems. There will be new ones during the next few years. Elder Pierson suggested the field leaders select the problems in their fields and set up machinery that will seek solutions in these areas.

I would like to have made an appeal to our youth, to connect them with us and to give them a part in our program.

I would like to have spoken concerning officer and departmental leadership co-operation and relationships, and our hopes during the next five years. We have taken a number of steps that have been helpful. We value the leadership of our dedicated departmental leaders, not only in the General Conference but throughout the world. I am talking to every leader in this group--officer or departmental. We must get our aims and objectives of this church before us. The servant of the Lord has a great deal to say about these things. So far as I am concerned, this is the

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blueprint. If there was ever a time we needed it and to stay close to it, it is now. Elder Pierson invited the members to write to him, or better yet to Arthur White, for the material that has been assembled which deals with the aims, goals, and objectives of our publishing and medical institutions, to study it very carefully, and to keep it before the workers.

Another thing we need to keep in mind: To too many of us the church is coming to be just another church. Try to keep before the people of God around the world the fact that Seventh-day Adventists are not just another church, that it is the movement of God with the message of God in this hour.

As he closed, Elder Pierson invited the members to send him a list of anything that we can do better in the next General Conference session. He said, We are thinking of having the next General Conference session outside of North America. There are two or three places we are thinking about for an Autumn Council. At present we are looking forward to Mexico City or Europe for our 1972 Biennial Council. The General Conference may be held perhaps in Europe or some other place. We are thinking rather seriously about both of these possibilities.

And "they saw no man, save Jesus only," when they came down from the mount. May God bless us as we move into the next quintennium.

MINUTES of the meetings held June 4 and 11, 1970, were approved.

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE--
ELECTIVE MEMBERS:

For some time the policy provided for the appointment of 25 elective members of the General Conference Committee. At the 1966 General Conference session provision was made for a number not to exceed 35 elective members to be appointed.

VOTED, That the following persons be appointed as elective members of the General Conference Committee:

George Akers	V. E. Garber	Boardman Noland
O. A. Blake	O. Cmebling	W. E. Phillips
W. P. Bradley	Frank W. Hale, Jr.	R. J. Radcliffe
M. V. Campbell	Theodore Lucas	R. L. Reynolds
C. G. Cross	E. L. Minchin	A. H. Roth
J. E. Edwards	R. W. Morris	R. S. Watts
W. A. Fagal	A. G. Munson	F. C. Webster
Marius Fridlin	G. R. Nash	A. L. White

Two pastors and three laymen are to be appointed at a later date for a two-year term.

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O. A. BLAKE--OVERSEAS VISIT:

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

VOTED, To approve of an overseas trip for O. A. Blake, former Under-treasurer of the General Conference Committee, from his home in Coalmont, Tennessee, to London, Salisbury, Beirut, and return.

VOICE OF PROPHECY, INC.--

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

VOTED, To appoint a Board of Trustees for the Voice of Prophecy, Inc., California Corporation, as follows:

R. R. Bietz, President	M. E. Kemmerer
W. J. Blacker, Vice-President	B. E. Leach
Robert L. Cone, Second Vice-President	R. H. Nightingale
Alvin G. Munson, Secretary	R. H. Pierson
David N. Hartman, Treasurer	Helmuth Retzer
J. J. Aitken	H. M. S. Richards, Jr.
Marian Barnard, M.D.	H. M. S. Richards, Sr.
F. L. Bland	Rudolph I. Rodriquez, M.D.
L. L. Bock	V. W. Schoen
J. L. Dittberner	W. R. L. Scragg
K. H. Emmerson	E. R. Walde
Herbert Ford	Neal C. Wilson
C. O. Franz	

The above-named Board of Trustees will serve also for the Voice of Prophecy, Inc., District of Columbia Corporation.

LOMA LINDA FOODS--

GENERAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:

VOTED, That the following-named persons serve as the General Board of Management for Loma Linda Foods:

R. R. Bietz, Chairman	M. C. Horning
W. J. Blacker, First Vice-Chairman	D. J. Keeler
E. W. Howse, Second Vice-Chairman	B. E. Leach
C. P. Miles, Secretary	A. G. Munson
M. E. Kemmerer	R. J. Radcliffe
C. E. Bradford	Rudolph I. Rodriquez, M.D.
Werner Carlson	Cree Sandefur
R. L. Cone	W. B. Walton,
J. E. Denehy	Neal C. Wilson
M. G. Hardinge, M.D.	

AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION:

In pursuance of the action of the Fifty-First Session of the General Conference on June 15, 1970, it was--

VOTED. That we insert in the General Conference Bylaws, Article I, Section 3, the name of the Afro-Mideast Division in place of the Middle East Division.

TRANS-MEDITERRANEAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To recommend to the 1970 Autumn Council that the General Conference Working Policy, Part II, Section I, Division Territories, page 26, be revised by the substitution of the name Trans-Mediterranean Division in place of the Southern European Division.

BRUCE BAKER, M.D.--NAME WITHDRAWN FROM APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That the name of Bruce Baker, M.D., be withdrawn from appointment as relief Physician for the Inter-American Division.

OSCAR ARLT, M.D.--TOKYO, JAPAN:

VOTED, That Oscar Arlt, M.D., of Fredricton, New Brunswick, Canada, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Physician for Tokyo, to go forward in May, 1971.

G. M. ELLSTROM--FRANCO-HAITIAN UNION MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Trans-Africa Division a call from the Inter-American Division for G. M. Ellstrom, President of the Congo Union, to be President of the Franco-Haitian Union Mission.

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SALIM JAPAS--ANTILLIAN COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Afro-Mideast Division a call for Salim Japas, a missionary now on furlough, to connect with the Inter-American Division as Head of the Theology Department, Antillian College.

PETER LUNA--ANTILLIAN COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the Central Union Conference and Union College be requested to release Peter Luna, and that he be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Instructor in Biblical Languages, Antillian College.

ROBERT WEAVER, M.D.--GUYANA:

VOTED, That Robert Weaver, M.D., of Gentry, Arkansas, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as relief Physician in the Davis Memorial Hospital, Guyana, from July 7 to August 5, 1970.

GORDON GILKES, M.D.--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Gordon Gilkes, M.D., permanently returned from the South American Division and now located at Loma Linda, California, be placed under deferred appointment, with the understanding he will go forward as soon as he has completed his residency.

B. E. JACOBS--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, That B. E. Jacobs, at present a departmental secretary in the Trans-Africa Division, be elected as YPMV Secretary of the Far Eastern Division; and that we pass on to the Trans-Africa Division a call for him to connect with the Far Eastern Division for service in this capacity.

HERMAN J. LAMBERTSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Herman J. Lambertson from the Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico, on his request for personal reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

THEODORE JOHN CLYDE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Theodore John Clyde, a son of Elder and Mrs. Reo Clyde, of South Vietnam, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

FRANK KOOS, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Frank Koos, M.D., a surgeon in Bangkok, Thailand, on his request for personal reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

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G. J. BERTOCHINI--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of G. J. Bertochini from the Far Eastern Division, he having been elected at the 1970 General Conference session to serve as an Associate Secretary in the General Conference Temperance Department.

L. A. SHIPOWICK--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of L. A. Shipowick from the Far Eastern Division, he having been elected at the 1970 General Conference session to serve as Associate Secretary in the General Conference Lay Activities Department.

GEORGE WIESSEMAN, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of George Wieseeman, M.D., from Bangkok, Thailand, on his request for personal reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

H. D. JOHNSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of H. D. Johnson from the Far Eastern Division, he having been elected by the 1970 General Conference session to serve as an Assistant Treasurer in the General Conference.

DOUGLAS K. BROWN--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, To authorize a two-weeks' extension of furlough for Douglas K. Brown from Taipei, Taiwan; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

F. C. WEBSTER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of F. C. Webster from the former Middle East Division, on his request for personal reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Division.

L. C. MILLER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of L. C. Miller from the former Middle East Division, on his request for personal reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Division.

R. C. MILLS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of R. C. Mills from the former Middle East Division, on his request for personal reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Division.

W. A. WILD--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of W. A. Wild from the former Southern European Division, on his request, in view of his desire to be retired;

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and that his name be referred to the Sustentation Committee for favorable consideration. It was further--

VOTED, To record an expression of gratitude to Elder and Mrs. W. A. Wild for a lifetime of service in our denominational work overseas.

B. J. KOHLER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of B. J. Kohler from the former Southern European Division, he having been elected at the 1970 General Conference session as an Assistant Treasurer in the General Conference.

M. T. BATTLE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of M. T. Battle from the Northern European Division, he having been elected at the 1970 General Conference session to serve as an Associate Secretary in the General Conference Lay Activities Department.

R. J. ALDRIDGE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of R. J. Aldridge from Taipei, Taiwan, because of a health problem; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

LAURELL PETERSON--

GENERAL CONFERENCE SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, To pass on to Andrews University a call for Miss Laurell Peterson, to connect with the General Conference Sabbath School Department as Assistant Secretary.

KENNETH R. LUTZ--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences a call for Kenneth R. Lutz, to connect with Loma Linda University as Associate Professor of Speech in the College of Arts and Sciences.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries as follows:

W. Melvin Adams--Jefferson City, Missouri, Religious Liberty problem, two days in early July;

Gordon Hyde--Denver, Colorado, Chaplains' Conference, July 20-23;

Milo Sawvel--Ashburnham, Massachusetts (Camp Winnekeag), Literature Evangelist Rally, August 27-30;

Paul Smith--Indiana Conference, Workers' Retreat, June 28, 29;

Michael Stevenson--to stop over in Washington, D.C., for a departmental meeting this week; the action included "also others";

Ella M. Stoneburner--Farmville, Virginia, Cooking School, July 5-9; Walla Walla College, Health Education Workshop, July 15-August 7.

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LAWRENCE MAXWELL--

EDITOR SIGNS OF THE TIMES:

VOTED, To approve the appointment of Lawrence Maxwell as Editor of the Signs of the Times, and to pass on to the Review and Herald Publishing Association a call from the Pacific Press Publishing Association for him to serve in this position.

CAMP-MEETING APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That R. R. Frame, who was elected as President of the Australasian Division, be released from camp-meeting appointments in the Ontario-Quebec and New York Conferences. It was further--

VOTED, That J. O. Iversen be requested to meet camp-meeting appointments in the Ontario-Quebec and New York Conferences.

PAWEL CIESLAR--

NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARY:

On recommendation of the Northern European Division, it was--

VOTED, That Pawel Cieslar, of the Polish Union Conference, be elected to serve as Sabbath School and Stewardship Secretary in the Northern European Division.

FAR EASTERN DIVISION--

COMMITTEE TO STUDY PERSONNEL:

The 1970 General Conference session took an action requesting that study be given to the personnel in the Far Eastern Division. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the following-named persons comprise a Committee to meet at the General Conference Office on Monday morning, June 22, 1970, to give consideration to Far Eastern Division personnel: W. J. Hackett, E. A. Capobres, David Chu, P. H. Eldridge, D. S. Johnson, H. D. Johnson, Y. Okafuji, R. H. Pierson.

BOARD MEETINGS:

VOTED, To authorize changes in Board Meetings as follows:

The Pacific Press Publishing Association Board, now scheduled for September 9, to meet September 10, 1970; and the Voice of Prophecy Board, now scheduled for September 10, to meet September 11, 1970.

STATEMENT ON PEACE:

Careful consideration was given to a Statement on Peace which has come from the Plans Committee of the General Conference session. A number of suggestions were made as to its improvement.

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VOTED, That we ask a special Committee to take this statement under special consideration, with the understanding it will be presented in a future meeting of the General Conference Committee. Committee appointed: W. J. Hackett, Chairman; W. R. Beach, Theodore Carcich, W. R. L. Scragg, B. E. Seton, Clark Smith, and K. H. Wood.

Adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

R. H. Pierson, Chairman
C. O. Franz,
L. L. Bock, Secretaries
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Second Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 25, 1970, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

R. H. Pierson, C. E. Bradford, R. E. Adams, W. Melvin Adams, J. J. Aitken, R. Curtis Barger, F. L. Bland, W. J. Brown, Theodore Carcich, N. R. Dower, K. H. Emmerson, W. Duncan Eva, A. C. Fearing, W. W. Fordham, R. R. Frame, C. O. Franz, A. Edwin Gibb, J. O. Gibson, C. E. Guenther, W. J. Hackett, J. H. Hancock, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, C. B. Hirsch, W. A. Howe, E. W. Howse, D. W. Hunter, Gordon M. Hyde, D. S. Johnson, H. D. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, B. J. Kohler, J. C. Kozel, Caris H. Lauda, M. E. Loewen, C. D. Martin, D. A. McAdams, A. C. McKee, V. M. Montalban, C. E. Moseley, Jr., Lawrence M. Nelson, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, E. W. Pedersen, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, A. V. Pinkney, L. S. Ranzolin, Fernon Retzer, V. W. Schoen, H. D. Singleton, J. R. Spangler, W. M. Starks, E. H. J. Steed, Michael Stevenson, I. V. Stonebrook, E. W. Tarr, G. E. Vandeman, R. F. Waddell, M.D., R. S. Watts, F. C. Webster, Neal C. Wilson, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

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

R. H. Pierson, Chairman, read from Testimonies for the Church, Volume 6, page 22, two paragraphs under the topic "The Work for This Time." The quotation begins with the words--"Sound an alarm throughout the length and breadth of the earth. Tell the people that the day of the Lord is near and hasteth greatly."

This is the work of our headquarters office. We reach out to the ends of the earth. These are times when we ought to be sounding an alarm. Tell the people of the world the time is near and hasteth greatly. In another place we are told that which we did not do in times of peace and prosperity, we will have to do under great and difficult circumstances. Things are closing up. There are lands closed to the gospel work, also certain aspects of the work in other lands where movements are restricted. We think of the complexity of our medical and educational problems, and of our immigration problems. Our missionaries have been sent out of certain lands. There is the difficulty with inflation tying up our resources in many cases. The Lord has told us these things are coming. We need to stay close to the counsel God has given us, and see that we are not remiss in bringing it to our people and challenging them. God help us to keep our "eyes fastened on Jesus our Leader, and patiently, perseveringly press on to gain the victory."

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INTRODUCTIONS :

John H. Hancock introduced two new Associate Secretaries in the YPMV Department, L. S. Ranzolin, from South America, and Michael Stevenson, who was a Pastor in San Antonio, Texas, and comes to us from South Africa.

V. M. Montalban introduced P. T. Reyes, Auditor of the North Philippine Union Mission. Elder Montalban served with him at the time he was President of the South Philippine Union Mission.

R. S. Watts introduced his son, Ralph S. Watts, Jr., who is now President of the Southeast Asia Union Mission.

A handclap was given from the members, and words of welcome were spoken to the visitors by the Chairman.

MRS. LUELLE RAMSDELL--

NAME REFERRED TO SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Luella Ramsdell is the widow of Warren W. Ramsdell, who lost his life in an automobile accident in the Trans-Africa Division. There are two children to be cared for.

VOTED, To recommend the name of Mrs. Luella Ramsdell to the Sustentation Committee for consideration.

TRI-EUROPEAN PUBLISHING COUNCIL:

Action was taken by the General Conference Committee on November 6, 1969, authorizing the holding of a Tri-Division Publishing Council in August, 1971, in Oslo, Norway. On recommendation of the Publishing Department, it was--

VOTED, That the Tri-Division Publishing Council be held August 16-21, 1971, in Sweden.

INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION--

RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT:

W. J. Hackett has tendered his resignation as President of the International Temperance Association. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To accept the resignation of W. J. Hackett as President of the International Temperance Association.

INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION--

PRESIDENT:

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

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VOTED, That M. S. Nigri be appointed as President of the International Temperance Association.

FAITH FOR TODAY BOARD--DATE:

The Faith for Today Board meeting was scheduled for September 7, 1970. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the Faith for Today Board be scheduled to meet August 31, 1970.

CHRISTIAN RECORD BOARD--DATE:

The Christian Record Board meeting was scheduled for September 8, 1970. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the Christian Record Board be scheduled to meet September 9, 1970.

ASI NATIONAL CONVENTION:

The Association of Privately-Owned SDA Services and Industries desires authorization to hold a National Convention.

VOTED, To authorize a National Convention of the Association of Privately-Owned SDA Services and Industries, to be held in San Diego, California, November 24-29, 1970.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST WELFARE SERVICE BOARD:

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

VOTED, That the following serve as the Board of Trustees and Officers of the "Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Services, Inc." (SAWS):

Board of Trustees: Theodore Carcich, M. T. Battle, F. L. Bland, C. E. Bradford, K. H. Emmerson, W. W. Fordham, C. O. Franz, C. E. Guenther, M. H. Jensen, H. D. Johnson, B. J. Kohler, V. W. Schoen, Maybelle Vandermark, R. F. Waddell, M.D., and C. C. Weis.

Advisory Members: L. L. Bock, M. Carol Hetzell, W. E. Phillips (until September 1, 1970), L. A. Shipowick, and E. W. Tarr.

Officers: President--Theodore Carcich; Vice-Presidents--V. W. Schoen, K. H. Emmerson; Executive Secretary--C. E. Guenther; Associate Executive Secretary--W. E. Phillips (until September 1, 1970); Treasurer--B. J. Kohler.

AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION (MIDDLE EAST DIVISION)

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION--BENGHAZI HOSPITAL:

The Afro-Mideast Division, former Middle East Division, has submitted a statement of the value of Benghazi Hospital items expropriated by the

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Libyan Government. The amount stated is \$146,223.83. Payment by the Libyan Government is still being negotiated.

VOTED, That an emergency appropriation of \$80,000.00 be made from the General Conference Emergency Fund to the Afro-Mideast Division (Middle East Division) to assist in covering the amount of expense and losses, exclusive of the building and real estate, suffered in the expropriation by the Libyan Government of the Benghazi Hospital; with the understanding that fifty per cent of the reimbursement funds received from the Libyan Government covering the same items included in this emergency appropriation, be sent to the General Conference Treasury to offset this amount.

JAMES CRAWFORD, D.D.S.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That James Crawford, D.D.S., be released from the call to serve in Guam, since for personal reasons he has declined.

SHIRLEY WOLFINGER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Shirley Wolfinger be released from appointment as a Treasury worker in the Far Eastern Division office, for personal reasons.

ED SKORETZ--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Ed Skoretz be released from the call as Bible Teacher for the Korean Union College, he having declined for personal reasons.

A. E. GESCHKE, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That A. E. Geschke, M.D., be released from the call to relief service in Ile-Ife, Nigeria, since due to unforeseen circumstances he is not clear in going at this time.

TIMOTEO MARZOCCHINI--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Timoteo Marzocchini be released from the call as Bible Teacher for the Bouake School in West Africa, inasmuch as he received a call to Switzerland and has chosen to accept it.

ROBERT WEAVER, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Robert Weaver, M.D., be released from the call to Karachi for relief medical work, inasmuch as he was unable to go for three months.

CLARENCE A. MILLER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Clarence A. Miller, Assistant in the Health Department of the Far Eastern Division, at his request for personal reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

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E. E. RIPPEY, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of E. E. Rippey, M.D., from the two-year relief term he gave at Karachi, West Pakistan, at his request, as of June 1, 1970; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

E. E. JONES, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of E. E. Jones, M.D., from Karachi, West Pakistan, at his request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

DAVID EUGENE ANDERSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of David Eugene Anderson from Gitwe, Rwanda, Africa, at his request for personal reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

H. LYNDON MARTER, M.D.--

TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To transfer the appointment of H. Lyndon Marter, M.D., from Bangkok to Ile-Ife, Nigeria, in the Northern European Division; in view of his preference to serve in West Africa.

BIBLE TEACHER FOR KOREAN UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division a call from the Far Eastern Division for a Bible Teacher to serve at Korean Union College, suggesting the name of Peter Dible, a South African now in England, with the request that if he is available the Northern European Division process the call.

ELY BRESSANIN--NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Trans-Mediterranean Division a call from the Northern European Division for Miss Ely Bressanin, to serve as Office Secretary; requesting the Trans-Mediterranean Division to process the call.

RALPH ROYER, M.D.--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To transfer the appointment of Ralph Royer, M.D., from Ile-Ife, Nigeria, for service in Ghana.

NURSE FOR BONGO HOSPITAL, ANGOLA:

VOTED, To pass on to the South American Division a call from the Trans-Mediterranean Division for a Nurse from Brazil for the Bongo Hospital, Angola, suggesting the name of Miss Perciliana R. Lessa; with the request that the South American Division process the call.

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PHYSICIAN FOR BONGO HOSPITAL, ANGOLA:

VOTED, To pass on to the South American Division a call from the Trans-Mediterranean Division for a Physician from Brazil for the Bongo Hospital, Angola, suggesting the name of Ideao Marques, M.D., with the request that the South American Division process the call.

TIMOTEO MARZOCCHINI--TRANS-MEDITERRANEAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to Timoteo Marzocchini, of Andrews University, a call from the Trans-Mediterranean Division for him to work in the French Swiss Conference; on the basis of a national returning.

WORKER FOR AFGHANISTAN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Afro-Mideast Division a call from the Southern Asia Division for a worker for Afghanistan, suggesting the name of Wail Haddadin; and requesting that the Afro-Mideast Division process the call.

CHARLES R. SHULTZ, M.D.--

KARACHI HOSPITAL, WEST PAKISTAN:

VOTED, That Charles R. Shultz, M.D., of Ellicott City, Maryland, be placed under appointment for three-months' relief service at the Karachi Hospital, West Pakistan.

HAL HARDEN, M.D.--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Hal Harden, M.D., recently returned from West Africa, and now located in San Jacinto, California, be placed under deferred medical appointment to the Northern European Division. He is to begin a residency in internal medicine in August, 1970.

GORDON S. BALHARRIE--JAPAN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College be requested to release Gordon S. Balharrie, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Bible Teacher for Japan Missionary College.

KENNETH OSTER--IRAN:

VOTED, That the Lake Union and Michigan Conferences be requested to release Kenneth Oster, and that he be invited to connect with the Afro-Mideast Division as Pastor-Evangelist for Iran.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

C. E. Bradford--Chicago to Washington, D.C., and return, look for housing, June 24-26, 1970;

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

Mazie Herin--Collegedale, Tennessee, Committee to Study Nursing Program
at Southern Missionary College, July 7;

H. D. Singleton--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Lake Union Conference
Committee, June 30; Lake Region Conference, Lake Region Conference Committee,
July 6.

Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

R. H. Pierson, Chairman
C. E. Bradford, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary