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Forty-Second Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 4, 1971, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

F. L. Bland, C. E. Bradford, W. Melvin Adams, J. J. Aitken, M. T. Battle, W. R. Beach, Theodore Carcich, N. R. Dower, K. H. Emmerson, A. C. Fearing, W. W. Fordham, C. O. Franz, J. O. Gibson, W. J. Hackett, J. H. Hancock, E. W. Howse, D. W. Hunter, H. D. Johnson, J. C. Kozel, N. W. Litchfield, M. E. Loewen, D. A. McAdams, A. C. McKee, Garland J. Millet, V. M. Montalban, C. E. Moseley, Jr., R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, R. L. Pelton, E. W. Pedersen, W. E. Phillips, H. F. Rampton, M. H. Reeder, Fernon Retzer, L. B. Reynolds, A. H. Roth, W. R. L. Scragg, J. V. Scully, F. A. Soper, F. C. Webster, C. C. Weis, A. L. White, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl Bahr, Orley Berg, C. D. Forshee, M. Dale Hannah, James Joiner, Kit Watts

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

F. L. Bland, as Chairman, requested W. J. Hackett to bring to the Committee a few highpoints of the meeting at Camp Berkshire, New York, this past weekend, Elder Hackett having been present at the Retreat which was called by the young people.

Elder Hackett stated that there were also present from the General Conference J. H. Hancock, C. E. Bradford, Michael Stevenson, R. H. Pierson, Arthur White, and Paul Gordon; some of these being there only a part of the time. The students of Columbia Union College, after having obtained permission to call the meeting, had invited students also from Union College, Southern Missionary College, Andrews University, and Oshawa Missionary College to participate. There were between 450 and 500 in attendance. Elder Hackett reported in detail on the program which began Friday evening and continued through until Sunday night. He was impressed with the earnestness, serious attitude, and devotion of the young people. Several expressed to him their appreciation for the presence and counsel of the older people who attended.

J. H. Hancock also spoke of the wonderful experience which came to the young people at the Retreat. He said it was a Christ-centered, Bible-centered, Spirit-of-Prophecy-centered program. The Lord certainly blessed them.

Prayer was offered by J. H. Hancock and D. W. Hunter.

REPORTS:

C. C. Weis, Lay Activities Department Associate Secretary, presented a final North American Ingathering report for 1970-1971. He stated a total of \$7,327,977.81 was gathered in during the 1971 Ingathering Crusade. This gives a gain of \$151,538.63 over last year's achievement.

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Sixteen conferences reached the Silver Vanguard objective: Newfoundland, New Jersey, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Texico, Chesapeake, Greater New York, Oklahoma, Alabama-Mississippi, Northern New England, Southern New England, West Virginia, Florida, Kansas, and Potomac.

Three unions raised more than a million dollars each: Columbia (\$1,216,412.42), Pacific (\$1,154,805.46), Southern (\$1,112,418.34).

Newfoundland leads North America with a per capita of \$33.70.

Michigan Conference leads North America with the highest total raised --\$364,286.75.

Columbia Union leads the ten unions with a total of \$1,216,412.42.

E. W. Pedersen, Field Secretary, returned from an overseas tour, reported. He was privileged to attend the Trans-Africa Division Council and Fiftieth Anniversary together with R. H. Pierson. After Elder Pierson left he attended the union sessions in Zambesi, the Congo, and Rwanda-Burundi. He also visited Angola. The brethren everywhere sent kind greetings to the General Conference.

He was personally thrilled to visit Africa again, where he and Mrs. Pedersen labored so many years. As regards membership, in 1920 there were some two thousand believers in the Division; now the membership is 215,000. One highlight of the session in Central Africa was the ordination of eighteen workers to the gospel ministry.

At the session in Salisbury everyone was keenly aware of the great challenge and needs, especially in the French-speaking areas of Africa. This is particularly so in the educational field. The lay people are on the move. As he closed his report Elder Pedersen recounted two experiences concerning their activities. The work is going forward in Africa. They are thinking of and looking to us for help. We are to remember Africa in our prayers.

MINUTES of the meeting held February 25, 1971, were approved.

WORLDLY DISPLAY AND ADORNMENT (WEARING OF RINGS AND OTHER JEWELRY)-- CLARIFICATION AND RESTATEMENT OF CHURCH'S POSITION:

There is increasing demand, primarily in the North American Division, for a clarification and restatement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's position in the use of rings and other jewelry and ornamentation as improper forms of personal adornment. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To appoint a representative committee of denominational administrative leaders, evangelists, pastors, theologians, and laymen (men and women) to meet for two or three days to give in-depth study to the relationship of the Church and its members in the use of rings and other jewelry and ornamentation in personal adornment. Committee named: Neal C. Wilson, Chairman; R. R. Bietz, F. L. Bland, W. D. Blehm, C. E. Bradford, Mrs. C. D. Brooks, T. Garchich, E. E. Cleveland, J. E. Chase, Desmond Cummings, Fordyce Detamore, J. L. Dittberner, N. R. Dower, C. O. Franz (next page)

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W. J. Hackett, George Knowles, W. S. Lee, M. S. Nigri, R. H. Pierson, Mrs. R. H. Pierson, Mrs. Karen Rochester, Calvin Rock, Cree Sandefur, B. E. Seton, Eldon K. Walter, F. W. Wernick, K. H. Wood, Mrs. K. H. Wood, Edwin Zackrison.

CO-ORDINATED YOUTH PROGRAM:

It is felt that departmental and church activities for Seventh-day Adventist young people need to be co-ordinated. In harmony with a recommendation from the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To appoint a representative Committee to study the possibility of co-ordinating church and departmental activities for Seventh-day Adventist youth, as follows: R. H. Pierson, Chairman; C. E. Bradford, Secretary; John Aitken, W. J. Blacker, W. D. Blehm, G. D. Brass, Mrs. T. Carcich, D. L. Davis, M. A. Dopp, F. W. Foster, C. C. Groomer, W. J. Hackett, J. H. Hancock, H. J. Harris, C. B. Hirsch, C. C. Kott, B. J. Liebelt, C. D. Martin, W. R. May, H. R. Murphy, M. S. Nigri, Esther Osborn, Fernon Retzer, Cree Sandefur, Milo Sawvel, V. W. Schoen, Glenn Sharman, L. A. Shipowick, D. B. Simons, L. E. Smart, Milton Thomas, E. H. Webb, Neal C. Wilson, Ted Wilson.

"SABBATH SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT MISSION '72"--
CHANGE OF COMMITTEE DATE:

On suggestion of the Sabbath School Department, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the "Sabbath School Involvement--Mission '72" which was voted on January 28, 1971, to meet in Glendale, California, April 2-5, 1971, be called to meet April 5-7.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

The Andrews University Board of Trustees submitted to the General Conference a Board action which reads:

"VOTED, That a Michigan Corporation be organized for the purpose of holding and developing the properties on U S 31, from College Avenue East to Garland Avenue and North, as acquired and that this Michigan Corporation be authorized to obtain options and to make purchases of properties as they become available and as funding is provided. This corporation would be a developing company organized for profit and would be wholly owned by Andrews University."

The name for this new corporation will be Berrien Properties, Inc. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That Andrews University be authorized to organize "Berrien Properties, Inc." as a Michigan Corporation, for the purpose of holding and developing properties adjacent to the University.

CAMPMEETING APPOINTMENTS 1971:

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

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VOTED, To approve the Campmeeting Appointments for 1971 as presented, the schedule being on file in the office of the Secretariat; and that we refer any changes in the appointments to the General Conference Officers.

W. G. C. MURDOCH--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

On request of Andrews University and with the approval of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That W. G. C. Murdoch be granted a leave of absence to England for four weeks this Spring; with the understanding that he will arrange for it in connection with his visit to the Philippines to teach in the Seminary Extension School.

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT--SIGNATORS:

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

VOTED, That the following be authorized as signators on bank certificates of deposit to be owned by the General Conference (excepting those owned by the Corporation) and approved by the Investment and Securities Committee; further, that only one signature is required to consummate business pertaining to such certificates: K. H. Emmerson, Treasurer; M. E. Kemmerer, Under-treasurer; Robert E. Osborn, Assistant Treasurer.

ALAN COLLINS--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to Atlantic Union Conference and Atlantic Union College a call from Andrews University for Alan Collins, to serve as Associate Professor of Art.

EUGENE LUTTRELL--ONEIDA MOUNTAIN HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Publishing Association a call from the Southern Union Conference for Eugene Luttrell, to connect with the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference as Accountant in the Oneida Mountain Hospital.

On recommendation of the Committee on Appointees the following items were presented:

JOHN W. MORTENSEN, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of John W. Mortensen, M.D., from the Ishaka Hospital, Uganda, as of December 6, 1970, at his request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Afro-Mideast Division.

RAYMOND H. WOOLSEY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Raymond H. Woolsey from Manila, on his request for educational reasons; after one term of service in the Southern Asia Division, and two terms in the Far Eastern Division; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

ELTON S. MOREL, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Elton S. Morel, M.D., from Manila, on his request, for educational reasons; after three terms of service; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

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ROBERT W. ALLEN, D.D.S.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Robert W. Allen, D.D.S., from Seoul, Korea, on his request, after two terms of service; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

G. W. TURNBULL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of G. W. Turnbull from West Africa, on his request; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Northern European Division.

DRS. HARRY AND VELDA WEBER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Drs. Harry and Velda Weber be released from appointment to the Ishaka Hospital, Uganda, since they did not see their way clear to accept the call.

LARRY LEE DAVIS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Larry Lee Davis be released from appointment as Treasurer of the West African Union Mission, he having declined the call.

WILBERT GONZALES, M.D.--MONTEMORELOS, MEXICO:

VOTED, That Wilbert Gonzales, M.D., under deferred appointment and at present taking a residency at Loma Linda University, be assigned as Physician in Montemorelos, Mexico; on the basis of a national returning.

ROBERT LAWRENCE SAGE--COLLONGES, FRANCE:

VOTED, That Robert Lawrence Sage, in the Military in the Takoma Park area, be invited to connect with the Trans-Mediterranean Division as Head of the Music Department at the French Seminary, in Collonges, France.

CHARLES V. LINDSAY, M.D.--SEOUL, KOREA:

VOTED, That Charles V. Lindsay, M.D., of Encinitas, California, be invited to serve as relief Physician for Seoul, Korea, for three months, beginning June 1, 1971.

LEON HAROLD CAVINESS, M.D.--VELLORE, INDIA:

VOTED, That Leon Harold Caviness, M.D., who is in charge of Mental Health at the Battle Creek Sanitarium, in Michigan, be invited to serve as Professor of Psychiatry for the Vellore Christian Medical College, Vellore, India; on a two-year appointment.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

W. M. Adams--Detroit, Michigan, negotiate with United Auto Workers, March 8, 9;

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

J. J. Aitken--Centralia, Missouri, Week of Prayer, March 7-13; Lincoln, Nebraska, Union College and Christian Braille Record--to work on programming, March 14-17; Minneapolis, Minnesota, Northern Union Secretaries' Council, March 22-23;

M. T. Battle--Toledo, Ohio, Lay Rally, March 6, 7;

G. J. Bertochini--Mt. Pisgah Academy, Temperance Weekend, March 5, 6;

R. R. Bietz--Union College, Lectures on Church Leadership, April 25-May 1 (change of dates only); already voted;

F. L. Bland--Savannah, Georgia, Laymen's Rally, March 19-21; Pacific Union, itinerate Regional Churches, August 6-23 (change of dates only); already voted;

C. E. Bradford--Cleveland, Ohio, Lay Training and Soul-Winning Workshop, May 14-16;

W. J. Cannon--Cedarbrook School, Christian Home Emphasis Weekend, March 19-21; South Lancaster area, Christian Home Emphasis Weekend, April 23-25;

K. H. Emerson, St. Louis, Missouri, Legal Association and Trust Services Advisory Committee, April 11-16;

W. W. Fordham--Chicago, Illinois, the ending of a Week of Prayer, April 8-11; Pontiac, Michigan, the beginning of a Week of Prayer, April 14-17;

Paul Gordon--Lincoln, Nebraska, Missionary Volunteer Advisory Council, April 18;

J. H. Hancock--Loma Linda, Textbook Committee, April 28-30; Loma Linda, Pathfinder Fair, May 1;

M. E. Loewen--Detroit, Michigan, negotiate with United Auto Workers, March 8, 9;

A. C. McKee--South Lancaster-Boston area, Deferred Giving Workshop and Trust Services-Field Contacts, April 26-May 5;

C. E. Moseley, Jr.--Walla Walla College, speaking appointments for Black Emphasis Week, March 5-7;

R. H. Pierson--San Antonio, Texas, Southwestern Union Session, March 1-3; Pendleton, Oregon, Church Service, March 6; Walla Walla, Washington, North Pacific Union Session, March 7-11; Angwin, California, Pacific Union College, Church Service, March 12, 13; Fresno, California, Pacific Union Session, March 14, 15; Colorado Springs, Colorado, Central Union Session, April 4-6; Jacksonville, Florida, Southern Union Session, April 12-15; Grand Rapids, Michigan, Lake Union Session, May 2-4; Des Moines, Iowa, Northern Union Session, May 10, 11; Pendleton, Oregon, Harris Pine Mills Board, May 13; Calgary, Alberta, Canadian Union Session, May 17-21.

A. V. Pinkney--Junior Academy and Academy appointments in Colorado, Kansas and Missouri, March 1-3;

F. Retzer--Portland, Oregon, North Pacific Union Conference Sabbath School Secretaries' Council, March 28-31; Pacific Union, meeting of Committee to prepare Vacation Bible School material for Mission '72, April 2-7; Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, Vacation Bible School Workshop, April 28-29; Port Charlotte, Florida, Evangelistic Meetings, August 15-September 12;

H. D. Singleton--Riverside Kansas Avenue Church, Revival Series, March 5-13;

W. M. Starks--Florida and Southern Georgia, Lay Activities Workshop and Stewardship Emphasis, April 30-May 12;

G. E. Vandeman--Toledo, Ohio, It Is Written evangelistic series, April 2-10; Toledo, Ohio, It Is Written evangelistic series, April 28-May 1;

R. S. Watts--Bozeman, Montana, Montana Conference Constituency Meeting, March 14; Spangle, Washington, Upper Columbia Conference Constituency, March 21; Caldwell, Idaho, Idaho Conference Constituency Meeting, April 18.

Adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

F. L. Bland, Chairman
C. E. Bradford, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Forty-Third Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 11, 1971, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Theodore Carcich, C. E. Bradford, M. T. Battle, W. R. Beach, F. L. Bland, W. P. Bradley, W. J. Brown, M. V. Campbell, K. H. Emmerson, A. C. Fearing, W. W. Fordham, C. O. Franz, J. O. Gibson, W. J. Hackett, J. H. Hancock, C. B. Hirsch, D. W. Hunter, Gordon Hyde, H. D. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, N. W. Litchfield, M. E. Locwen, C. D. Martin, D. A. McAdams, V. M. Montalban, C. E. Moseley, Jr., M. S. Nigri, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, E. W. Pedersen, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, H. F. Rampton, M. H. Reeder, Fernon Retzer, L. B. Reynolds, A. H. Roth, W. R. L. Scragg, J. V. Scully, B. E. Seton, F. A. Soper, E. H. J. Steed, F. C. Webster, C. C. Weis, A. L. White, Roy F. Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl Bahr, Orley Berg, W. J. Cannon, D. A. Delafield, Wayne Martin, Don F. Neufeld, Kit Watts

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Theodore Carcich, Chairman: Much is said of what we gain in Christ, and this is proper and right. However, we may experience loss which in God's plan proves profitable. Paul had this in mind when he said: "But all those things that I might count as profit I now reckon as loss, for Christ's sake. Not only those things; I reckon everything as complete loss for the sake of what is so much more valuable, the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have thrown everything away; I consider it all as mere garbage, so that I might gain Christ, and be completely united with him. No longer do I have a righteousness of my own, the kind to be gained by obeying the Law. I now have the righteousness that is given through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God, and is based on faith." Phil. 3: 7-9, Good News for Modern Man.

Likewise Joseph for integrity's sake lost his reputation and freedom. Circumstances notwithstanding he remained true to his master on earth and his Master in heaven. In time God vindicated Joseph's loss by making him second ruler in the land.

How true are the Lord's words: "If anyone wants to come with me, he must forget himself, carry his cross, and follow me. For the man who wants to save his own life will lose it; but the man who loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it." Mark 8: 34-35, Good News for Modern Man.

Prayer by Don F. Neufeld.

REPORT:

D. A. Delafield, Associate Secretary, Ellen G. White Publications, reported: There has been no representative of the White Estate in South America since the visit of Arthur L. White to that division field about ten years ago. In response to a request from that large field I spent January and February holding briefing

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sessions for Testimony Countdown in Union Institutes and numerous local meetings of ministers and churches. Meetings averaged about four every day. Approximately 125 workers gathered for each of these five-day sessions. We met mostly on SDA college campuses located near key cities like Santiago, Chile; Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. The trip stretched from Guayaquil, Ecuador, to Chillan, Chile, and from Parana, Argentina, to Manaus, Brazil.

There are numerous questions that our laymen and ministers raise today about Mrs. White's writings and these questions can be answered. Our workers and people in South America are loyal to this message and firm believers in the Spirit of Prophecy. There are 36 books by Mrs. White in Portuguese, and an equal number in Spanish.

The Testimony Countdown program is to start in all our churches in the Division in May. Approximately 15-20,000 sets of Testimony Treasures will be sold to meet the demand. The title of the program in Portuguese is "Dialogo Com os Testimunos" ("Dialogue with the Testimonies"); in Spanish, "En Orbita Con Los Testimonies" ("In Orbit with the Testimonies"). The entire Division is aflame with interest in this revival and reformation study program.

MINUTES of the meeting held March 4, 1971, with corrections were approved.

HARRIS PINE MILLS--PROXY FOR R. H. PIERSON:

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

VOTED, That a proxy be authorized for R. H. Pierson to "appear and vote any and all shares of stock" standing in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, at the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of Harris Pine Mills, to be held in Pendleton, Oregon, on May 13, 1971.

PASTOR'S SABBATH SCHOOL BIBLE CLASS--
COMMITTEE:

On recommendation of the Sabbath School Department Advisory Committee, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That a Committee be appointed to prepare material for the Pastor's Sabbath School Bible Class, and that this Committee be requested to meet at headquarters in Washington, D.C., April 12, 1971, as follows: H. F. Rampton, Chairman; T. M. Ashlock, C. L. Brooks, W. J. Hackett, H. J. Harris, Edwin J. Humphrey, Glenn Sharman, and L. A. Shipowick.

ANNIE PARCHMENT--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences a call for Miss Annie Parchment, to connect with the General Conference as Administrative Office Assistant in the Treasury Department.

On recommendation of the Committee on Appointees the following items were presented:

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JAN CHURCH--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Jan Church, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Max J. Church, of the Congo Union, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

A. WARREN MATHESON--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, To authorize a three-months' furlough extension for A. Warren Matheson, an educational worker in West Bengal, India, for study purposes; in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

GORDON R. CAMPBELL, M.D.--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To transfer the appointment of Gordon R. Campbell, M.D., of Australia, from Bangkok to serve in the new Hong Kong Hospital.

GRACE LEONG--NIGERIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Far Eastern Division a call from the Northern European Division for Miss Grace Leong, a Chinese, of Penang, now in London, to serve as Nurse-Midwife for the Ahoada County Hospital, Nigeria, with the understanding she is to go from London directly to Nigeria; and that the Far Eastern Division be requested to process the call.

MRS. GEORGIA VERSTEEG--BLANTYRE, MALAWI:

VOTED, That Mrs. Georgia Versteeg, of Woodburn, Oregon, be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as Church School Teacher for Blantyre, Malawi, on a special two-year basis.

DAVID LEE HOLLAND--DEFERRED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That David Lee Holland, sophomore student at Loma Linda University, School of Medicine, be placed under deferred appointment to the Afro-Mideast Division.

THOMAS GEORGE STAPLES--AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Northern California Conferences be requested to release Thomas George Staples, and that he be invited to serve as Accountant in the Afro-Mideast Division.

KLAAS TILSTRA--SURINAM:

VOTED, That Klaas Tilstra, a retired worker, of Madera, California, go to Surinam for evangelistic work on a self-supporting basis, as arranged with the Inter-American Division, for one year and possibly longer.

CHARLES L. CHRISTENSEN--

ANTILLIAN UNION MISSION:

VOTED, That Charles L. Christensen, of the General Conference Transportation Department, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Secretary-Treasurer of the Antillian Union Mission.

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ERWIN GARCIA--GUATEMALA:

VOTED, That the Central Union and Colorado Conferences be requested to release Erwin Garcia, and that he be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Pastor-Evangelist in Guatemala; on the basis of a national returning.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

In harmony with recommendations from the Overseas Travel Committee and the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To authorize visits to overseas divisions as follows:

Authorizations

M. E. Loewen, Trans-Mediterranean, May-June, 1971;
L. A. Shipowick, Southern Asia, September-November, 1971;
W. M. Starks, Southern Asia, May 22-July 22, 1971;

Specials

J. J. Aitken, Europe (to organize Radio-Europe Broadcast), April 1-15, 1971;
T. Carcich, Northern Europe (British Union session), June 25-30, 1971;
E. E. Cleveland, Inter-America (Central American Union and Mexican Union sessions), year-end 1971;
T. M. Kelly (Lake Region), Australasia, April-May, 1971 (assist E. E. Cleveland in evangelism);
Ralph Larson (Atlantic Union College), Inter-America (evangelistic crusade in Trinidad), June-August, 1971;
W. R. L. Scragg, Inter-America (Montemorelos), time to be arranged, 1971;

Adjustments

D. A. Delafield, South America, January 5-March 6 instead of January 5-February 27, 1971;
Andrew Fearing, Northern Europe, May 6-July, 1971, instead of April 8-June 5, 1971;
W. A. Higgins, Europe, July 30-August 21 instead of August 16-21, 1971;
Joseph Laughlin, extension of Far Eastern Division itinerary to include Southern Asia, Afro-Mideast, and Europe, April 4-May 25, 1971;
E. W. Tarr, South America, March 3-April 25 instead of March 5-April 4, 1971;

Cancellations

G. E. Guenther, Southern Asia, February 15-April 30, 1971;
Frank W. Hale, Jr., Inter-America, March 18-April 25, 1971;
Ross Wollard (Pacific Press), Australasia, early 1971;

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1971 Year-End Meetings, dates to be arranged

Afro-Mideast -- M. S. Nigri
 Australasia -- K. H. Emmerson, A. Edwin Gibb
 Central Europe--F. L. Bland, D. H. Baasch
 Far East -- R. H. Pierson, D. S. Johnson
 Inter-America -- B. J. Kohler
 Northern Europe -- F. L. Bland, D. H. Baasch
 South America -- T. Carcich
 Southern Asia -- M. S. Nigri, A. Edwin Gibb
 Trans-Africa -- M. E. Kemmerer

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

W. M. Adams--Gallatin, Missouri, to meet with the City Council, May 3;
 M. T. Battle--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Lay Activities Advisory Committee, March 15, 16 (extension of trip to Chicago already voted);
 L. L. Bock--College Place, Washington, speak at eleven o'clock service, March 13 (while attending North Pacific Union session);
 T. Carcich--Kentucky-Tennessee, Lay Congress, May 28-30;
 Bob Collins--Alabama-Mississippi and South Central, Insurance Surveys, April 11-28;
 A. C. Fearing--Cadillac, Michigan, Area Workers' Meeting, March 16; Detroit, Michigan, Area Workers' Meeting, March 17-20; Berrien Springs and Lansing Church, Area Workers' Meetings, March 31-April 6;
 W. W. Fordham--Central California, Inner City Work, speak at Black Churches, May 8-15; Berrien Springs, Michigan, Inner City Welfare Center Workers' Workshop, May 23;
 W. J. Hackett--Collegedale area, series of meetings, April 14-24; Union College, Baccalaureate sermon, May 8 (extension of trip to Andrews University);
 R. Hill--San Francisco and Riverside, California, National Fire Prevention Association Meeting, Western Branch Office business, May 11-23;
 C. B. Hirsch--Chicago, Illinois, attend the American Association of Higher Education, March 14-17;
 J. O. Iversen--St. Louis, Missouri, Legal Association and Trust Services Advisory Committee, April 11-13;
 A. C. McKee--College Place, Trust Workshops, May 11, 12; Alaska, appointments, May 13-23;
 G. J. Millet--Huntsville, Alabama, Executive Committee Oakwood College Board, March 22; California, evaluation of academies in the Pacific Union, April 12-28;
 C. E. Moseley, Jr.--Florida City, Florida, conduct Revival, May 15-22;
 M. S. Nigri--Asburnham, Massachusetts, guest speaker for Spanish Retreat, May 21-23; New Bedford, Massachusetts, Revival Meetings, May 24-31;
 B. Noland--Nashville, Tennessee, Securities and Exchange Commission versus Guaranty Bond and Securities Corporation (Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital), March 10-12;
 E. W. Pedersen--Camino, California, Revival Meetings, March 25-April 11;
 Ray Pelton--Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, Biennial Constituency, April 20;
 F. D. Retzer--Atlanta, Georgia, Mission Spotlight, March 10; Michigan, Vacation Bible School, April 30-May 2;

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

Clark Smith--Columbia Union territory, visit the academies in Columbia Union, May 3-13;

F. A. Soper--California, Listen editorial assignments and Promotion Council at Pacific Press Publishing Association, April 20-28; Southern Missionary College, conduct College Training Course, April 29-May 7;

W. M. Starks--Cleveland, Ohio, Stewardship Revival, March 10-16;

E. H. J. Steed--Pacific Union, Pacific Union Temperance appointments and Listen Promotion Council at Pacific Press Publishing Association, April 19-28;

R. F. Waddell, M.D.--Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital Biennial Constituency, April 20;

C. C. Weis--Oklahoma Conference, series of Federation Meetings, March 30-April 5;

Jack Wetmore--Kansas City, Fire Instructors' Conference, March 27-April 2; Alabama-Mississippi and South Central, Insurance Surveys, May 2-20.

Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Theodore Carcich, Chairman
C. E. Bradford, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETINGS
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Forty-Fourth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 18, 1971, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

W. J. Hackett, C. E. Bradford, W. Melvin Adams, J. J. Aitken, D. H. Baasch, M. T. Battle, G. J. Bertochini, F. L. Bland, L. L. Bock, Theodore Carcich, N. R. Dower, W. W. Fordham, J. O. Gibson, J. H. Hancock, M. Dale Hannah, R. R. Hegstad, M. Carol Hetzell, D. W. Holbrook, W. A. Howe, E. W. Howse, H. D. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, N. W. Litchfield, M. E. Loewen, C. D. Martin, D. A. McAdams, A. C. McKee, V. M. Montalban, C. E. Moseley, Jr., Lawrence M. Nelson, R. H. Nightingale, M. S. Nigri, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, E. W. Pedersen, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, R. H. Pierson, A. V. Pinkney, M. H. Reeder, R. M. Reinhard, L. B. Reynolds, A. H. Roth, H. H. Schmidt, W. R. L. Scragg, J. V. Scully, B. E. Seton, L. A. Shipowick, P. G. Smith, F. A. Soper, W. M. Starks, I. V. Stonebrook, F. C. Webster, Roy F. Williams, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl Bahr, Orley Berg, H. E. Douglass, Gery Friesen, James Joiner, Wayne Martin, Kit Watts

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

W. J. Hackett, Chairman, read from The New English Bible Romans 12: verses 9-21. He called special attention to a number of the phrases. A part of the quotation follows:

"Love in all sincerity, loathing evil and clinging to the good. Let love for our brotherhood breed warmth of mutual affection. Give pride of place to one another in esteem. With unflagging energy, in ardor of spirit, serve the Lord. Let hope keep you joyful; in trouble stand firm; persist in prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and practice hospitality. Call down blessings on your persecutors--blessings, not curses. ... Do not keep thinking how wise you are. Never pay back evil for evil. Let your aims be such as all men count honorable. If possible, so far as it lies with you, live at peace with all men. ... Do not let evil conquer you, but use good to defeat evil."

A number of prayer requests were made. Theodore Carcich offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES of the meeting held March 11, 1971, were approved.

MILEAGE RATE FOR CALCULATING
PER DIEM AND MOTEL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the mileage rate for calculating per diem and motel expense in North America be changed to 500 miles per day, effective April 1, 1971.

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PERMANENTLY RETURNED WORKERS' FUND--

TRANSFER OF MONEY FROM SUSTENTATION FUND:

On the basis of a plan authorized by the General Conference Committee in 1937 and 1938, money was again transferred in 1970 from the Sustentation Fund to the Permanently Returned Workers' Fund. On recommendation of the Treasury, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the plan authorized some years ago be discontinued, and that the 1970 transfer of funds from the Sustentation Fund to the Permanently Returned Workers' Fund be reversed; and that in the future provision for the Permanently Returned Workers' Fund be made in the annual budget at the time of Autumn Councils.

SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION--

EXCHANGE RATE FOR BRAZIL CRUZEIRO:

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

VOTED, That beginning April 1, 1971, the fixed rate of exchange for the Brazil Cruzeiro be as follows: 5.00 to the US\$1.00, or .20.

AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION--

CALL FOR E. W. HOWSE:

The Australasian Division has placed a call for E. W. Howse to serve as General Manager of the Sanitarium Health Food Company and Secretary of the Division's Health Food Department. The Sanitarium Health Food Company provides a substantial portion of the Division's budget, so the Division leaders believe that E. W. Howse's experience and ability are vitally and urgently needed.

The General Conference World Foods Service especially as it affects Loma Linda Foods and the new world program also vitally requires the services of E. W. Howse. He has been connected with the World Foods Service as Secretary for approximately two years. During this time he has had opportunity to acquaint himself with the needs in this particular area. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, who have given careful study to the pressing needs both from the viewpoint of the Australasian Division and the General Conference, it was--

VOTED, To refer the call for E. W. Howse back to the Australasian Division, with the explanation that we feel at the present time the greater needs of the Church will be served by his remaining with the General Conference as Secretary of the World Foods Service.

BUILDING PLANS COMMITTEE--

C. E. GUENTHER MEMBER:

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

VOTED, That C. E. Guenther be named to serve as a member of the Building Plans Committee.

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TOURS ABROAD--

STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE:

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

VOTED, That the Tours Abroad Committee be authorized as a Standing Subcommittee of the North American Affairs Committee.

The personnel of the Tours Abroad Committee follows: Neal C. Wilson, Chairman; L. L. Bock, Secretary; C. E. Bradford, N. R. Dower, K. H. Emmerson, C. O. Franz, J. H. Hancock, C. B. Hirsch, M. E. Kemmerer, and F. C. Webster.

SHERRILL BAUGHER--UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University a call for Sherrill Baugher, Instructor in Nursing, to connect with Union College as Instructor in Nursing.

AMOS CROWDER--KETTERING MEDICAL CENTER:

VOTED, To pass on to Amos Crowder, of the General Conference Insurance Service, a call from the Columbia Union Conference for Amos Crowder, to connect with the Kettering Medical Center as Superintendent of Maintenance.

CLIFFORD TOEWS--FAITH FOR TODAY:

VOTED, To pass on to Clifford Toews, General Conference Intern Auditor on the West Coast, a call to serve as Assistant Treasurer of Faith for Today.

STEPHEN BOTTROFF--FAITH FOR TODAY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Central California Conferences a call for Stephen Bottroff, to connect with Faith for Today as Film Studio Technician.

On recommendation of the Committee on Appointees the following items were presented:

NORMAN R. GULLEY--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To authorize a two-months' extension of furlough, from March 15 to May 15, 1971, for Norman R. Gulley, from Japan, under appointment to the Philippines, for medical reasons.

J. O. CUNNINGTON--RELEASED:

VOTED, That J. O. Cunningham be released from appointment as Stewardship and Development Secretary for the Trans-Africa Division, with regret, because of the health condition of Mrs. Cunningham arising from a car accident.

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ROBERT W. VAN DORN, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Robert W. Van Dorn, M.D., now under deferred appointment to the Afro-Mideast Division, be released at his request for education of children and other financial reasons.

RICHARD M. GATES--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Richard M. Gates from Bolivia, after ten years of service, at his request for educational reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division.

LAURENCE A. SENSEMAN, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Laurence A. Senseman, M.D., from the Vellore Christian Medical College, India, on the completion of his term; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

ROBERT R. WRESCH, M.D.--

ASSIGNMENT TRANSFERRED TO TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION:

VOTED, That the assignment of Robert R. Wresch, M.D. to the Inter-American Division for service in the Davis Memorial Hospital, be transferred to the Trans-Africa Division as second Physician for the Blantyre Clinic, Malawi.

DAVID WONG--SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to David Wong, a student at Andrews University, an invitation from the Far Eastern Division for him to serve in the Southeast Asia Union, as a national returning.

REUBEN SPRENGEL, M.D.--BANGKOK, THAILAND:

VOTED, That Reuben Sprengel, M.D., of Fresno, California, be invited to serve as relief Physician for Bangkok, Thailand, during October and November, 1971.

PHILIP E. GIDDINGS, JR.--EAST AFRICAN UNION:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences be requested to release Philip E. Giddings, Jr., of the Lynwood Academy faculty, and that he be invited to connect with the Afro-Mideast Division as Educational Secretary for the East African Union.

ALDEN WESLEY FOLLETT--BUGEMA ADVENTIST COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College be requested to release Alden Wesley Follett, who is to receive his Master's degree in June, and that he be invited to connect with the Afro-Mideast Division to serve as English Teacher for the Bugema Adventist College, Uganda, East Africa.

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SIEGFRIED GRENTZ--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

Siegfried Grentz went to Puerto Rico on his own responsibility, and has taught in Mayaguez the past year. Now it is desired that he continue on a regular appointment.

VOTED, To regularize the appointment of Siegfried Grentz as Teacher for the Bella Vista Hospital Elementary School in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, retro-active so far as mission service is concerned to September, 1970.

AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION--

CALL FOR PHYSICIAN KENDU MISSION HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Far Eastern Division a call from the Afro-Mideast Division for a Physician from the Philippines for the Kendu Mission Hospital, Kenya, East Africa.

CLARENCE AND ISABEL ING, M.D.--HONG KONG:

VOTED, That Clarence and Isabel Ing, M.D., of Monterey Park, California, be invited to serve as relief Physicians for Hong Kong.

ARTHUR LEROY WHITE--

INDONESIA UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the appointment for Arthur Leroy White, Business Teacher at Walla Walla College, to the Far Eastern Division, be transferred from that of Consultant in Business at Philippine Union College to Business Teacher for the Indonesia Union College.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

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

VOTED, To authorize visits to overseas divisions, and cancelations, as follows:

Authorizations

W. M. Adams--Trans-Mediterranean Division, May-June, 1971;
H. D. Johnson--Afro-Mideast Division, year-end meetings, 1971;
M. E. Loewen--Far Eastern Division, April 10-June 10, 1971;
V. M. Montalban--Inter-American Division, year-end meetings, 1971;

Specials

D. W. Hunter--Europe, May 16-27, 1971 (arrangements for 1975 General Conference session);
E. W. Pedersen--Inter-American Division (Cuba), date to be arranged, 1971;
R. L. Pelton--Inter-American Division, April 13-May 3, 1971;
R. M. Reinhard--Europe, May 13-18 (attendance Treasurers' Council in Central European Division); May 19-27, 1971, arrangements for 1975 General Conference session;

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Specials (concluded)

R. H. Roderick (on furlough)--Trans-Africa Division, May, 1971;

Cancellations

R. R. Hegstad--Far Eastern and Australasian Divisions, May 20-July 15, 1971;
E. W. Howse--Afro-Mideast Division, dates unspecified, 1971.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Carson Adams--Battle Creek, Michigan, Statewide Rally for literature evangelists, April 30-May 3;

F. L. Bland--Orlando, Florida, speaking appointments, April 9-11 (from Nashville); Chicago, Illinois, Biennial Session, April 16-19; Jackson, Mississippi, Workers' Meeting, April 30-May 6 (change of dates);

E. E. Cleveland--Asheville, North Carolina, speaker Graduation, May 21-23;

J. O. Iversen--Toronto and Montreal, Production Consultation and Sabbath speaker, April 15-17

J. C. Kozel--St. Louis, Missouri, Legal Association and Trust Services Advisory Committee, April 12-15;

Clarence Laue--Washington, D.C., Conference Accounting Manual Consultation, March 29, 30 (from Atlanta, Georgia);

D. A. McAdams--Colorado Springs, Christian Record Board Meeting, April 4; Nashville, Tennessee, Southern Publishing Association Constituency, April 7 (en route to Washington, D.C.);

Louise Meyer--Kansas, United Evangelism Congress, September 23-26; Central Union Conference, special Conference appointments, September 27-29; Colorado, United Evangelism Congress, September 30-October 3;

Lawrence M. Nelson--Northern New England Conference, Evangelistic Reaping Campaign, April 29-May 16;

M. S. Nigri--Laredo, McAllen, Corpus Christi, Houston, and Dallas, Texas, special speaking appointments, September 5-9 (following Texas camp meeting September 3, 4, already voted);

L. J. Norris--Savannah, Georgia, Transportation business, March 15, 16 (from New York City);

R. E. Osborn--St. Louis, Missouri, Legal Association and Trust Services Advisory Meeting, April 12-15;

R. L. Pelton--Branson Hospital, Annual Board and Corporation Meeting, March 24; Dallas, Texas, American College of Hospital Administrators' Seminar, March 29-31 (fee \$225.00);

A. V. Pinkney--Minneapolis, Minnesota, National Catholic Education Convention, April 12-15;

H. F. Rampton--Kansas, Unionwide United Evangelism Congress, September 23-26; Central Union Conference, special Conference appointments, September 27-29; Colorado, United Evangelism Congress, September 30-October 3;

L. S. Ranzolin--North Dakota, Union Pathfinder Camporee, May 7-9;

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

F. Retzer--Kansas, Unionwide United Evangelism Congress, September 23-26;
Central Union Conference, special Conference appointments, September 27-29;
Colorado, United Evangelism Congress, September 30-October 3;

V. W. Schoen--Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Unionwide Pilot Adventist Men's
Seminar, May 13-16;

L. A. Shipowick--Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Unionwide Pilot Adventist Men's
Seminar, May 13-16;

F. A. Soper--Atlanta, Georgia, Temperance appointments and editorial
interviews, March 20-23; Chicago, Illinois, Seminar of the American Business
Men's Research Foundation, April 2, 3;

E. M. Stoneburner--Indiana Academy, presentation in Bible classes and
joint worship, May 2-4 (from Michigan);

M. Vandermark--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Inner City Welfare Center Workers'
Workshop, May 23-28;

R. F. Waddell, M.D.--Denver, Colorado, General Hospital Council, March 16;
Glendale, California, Constituency Meeting of Glendale Hospital and Biennial
Meeting of White Memorial Medical Center, March 22; Loma Linda, California,
Loma Linda University Executive Committee Meeting, March 25;

C. C. Weis--Oklahoma Conference, series of Federation Meetings, April 22-29
(change of dates);

Jan Doward, Kit Watts, and Glenn Sharman--Montreat, North Carolina, study
Visitors' Center, March 15, 16.

Adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

W. J. Hackett, Chairman
C. E. Bradford, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Forty-Fifth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 25, 1971, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

F. L. Bland, D. W. Hunter, Carson F. Adams, W. Melvin Adams, J. J. Aitken, D. H. Baasch, R. Curtis Barger, M. T. Battle, L. L. Bock, M. V. Campbell, Theodore Carcich, N. R. Dower, A. C. Fearing, C. O. Franz, J. O. Gibson, W. J. Hackett, R. R. Hegstad, M. Carol Hetzell, C. B. Hirsch, D. W. Holbrook, Gordon Hyde, D. S. Johnson, H. D. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, B. J. Kohler, J. C. Kozel, B. J. Liebelt, N. W. Litchfield, M. E. Loewen, D. A. McAdams, Garland J. Millet, V. M. Montalban, Lawrence M. Nelson, M. S. Nigri, Boardman Noland, R. E. Osborn, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, R. H. Pierson, H. F. Rampton, Leo Ranzolin, M. H. Reeder, Fernon Retzer, L. B. Reynolds, A. H. Roth, W. R. L. Scragg, J. V. Scully, B. E. Seton, H. D. Singleton, F. A. Soper, W. M. Starks, E. H. J. Steed, Michael Stevenson, I. V. Stonebrook, F. C. Webster, A. L. White, Roy F. Williams, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl Bahr, Orley Berg, D. A. Delafield, J. O. Iversen, Wayne A. Martin, Kit Watts

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

F. L. Bland, Chairman, read from The New Testament in Modern English John 8: 12: "I am the light of the world. The man who follows me will never walk in the dark but will live his life in the light." Elder Bland told of the problem he has with a lamp in his home, from time to time. There are times when he must fiddle with the connection with the switch until he gets it in just the right position so that the light will stay on. Some few years ago the eastern part of the United States had a power failure which plunged thousands of people into complete darkness. The elevators were stalled; the subway trains were stopped; thousands of people who were traveling home were hindered in their homeward journey; and hundreds of them did not even get home that night. No one had taken time to realize until the generators stopped that we depend upon the light that comes through because of the work of the generators.

It is good for us to stop this morning as we begin our Committee work and take time to know and understand that the spiritual light which we depend upon so much comes from our heavenly Father who loves us so dearly. Reading again John 8: 12, Elder Bland stated it is good that we have this assurance, and that we can follow our Saviour in the light as He leads us.

Opening prayer by J. O. Gibson.

MINUTES of the meeting held March 18, 1971, with a correction were approved.

SPRING MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE--
INVITATIONS:

At the time of the 1971 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee continuing study is to be given to the question of a consolidated center

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on the West Coast for Faith for Today, the Voice of Prophecy, and other SDA communications media. In order that these organizations may have representation in the discussions, on recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That H. M. S. Richards, Jr., of the Voice of Prophecy, and W. R. Lawson of Faith for Today be invited to attend the 1971 Spring Meeting.

TRAVEL PROCEDURES PLAN:

A survey commission appointed some time ago made suggestions to the General Conference Officers concerning economies that may be effected in the work of the office. The General Conference Officers have made suggestions as to travel procedures, and on their recommendation, it was--

VOTED, That the following Travel Procedures Plan be adopted, to go into effect as of May 1, 1971:

It is desirable to simplify the procedure for the administration of travel and to assign to departmental staffs (*) the responsibility of planning and authorizing certain classifications of this travel, therefore--

We recommend, That the department heads carefully develop over-all travel plans in the following four categories in order to acceptably serve the world field within the resources of the combined travel budgets of the department (**).

Overseas Travel

In planning for proper utilization of travel budgets, the overseas trips contemplated should be taken into consideration in budgeting North American travel; for they are a part of the over-all departmental budget. Overseas travel will be processed by the Overseas Travel Committee and approved by the General Conference Committee.

Service and Travel Requested by the Field

A. All requests for the services of General Conference staff members shall be placed by the field through the Secretariat.

B. Requests involving individual members of the staff shall be passed on to the department heads, bureau, or service for processing in the following manner:

*Departmental and department as used here refers to all General Conference staff units.

**Travel budgets are allotted to individual staff members in order to make his or her talent or specialty available to the field. While on occasion it may serve the best interests of the work to adjust these budgets within the department, care should be exercised to insure proper distribution to all staff members.

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1. After the department considers the request in harmony with procedures agreed upon by the respective department, bureau, or service staff, the decision reached shall be communicated by appropriate blanks to:

- a. The staff member involved
- b. The General Conference Secretariat
- c. The General Conference Treasury
- d. The requesting organization
- e. File copy (Department)

2. The Treasury shall honor the travel expense in harmony with these blanks.

C. Requests reaching the Secretariat from the field that involve large gatherings, camp meetings or the services of four or more staff members shall be processed in the following manner:

1. The requests shall be channeled to the North American Travel Committee.
2. The North American Travel Committee, through its Secretary, shall in consultation with the department heads, bureaus or services concerned develop a schedule of assignments to be approved by the Travel Committee. Budget shall be a factor in this consideration.
3. The North American Travel Committee shall communicate its decisions by appropriate blanks to:
 - a. The staff member involved
 - b. The requesting organization
 - c. The Secretariat
 - d. The Treasury
 - e. File copy (Department)

4. The Treasury shall honor the travel expense in harmony with these blanks.

Travel Initiated by Officers, Departments, Bureaus or Services

Certain travel and appointments may not involve the field directly or require a request from the field. Such travel shall be processed in the following manner:

1. The trip shall be considered in harmony with the procedures agreed upon by the respective staffs.
2. The decision reached shall be communicated by appropriate blanks to:
 - a. The staff member involved
 - b. The field or institution concerned
 - c. The Secretariat
 - d. The Treasury
 - e. File copy (Department)
3. The Treasury shall honor the travel expense in harmony with these blanks.

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Board Meetings and Advisory Committees

When the time and place of board meetings and advisory committees are authorized by the General Conference Committee, and when such meetings involve travel, the following procedures shall be followed:

1. The Secretariat shall communicate the information by appropriate blanks to:

- a. The staff member involved
- b. The head of the Department
- c. The Secretariat
- d. The Treasury
- e. File copy (Department)

2. The Treasury shall honor the travel expense in harmony with the blanks provided.

NOTES:

- 1. In order to keep the General Conference President informed, the Secretariat shall furnish him a quarterly summary of all travel.
- 2. It is understood that the above procedures and travel are to be undertaken and planned within the annual budgetary provision. When budgets are exhausted no more travel is to be authorized.
- 3. It is recommended that departmental travel authorizations be reviewed regularly by the North American Travel Committee in order to assure equitable field coverage by General Conference personnel and for future co-ordination of staff travel.
- 4. In order to keep accounting records up to date individual worker expense reports should be in the Treasury by the twenty-fifth (25th) day of each month. Those traveling should allow sufficient time for mailing such reports to the Treasury.
- 5. Cancellation of trips require the same procedure as do authorizations.
- 6. That this plan be reviewed at the end of the calendar year.

Guidelines

1. Requests for General Conference staff should be carefully considered and screened before being forwarded by the local conference and union conference to the General Conference.

2. The role of union and local personnel should be enhanced, and many meetings should be carried on without the assistance of General Conference personnel.

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3. Travel of General Conference personnel should be carefully scrutinized by the department head so as to serve the field acceptably and within the resources of the department's travel budgets.

4. Favorable consideration would usually be given to field requests for General Conference staff appointments as follows:

- a. General or sectional (inter-union) meetings;
- b. Meetings and events on a union level such as constituencies, departmental councils, congresses, institutes, or workshops. It is expected that adequate help will be available from the General Conference at joint union departmental councils. This may involve the attendance of representatives from a number of departments;
- c. Local conference constituency meetings, conference-wide workers' meetings, camp meetings, and other conference-wide training and promotional meetings;
- d. Board meetings of General, union, and larger local institutions as circumstances may indicate;
- e. College commencement appointments; academy commencement appointments. (Academy appointments west of the Mississippi River only in connection with other approved itinerary.);
- f. Attendance at local events outside of the local area such as dedications, funerals and church services and rallies to be approved only if the staff member is to be in that general area.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

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

VOTED, To authorize visits to overseas fields and extensions of itineraries as follows:

Cree Sandefur--to visit the Inter-American Division for the 1971 year-end meetings;

Theodore Carcich--to extend his itinerary in the Northern European Division for one week, or from June 25-July 6, 1971, instead of June 25-30, 1971;

Arthur L. White--extension of one day to visit to Sweden, or August 16-22, 1971.

AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION--

SECRETARY HEALTH FOOD DEPARTMENT:

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

VOTED, That F. C. Craig be elected as Secretary of the Health Food Department for the Australasian Division.

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ETHEL YOUNG--

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Ethel Young, in the General Conference Department of Education, a call from the Atlantic Union Conference for her to connect with the Southern New England Conference as Reading Specialist in the Cedar Brook School.

HAROLD POMEROY--

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE:

VOTED, To pass on to ESDA a call for Harold Pomeroy, to connect with the Home Study Institute as Book Store Manager and Assistant Production Manager.

RAYMOND WOOLSEY--

REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to Raymond Woolsey, permanently returned from the Far Eastern Division, a call for him to connect with the Review and Herald Publishing Association as Associate Book Editor.

On recommendation of the Committee on Appointees the following items were presented:

ROBERT S. FOLKENBERG--AUSTRAL UNION CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Inter-American Division a call from the South American Division for Robert S. Folkenberg, President of the Honduras Mission, to serve as Stewardship and Development Secretary of the Austral Union Conference with the recommendation that he be granted a furlough of one month and begin a new term of service when he goes to the South American Division.

FRANCIS N. CHASE--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, To authorize a furlough extension of three months or to July 1, 1971, for Francis N. Chase, Principal of the Kamagambo School, Kenya, East Africa, since he has undergone surgery.

KENNETH SAUNDERS, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Kenneth Saunders, M.D., from the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on his request for educational reasons, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Afro-Mideast Division. Dr. Saunders first went out to the mission field in 1957.

LEROY R. KUHN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Leroy R. Kuhn, Principal of the Wollega Adventist Academy, in Ethiopia, on his request for personal reasons, he having served two terms in the mission field; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Afro-Mideast Division.

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DAVID SMALL, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That the status of David Small, M.D., from Mexico, be changed from that of a furlough residency to a permanent return for family educational reasons, effective June 1, 1970; in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

WILLIAM A. WATTS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of William A. Watts from the Philippines, at his request on the completion of his special two-year assignment at Philippine Union College; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

R. M. JOHNSTON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of R. M. Johnston from the Philippines, effective January 1, 1971, he having come home for a graduate study program, and has now been called for teaching at Andrews University.

JOSEPH Z. HERNANDEZ--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Joseph Z. Hernandez be released from appointment as District Pastor for the Pacific Colombia Mission, at his request, because Mrs. Hernandez did not pass the medical examination.

KENNETH BURDEN, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Kenneth Burden, M.D., be released from appointment as relief Physician in the Port-of-Spain Community Hospital, Trinidad, inasmuch as the St. Helena Health Center was not clear in releasing him at this time.

RONALD CLARK PARKER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Ronald Clark Parker be released from assignment as a Dentist to the Davis Memorial Hospital, in Guyana, and that he be placed under deferred dental appointment, in harmony with his request.

RONALD WILLIAM DORCHUK--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Ronald William Dorchuk be released from appointment as Industrial/Maintenance Head of Indonesia Union College, because of financial and other obligations.

TREVOR COLIN GREIVE, M.D.--
FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, To transfer the deferred appointment of Trevor Colin Greive, M.D., of Australia, a Surgeon, from the Northern European Division to the Far Eastern Division.

DAREL E. COURSER, M.D.--
INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, That the assignment of Darel E. Courser, M.D., to the Northern European Division to serve in the Ile-Ife Hospital, West Nigeria, be changed

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to the Inter-American Division as head of the Clinica Granja, in Guadalajara, Mexico.

RALPH HERMAN RUCKLE--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Ralph Herman Ruckle, a medical student in Guadalajara, be placed under deferred appointment to Latin America.

RONALD GLENN ZIRKLE--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Ronald Glenn Zirkle, a sophomore student in Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, be placed under deferred appointment to the Inter-American Division.

GUILHERME GLORIA--ANGOLA UNION MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to the South American Division a call from the Trans-Mediterranean Division for Guilherme Gloria, at present in the East Brazil Union Mission, to serve as Union Publishing Secretary in the Angola Union Mission, on the basis of a national returning.

M. R. OVENDEN--ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call from the Afro-Mideast Division for M. R. Ovenden, to serve as Science Teacher in the Akaki School, Ethiopia; with the request that the Australasian Division process the call.

AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION--

MEDICAL DIRECTOR ISHAKA HOSPITAL, UGANDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Far Eastern Division a call from the Afro-Mideast Division for a Medical Director for the Ishaka Hospital, Uganda; with the request that the Far Eastern Division process the call.

SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION--

CALL FOR JAPANESE WORKER FOR BRAZIL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Far Eastern Division a call from the South American Division for a Japanese worker for Belem, Brazil; with the request that the Far Eastern Division process the call.

PAUL PICHOT--MADAGASCAR:

VOTED, To pass on to Paul Pichot, of Weedsport, New York, an invitation to connect with the Trans-Mediterranean Division as Director of the Ankazambo School, Madagascar, on the basis of a national returning.

JACK E. WILKINSON, M.D.--HONG KONG:

VOTED, That Jack E. Wilkinson, M.D., a Surgeon, of Fresno, California, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as relief Surgeon in Hong Kong for up to one year, beginning in May, 1971, under special arrangements.

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RICHARD CRAIN--SINGAPORE:

VOTED, That Richard Crain, of Angwin, California, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Industrial Arts/Mathematics Teacher in the Far Eastern Academy, Singapore.

JOHN STEPHEN SHANK, M.D.--PUERTO RICO:

VOTED, That John Stephen Shank, M.D., a general practitioner, of Spokane, Washington, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as a Physician in the Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico.

CLARENCE LEMUEL THOMAS, III--BRAZIL:

VOTED, That Clarence Lemuel Thomas, III, of Atlanta, Georgia, be invited to connect with the South American Division as Lay Activities, Sabbath School, and Y.P.M.V. Secretary of the Mato Grosso Mission, in South Brazil.

FELICITO FERNANDO, M.D.--GUYANA:

VOTED, That Felicitto Fernando, M.D., of Madison, Tennessee, be placed under relief appointment to the Davis Memorial Clinic and Hospital, Guyana.

VERN EMERY ERICKSON--INDONESIA UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Vern Emery Erickson, soon to obtain his Master's degree at Andrews University, a call to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Industrial Manager of the Indonesian Union College; with the understanding he will be available in August of 1971.

 APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Carson Adams--Nashville, Tennessee, Southern Publishing Association Constituency Meeting, April 7;

C. E. Bradford--Mobile, Alabama, speaking appointments, April 9-11;

D. A. Delafield--Ashtabula, Ohio, guest speaker, April 24; Columbus, Ohio, guest speaker, May 14-16;

Jan Doward--Brunswick, Maine, Youth Rally, May 7, 8;

A. C. Fearing--Lansing, Michigan, area Workers' Meeting, April 7 (extension of trip);

C. O. Frederick--Southern Union Conference Academies and Hospitals, Insurance business, April 4-15;

W. J. Hackett--Indianapolis, Indiana Constituency Meeting, March 20, 21; Broadview Academy, Illinois Constituency Meeting, April 11;

E. W. Howse--San Francisco/Los Angeles, investigate new Soya Product Board and subcommittee meetings Loma Linda Foods, March 22-26; Andrews University, Andrews Food Service Council, March 29-April 1;

C. E. Moseley, Jr.--Houston, Texas, hold revival, March 19-27;

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R. L. Pelton--Nashville, Tennessee, Riverside Board Meeting, March 23;
Dallas-Keene area, survey of Dallas-Keene area, April 4-8 (extension of trip);
R. H. Pierson--Fletcher Academy, graduation speaker, May 29;
A. V. Pinkney--Buffalo, New York, Temperance program, April 23, 24;
H. F. Rampton--Huntington, West Virginia, Sabbath School Workshop, March 27;
Camp Victory Lake, Sabbath School Leadership Convention, April 23-25;
Fernon Retzer--Alabama-Mississippi, Sabbath School Workshop, April 16-18;
V. E. Robinson--Low Hampton, New York, special services of historical
Adventist review, April 10;
L. G. Small--Chicago, Illinois, Insurance Manager's Course, March 22-
April 2;
M. Vandermark--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Community Service Center opening,
March 28;
C. C. Weis--Hendersonville, North Carolina, speaker, April 9, 10 (from
Nashville);

Jan Doward, Glenn Sharman, and Kit Watts--Boston, Massachusetts, visit
Christian Science Monitor, Mother Church, Congregational Library, etc.,
March 29 (via of New York).

Adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

F. L. Bland, Chairman
D. W. Hunter, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary