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June 1, 1972, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Neal C. Wilson, L. L. Bock, J. J. Aitken, D. H. Baasch, M. T. Battle, F. L. Bland, Theodore Carcich, K. H. Emmerson, C. O. Franz, A. Edwin Gibb, C. E. Guenther, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, D. W. Holbrook, Gordon Hyde, D. S. Johnson, H. D. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, Caris H. Lauda, B. J. Liebelt, M. E. Loewen, C. D. Martin, D. A. McAdams, M. S. Nigri, R. W. Nixon, R. L. Pelton, W. E. Phillips, A. V. Pinkney, Leo Ranzolin, R. M. Reinhard, A. H. Roth, V. W. Schoen, J. V. Scully, P. G. Smith, J. R. Spangler, Michael Stevenson, Carl Sundin, K. W. Tilghman, F. C. Webster, C. C. Weis, A. L. White, Herbert White, Bruce M. Wickwire

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl Bahr, Orley Berg

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Neal C. Wilson, Chairman, referred to attendance at camp meetings, stating he has seen a real yearning on the part of the people for moving to God and claiming God's promises, also a renewed emphasis upon the study of His Word, rather than just sermons and some kind of entertainment. This ought to give us a great deal of courage. Our leaders are planning for this at our camp meetings. Elder Wilson expressed the hope that as the Committee members go to camp meetings they will maintain this kind of atmosphere, so that there is a clear focus on the answers to problems, that God has in His Word and in the Spirit of Prophecy. Our people more and more are anxious for something that is solid and that has authority behind it. One other factor in whis whole area is becoming an issue, and that is--What should the church mean to me? The word church as used in the New Testament, in the Greek, simply means those who have been called out. This is the message God has today for His Church, the calling out of His people, identifying with a distinctive message, the remnant. If you will, find opportunity to encourage and help our people to understand this is the time the Lord is calling people out, to take their stand clearly and solidly with God's message, and with the truths we believe have been committed to us for this time.

Opening prayer by A. V. Pinkney.

MINUTES of the meeting held May 25, 1972, were approved.

Recommendations were presented from the General Conference Officers and actions taken as follows:

COMMITTEE ON DISPLAY AND ADORNMENT--

DATE OF MEETING:

VOTED, That the Committee on Display and Adornment be authorized to meet in Washington, D.C., July 6, 1972, at 8:30 A.M.

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NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS' MEETING--ADDITIONAL ATTENDANCE:

VOTED, That the following be invited to attend the North American Division College and University Presidents' and Board Chairmen Meeting in Collegedale, Tennessee, June 12, 13, 1972:

Joyce Cotham, Mary Elam, Arlene I. Friestad, Dorothy Hudson, Gladys Lawless, Mrs. Florence Stuckey, and Ellen Zollinger.

HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE--
APPOINTED:

VOTED, To appoint the following Health Care Task Force: R. R. Bietz, Chairman; E. J. Remboldt, Vice-Chairman; H. E. Rice, Secretary; Dick Barron, M. J. Blair, Marilyn Christian, P. W. Dysinger, Mazie Herin, D. B. Hinshaw, J. Klooster, M. Schaffner, C. V. Way, Don Welch, William Wilson, and I. C. Woodward.

SEMINARY EXTENSION SCHOOL:

In harmony with a recommendation of the Seminary Extension School Committee, it was--

VOTED, To honor the request of the South American Division and Andrews University for a two-week Extension Course in two different places in South America (Spanish and Portuguese), beginning in January, 1973. This would be every two years instead of every four years.

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY--

APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO BORROW FUNDS:

An action was taken by the North American Division Committee on Administration on December 24, 1970, approving the borrowing of up to \$2,150,000 for the development of a Library and Gymnasium at Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus. Because of increasing costs and unexpected expenditures in providing roads and utility lines, additional borrowing is now needed. On recommendation of the Loma Linda University Board and the Borrowing and Distribution of Funds Committee, it was--

VOTED, To increase the borrowing authorized previously (\$2,150,000) to \$2,300,000. It is understood that this increase in borrowing authorization will be fully paid within seven years concurrently with the original amount borrowed.

Recommendations from the Committee on Appointees were presented as follows:

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HEIDI NUESSELE--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Far Eastern Division a call from the Inter-American Division for Miss Heidi Nuessle, to transfer during furlough to the Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico, to serve as an Instructor.

AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION--
CALL FOR BIOLOGY TEACHER:

VOTED, To pass on to the Far Eastern Division a call from the Afro-Mideast Division for a Biology Teacher for Bugema Adventist College.

AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION--
PHYSICIAN FOR NAIROBI:

VOTED, To pass on to the Far Eastern Division a call from the Afro-Mideast Division for a Physician for Nairobi Medical Center.

FREDERICK DIAZ--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Frederick Diaz, presently a student at the University of Michigan, formerly a worker in the Northern California Conference, be placed under deferred appointment to the South American Division, as Theology Teacher in one of their colleges.

MARY E. HOYT--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To reactivate the call voted by the General Conference Committee on January 20, 1972, for Miss Mary E. Hoyt, to connect with the Inter-American Division as Medical-Surgical Nursing Instructor at the Bella Vista Hospital, in Puerto Rico; effective after the close of the current school year.

TREVOR C. GREIVE, M.D.--HONG KONG ADVENTIST HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Trevor C. Greive, M.D., under deferred medical appointment to the Far Eastern Division, be assigned to the Tsuen Wan Hospital at Kowloon, Hong Kong.

FRANCISCO FLORES--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Francisco Flores, of Mexico, be released from the call to the Ecuador Mission as Lay Activities and Sabbath School Secretary, he having declined.

JULIO TABUENCA--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Julio Tabuenca, of Andrews University, a national from the South American Division, be released from the call to the Austral Union Conference as Education and Stewardship and Development Secretary of the South Argentine Conference, in view of his desire to complete his educational program.

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LARRY A. SIEMENS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Larry A. Siemens be released from appointment as Mathematics and Science Teacher in the Rusangu Secondary School, Zambia, since he is not clear in accepting the call at present.

WELLESLEY MUIR--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Wellesley Muir from Peru, on his request for the education of his children, in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division. He has given sixteen years of service in South America.

HEIDI NUESSELE--

PERMANENT RETURN CHANGED:

VOTED, That the permanent return voted by the General Conference Committee on February 10, 1972, for Miss Heidi Nuessle be cancelled, and that she be regarded as on a furlough basis.

JACK BOHANNON--

PERMANENT RETURN CHANGED:

VOTED, That the permanent return voted by the General Conference Committee on March 23, 1972, for Jack Bohannon be cancelled, and that he be regarded as on a furlough basis.

CHILE CASPE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Chile Caspe from Bugema Adventist College, Kampala, East Africa, to the Far Eastern Division, for personal reasons, in harmony with the recommendation of the Afro-Mideast Division. She has served in Africa since 1966.

WILLIAM M. CAVINESS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of William M. Caviness from Gitwe, Rwanda, in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

MALCOLM GRAHAM--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Malcolm Graham from Rwanda, on his request, for family reasons, in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

CHARLES EDWARD HELLMAN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Charles Edward Hellman, X-ray and Laboratory Technician in Karachi, West Pakistan, on his request for the education of their children, in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

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JUNE BEVERLY GERSBACK--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss June Beverly Gersback from the Southern Asia Division to the Australasian Division, in harmony with the recommendation of the Division. She has completed a two-year term of service.

HANS JAMES SAWATSKY, D.D.S.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Hans James Sawatsky, D.D.S. from the Southern Asia Division, on his request because he feels he must get into private practice in the homeland, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Division.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

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

VOTED, To authorize visits to overseas fields as follows:

E. W. Howse--to extend his trip from May 15 to June 8, 1972, to visit the following Divisions: Afro-Mideast, Trans-Africa, Northern Europe-West Africa, and Euro-Africa. (Previously approved March 19-May 14, to Far Eastern and Southern Asia Divisions.)

J. W. McFarland, M.D.--Australasian Division, December, 1972, to January, 1973, to help in the Seminary Extension School.

Milton Peverini--from Voice of Prophecy. To request the Seventh-day Adventist Radio-TV and Film Center Board to consider the possibility of authorizing him to visit the South American Division in 1973, details to be arranged between the Center and the South American Division.

Raul Villanueva--from East Puerto Rico Conference. To pass to the Inter-American Division the request of the New Jersey Conference that he attend the Spanish camp meeting, June 30-July 8, 1972. Expenses to be met by the New Jersey Conference.

KENNETH A. DUNAWAY--**PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:**

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference and Atlantic Union College a call for Kenneth A. Dunaway, Press Superintendent at AUC, to connect with Pacific Press Publishing Association as Lithographer.

Adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Neal C. Wilson, Chairman
L. L. Bock, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

One Hundred Twenty-Sixth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 8, 1972, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Theodore Carcich, L. L. Bock, D. H. Baasch, W. P. Bradley, W. J. Brown, C. O. Franz, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, Gordon Hyde, D. S. Johnson, J. C. Kozel, Caris H. Lauda, W. R. Leshar, N. W. Litchfield, M. E. Loewen, D. A. McAdams, A. C. McKee, L. M. Nelson, M. S. Nigri, R. W. Nixon, H. F. Rampton, H. L. Reiner, R. M. Reinhard, Fernon Retzer, B. E. Seton, L. A. Shipowick, P. G. Smith, E. H. J. Steed, Michael Stevenson, K. W. Tilghman, F. C. Webster, A. L. White, Bruce M. Wickwire, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl Bahr, Orley Berg, James Joiner

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Theodore Carcich, Chairman, presented a request received by cable from London, England, from one of our SDA graduate students who is meeting a problem in his university work, inasmuch as the examinations are being scheduled for Sabbath, June 10 and 17. The student requested prayer that a change may be made in dates for the examinations, that some time other than the Sabbath may be arranged. Also a statement was made concerning the death and funeral of E. J. Stevenson, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, following an automobile accident. Elder Stevenson was the father of Michael Stevenson, who is an Associate Secretary in the General Conference Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department. Suggestion was made that we remember in prayer those who sorrow.

Opening prayer by W. R. Leshar.

REPORTS:

Caris H. Lauda, Secretary for North American Missions, reported: We have had the privilege of baptizing another minister from another denomination, at the Hungarian Bible Conference which was held in the Hungarian Chapel at the New York Center. Over 250 people were in attendance at this Bible Conference. We had representatives there from Hungary, Poland, Canada, and throughout the United States. Harold Ensley, once a Methodist minister, has found the third angel's message through the ministry of Emilio Knechtle. Mr. Ensley is a fine man and was baptized at the close of the Bible Conference. Emilio Knechtle, now a full-time worker in the Greater New York Conference, was one of the speakers for the Bible Conference. We had a most spiritual and joyous time together.

We are now planning a first for the denomination, calling together our S.D.A. Jewish people for a retreat at Camp Berkshire, New York, September 8-10. This will bring new courage to our Jewish believers. It will also be the means of helping them to bring the truth to their associates.

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D. A. McAdams, Publishing Department Secretary, presented a ten-minute departmental report. The Department staff has a great desire to increase the number of baptisms through the literature ministry. They are emphasizing greater team work between the literature evangelists and the pastors. As a result of literature evangelist contacts there were 1,564 baptisms in North America in 1971; and in the world field in 1971--10,137. Another prime objective is to get more books and magazines into the homes of Seventh-day Adventists. Denominational publications help the new Adventists to adjust and orientate into the church and help to root and ground the more experienced Adventists. In order to achieve these objectives, we have 48 publishing houses in the world today. There are 2,400 employees. Literature is published in 278 different languages and dialects. The world publishing sales in 1971 reached \$48,410,000. We have the best equipped publishing houses in the history of the Church, and the greatest wealth of literature.

The Department is deeply interested in developing more and better literature for the 26,000,000 black people in America. Great emphasis is being given to a wider distribution of E. G. White publications through the literature evangelists and to the Adventist church members. The Spanish Publications Coordinating Committee is recommending that study be given to the translation of the seven basic volumes of the Bible Commentary into the Spanish language. By 1975 or '76 we hope to have 500,000 Spanish-speaking Adventists in the world. The Bible Commentary would serve the leaders and laity for this large group of Adventists. The Review and Herald is printing 200,000 copies of a special issue on drugs, which will be sold by the students this summer. One million copies of Steps to Christ are being printed. The book and the envelope will retail through the Book and Bible Houses for only 15 cents. In 1971 the Book and Bible House Sales in North America were \$15,134,749.14. We have 11,000 full-time publishing workers in the Church devoting their full time to the production and distribution of literature. This does not include 3,500 students. The essential tools of knowledge are still books and magazines.

MINUTES of the meeting held June 1, 1972, were approved.

Recommendations from the General Conference Officers were considered and actions taken as follows:

GOTTFRIED OOSTERWAL--
LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

VOTED, That Gottfried Oosterwal and family, who came to this country in 1968, be granted a leave of absence to his homeland, the Netherlands, in the Summer of 1973.

LITERATURE PRODUCTION AND
DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the following be appointed to serve on the Literature Production and Distribution Standing Committee: Michael Jones instead of F. Donald Yost, and Fernon Retzer.

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INSIGHT EDITORIAL COUNCIL--

ADDITIONS TO STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the following be named to serve on the Insight Editorial Council, a subcommittee of the Literature Production and Distribution Standing Committee: F. L. Bland in place of Theodore Carcich; Michael Jones in place of F. Donald Yost; and E. M. Peterson.

Recommendations were presented from the Committee on Appointees as follows:

GEORGES HERMANS--

THE QUEBEC ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call from the North American Division for Georges Hermans, whose home base is the Euro-Africa Division, at the time he returns on furlough to connect with the Canadian Union Conference for service as a Pastor in the Quebec Association.

E. P. HEINRICH, O.D.--BANGLADESH:

VOTED, That E. P. Heinrich, O.D., of Yuba City, California, be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division for relief supervision in Bangladesh.

DONALD L. BROWN--

BANGKOK SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union Conference and Hawaiian Mission be requested to release Donald L. Brown, of the Castle Memorial Hospital, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Treasurer of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, Thailand.

JAMES MIYASHIRO, M.D.--

OKINAWA:

VOTED, That James Miyashiro, M.D., a resident in Surgery at Kettering Memorial Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Surgeon for Okinawa. It is understood he could go forward in 1974.

HOWARD DEAN HUENERGARDT, M.D.--

BANGKOK, THAILAND:

VOTED, That Howard Dean Huenergardt, M.D., a resident in Orthopedic Surgery in Columbia, South Carolina, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Orthopedic Surgeon for Bangkok, Thailand.

STEPHEN DEAN FISHER, D.D.S.--

FAR EASTERN ISLAND MISSION:

VOTED, That Stephen Dean Fisher, D.D.S., of Los Angeles, California, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Dentist for the Saipan Clinic, in the Far Eastern Island Mission. Mrs. Fisher has a Master's Degree in Medical Technology.

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RICHARD O'FFILL--REASSIGNMENT:

VOTED, That Richard O'Ffill, who is under appointment as Lay Activities, Sabbath School, and Radio Secretary of the Northeast Brazil Mission, be reassigned to be Director of OFASA (SAWS), in the Chile Union Mission.

ERMA SERLES--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Erma Serles be released from appointment as Assistant Director of the Andrews Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Kingston, Jamaica, since for health and family reasons she has declined.

PETER NELSON, D.D.S.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Peter Nelson, D.D.S., be released from deferred appointment as Dentist for the Inter-American Division, since he has now established himself in private practice.

GARY PRITCHETT, D.D.S.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Gary Pritchett, D.D.S., be released from deferred dental appointment, as he is now working in private practice.

DARYL L. MEYERS--

EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That Daryl L. Meyers be granted an extension of furlough from West Africa to June 30, 1972, due to surgery for himself and Mrs. Meyers.

FRANKLIN N. CRIDER, M.D.--

EXTENSION LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

VOTED, To grant a six-months' extension to the leave of absence for Franklin N. Crider, M.D., long-term medical missionary in Thailand, until November 30, 1972, with the understanding that Loma Linda University will continue his employment to that date.

W. ROYCE VAIL--

VISIT TO TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION:

On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, acting for the Overseas Travel Committee, it was--

VOTED, That W. Royce Vail, retired, now residing in Lynden, Washington, be authorized to go to the Trans-Africa Division for up to two months, beginning July 1, 1972.

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DONALD JOHN--

GENERAL CONFERENCE YFMV DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and New York Conferences a call from the General Conference for Donald John, Bible Teacher at Union Springs Academy, to connect with the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department as Assistant Secretary and Editor of MV KIT.

MRS. AUDRE TAYLOR--

GENERAL CONFERENCE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Allegheny West Conferences a call from the General Conference for Mrs. Audre Taylor, a Secretary, to connect with the Department of Health as Office Secretary.

DOUGLAS V. RENNEWANZ--

CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Publishing Association a call from the Columbia Union Conference for Douglas V. Rennewanz, to connect with the Chesapeake Conference as Literature Evangelist.

CHARLES J. DANFORTH--

LOMA LINDA FOODS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and Carolina Conferences a call for Charles J. Danforth, a Minister, to connect with Loma Linda Foods as Medical Products Representative.

MICHAEL JONES--

EDITOR INSIGHT MAGAZINE:

VOTED, To approve the appointment of Michael Jones as Editor of Insight Magazine, in harmony with the recommendation of the Review and Herald Publishing Association Board and the requirements of the Policy regarding the appointment of editors.

MICHAEL JONES--

REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to Andrews University a call for Michael Jones, Journalism Teacher at AU, to connect with the Review and Herald Publishing Association as Editor of Insight Magazine.

Adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Theodore Carcich, Chairman
L. L. Bock, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

One Hundred Twenty-Seventh Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 15, 1972, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

M. S. Nigri, B. E. Seton, D. H. Baasch, W. P. Bradley, W. J. Brown, W. J. Cannon, Theodore Carcich, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, E. W. Howse, Gordon Hyde, H. D. Johnson, M. E. Loewen, M. R. Lyon, D. A. McAdams, A. C. McKee, R. E. Osborn, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, R. H. Pierson, H. F. Rampton, M. H. Reeder, H. L. Reiner, Fernon Retzer, A. H. Roth, J. V. Scully, L. A. Shipowick, Clark Smith, J. R. Spangler, E. H. J. Steed, C. D. Watson, F. C. Webster, A. L. White, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Paul A. Gordon, H. A. Uhl

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

M. S. Nigri, Chairman, shared some thoughts about his Mission '72. His contribution to this program took him, during the month of May, to the heart of two large cities--New York and Newark, New Jersey. For the first time an evangelistic campaign was conducted in the Portuguese language in these cities. It was his privilege to conduct this pioneer work there. It was a humble and small beginning. All in all they harvested some 70 names to be visited and to be given Bible studies. One lady, who had already been interested, was baptized during the last night in New York City. Elder Nigri in closing, read the text found in Isaiah 55: 11, that God's word will accomplish that which He purposes. No doubt souls will be saved in New York City, Newark, and everywhere.

Opening prayer by Fernon Retzer.

INTRODUCTIONS:

J. R. Spangler, Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association, expressed his thanks to Elder Nigri for the report concerning Mission '72. Elder Spangler was in New York State. He has with him today, and introduced, the Pastor of the Elmira, New York, SDA Church, H. A. Uhl. Brother Uhl had very fine relations with the public relations system in Elmira. The city has three television stations and four radio stations. Dr. J. W. McFarland and he were on every one of those stations. Pastor Uhl laid the groundwork. He has now been called to be Public Relations, Stewardship and Development, and Religious Liberty Secretary in the New York Conference. Elder Uhl expressed his pleasure in being present, and appreciation for the help given by J. R. Spangler and Dr. J. W. McFarland during the meetings in Elmira. Thus far they have baptized 23 souls, and have a number of names to follow up.

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D. A. McAdams, Publishing Department Secretary, introduced Melvin R. Lyon, Publishing Department Secretary of the Far Eastern Division. He served in several local conferences in North America, and then in Indonesia and Japan. Following that he was Associate Publishing Secretary for the Division. During the last year and a half he has been top man in that Division, in the publishing work. We have eight publishing houses in the Far Eastern Division. He takes an interest in the literature evangelists and leaders, and also in the publishing houses, and the periodical and book agencies as they are called in the Far East.

On invitation, Elder Lyon referred briefly to the present situation in Vietnam. The literature evangelists there are on a self-supporting basis. The sales have dropped off rapidly. The situation is very critical at this time. Some of our people have had to flee. Remember our people in Vietnam and their work in our morning prayers.

W. A. Higgins, Publishing Department Associate Secretary, reported: J. T. Knopper, Publishing Secretary of the Northern Europe-West Africa Division, gives an encouraging report from his recent visit to Londonderry, Northern Ireland. He says our bookmen are facing very great dangers as they go about their work. One lady literature evangelist was canvassing in a big apartment building when the warning was given that all people must evacuate the building in two minutes, as a bomb was about to explode. As she left the front door, she was thrown to the ground just in time to avoid the explosion. She was unharmed. Literature Evangelist Tony Brownlow was stopped as he drove down the street. The crowd demanded his car, but when he identified himself as the man who sold the special books he was released unharmed. He has been selling his books to Protestants and Catholics alike with great success. Presently he is giving Bible studies to many people, including two Protestant ministers. A Catholic nun has ceased going to her early morning mass and is now spending the time at 6:30 each morning reading Steps to Christ. The bullets, the bombs, and the "no-going areas" are not stopping the bookmen of Ireland.

MINUTES of the meeting held June 8, 1972, were approved.

AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION--
AIRPLANE AUTHORIZATION:

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

VOTED, That authorization be given to the Afro-Mideast Division for the use of an airplane in the Kendu Bay area.

AVIATION CONSULTANT COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE--GENE MARSH:

On recommendation of the Special Items Committee and with the approval of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That Gene Marsh be named to serve on the Aviation Consultant Committee of the General Conference.

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EXCHANGE RATES:

On request of the Trans-Africa Division, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To authorize rates of exchange for countries in the Trans-Africa Division, effective July 1, 1972, as follows:

	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>U.S. Currency</u>
South Africa	Rand	R	0.742115	1.3475
Rhodesia	Rhodesian \$	SR	0.6493506	1.54

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

PEARL NILES--CARIBBEAN UNION CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That Miss Pearl Niles, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as a Church School Teacher for the Caribbean Union Conference, on the basis of a national returning to her home Division.

DAVID D. BUCKMAN--DEFERRED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That David D. Buckman, a sophomore student at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, be placed under deferred medical appointment for service in the Trans-Africa Division.

BRENDA BARNHART--DEFERRED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Miss Brenda Barnhart, a sophomore student at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, be placed under deferred medical appointment for service in the Trans-Africa Division.

GORDON C. HACKETT, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Gordon C. Hackett, M.D., be released from appointment as Medical Director of the Montemorelos Sanitarium and Hospital, Mexico, on his request.

MARJEAN HORNING--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Marjean Horning be released from appointment to Saigon, she having declined the call.

MARVIN MONTGOMERY, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Marvin Montgomery, M.D., be released from appointment as Medical Director of the Songa Hospital, Zaire, since he has not been able to dispose of his practice and property.

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GEORGE RICHARD ROOS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That George Richard Roos be released from appointment as Teacher at the Songa school, Zaire, since he is not clear in accepting the call.

MARIETTA DEMING--FURLOUGH AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

VOTED, To grant a one-month study leave of absence to Miss Marietta Deming, in addition to the three-months' furlough from Korea, as authorized by the Far Eastern Division.

GLADYS MORTON--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

VOTED, To grant a one-month leave of absence to Miss Gladys Morton following furlough from Manila, Philippines, inasmuch as her school does not reopen until September 1.

ELYSEE D. BRANTLEY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Elysee D. Brantley from the West Indies College, for health reasons, in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

WILLIAM HENRY SHEA, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of William Henry Shea, M.D. from Port-of-Spain Community Hospital, Trinidad, at his request in order to accept a position as Teacher of Archaeology at Andrews University, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

DeWITT S. WILLIAMS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of DeWitt S. Williams from the West Zaire Mission, to continue his education, in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

KLAAS TILSTRA--SURINAM:

VOTED, That Klaas Tilstra, retired, and from Madera, California, presently serving as a volunteer worker in the Surinam Mission, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division to serve as a Pastor-Evangelist in the same Mission, under the terms of the Sustentation beneficiary overseas service plan.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

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

VOTED, To authorize and cancel visits to overseas fields as follows:

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Cancelled:

W. A. Fagal To the Bahamas, West Indies Union, Inter-American Division, because he cannot go at this time.

Postponed:

W. R. L. Scragg To Inter-American Division, from 1972 (already voted) to August, 1973, for two weeks at the Antillian Union College, Puerto Rico, when the studio for classes and workshop on Radio Broadcasting is ready.

Authorized:

K. H. LaRondelle To pass to Andrews University the request of Trans-Africa Division for the services of K. H. LaRondelle from December 29, 1972-January 13, 1973, in connection with a series of three workers meetings dealing with Righteousness by Faith in the South African Union. All expenses to be met by South African Union.

R. E. Osborn To Geneva, November 26-28, 1972, in connection with Northern Europe-West Africa Division trip already voted (November 29-December 23, 1972).

G. Oosterwal
(of Andrews
University) To go to Africa (already voted) via Bangkok, Thailand, to attend the "Conference of the Commission of World Mission and Evangelism of the World Council of Churches," Dec. 26, 1972, to Jan. 12, 1973. The difference on the ticket to be his own responsibility.

R. M. Reinhard To Mexico City from August 28-31, 1972, to make the final arrangements for the Midterm Autumn Council.

R. M. Reinhard After visiting Euro-Africa Division from November 5-15, 1972 (already voted) to go to Afro-Mideast Division from November 16-December 14, 1972.

MRS. MARILYN LADD--
PORTLAND UNION ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University Hospital a call from the North Pacific Union Conference for Mrs. Marilyn Ladd, a Trust Department Secretary, to connect with the Oregon Conference as Registrar at Portland Union Academy.

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RON KWIEK--

REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union Conference a call for Ron Kwiek, a Layout Artist, to connect with the Review and Herald Publishing Association as an Artist.

GERALD COLVIN--

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University a call from the Southern Union Conference for Gerald Colvin, a Teacher, to connect with Southern Missionary College as Associate Professor of Psychology and Chairman of the Department of Behavioral Science.

Adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

M. S. Nigri, Chairman
B. E. Seton, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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One Hundred Twenty-Eighth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 22, 1972, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Theodore Carcich, C. E. Bradford, D. H. Baasch, M. T. Battle, F. L. Bland, W. P. Bradley, W. J. Cannon, K. H. Emmerson, C. O. Franz, R. R. Hegstad, Mazie Herin, W. A. Higgins, E. W. Howse, H. D. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, W. R. Leshar, B. J. Liebelt, N. W. Litchfield, M. E. Loewen, C. D. Martin, Lawrence M. Nelson, M. S. Nigri, R. W. Nixon, R. E. Osborn, J. W. Peeke, R. L. Pelton, W. E. Phillips, R. H. Pierson, M. H. Reeder, H. L. Reiner, Fernon Retzer, A. H. Roth, V. W. Schoen, B. E. Seton, L. A. Shipowick, H. D. Singleton, F. A. Soper, J. R. Spangler, E. H. J. Steed, K. W. Tilghman, C. D. Watson, F. C. Webster, A. L. White, Herbert White, Roy F. Williams, Neal C. Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl Bahr, J. O. Iversen

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Theodore Carcich, Chairman, read from the Church Hymnal, No. 437, the three stanzas of the hymn "Lord, Her Watch Thy Church Is Keeping."

Opening prayer by B. E. Seton.

INTRODUCTION:

E. H. J. Steed expressed his pleasure in introducing to the Committee J. L. Clark, Professor of History at Southern Missionary College. He is doing an outstanding work, we believe, for the Church, producing a book on the history of the American Temperance movement. Elder Steed also commended our colleges and students for the wonderful co-operation they give to our temperance work. In the Columbia Union Conference, 100 students are selling temperance literature and conducting temperance campaigns. So we thank the institutions and students for their co-operation. The Chairman welcomed J. L. Clark and requested that he take greetings back to Southern Missionary College.

REPORTS:

Fernon Retzer, Sabbath School Department Secretary, read the following letter signed by R. J. Christian, who served for a number of years as Manager of the Periodical Department at the Southern Publishing Association:

'My dear Brother Retzer: R. J. is still alive and going. I have retired in Corona, and I have a brand new Sabbath School investment project. My home backs up ninety-two feet on a golf course. Many balls come over in my yard, and my Sabbath School investment program is selling a baker's dozen golf balls for \$5.00. At the present time, in my own yard, I have picked up better than \$50 worth at that price. Of course, we will get more during the year. Retzer, I am with you, and if I should sound like I am enthusiastic--well, I am.'

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REPORTS (concluded):

V. W. Schoen, Secretary of the Lay Activities Department, stated the main business of the Department is soul winning. They are interested in people. He spoke of the recent disaster in South Dakota, and the fact our representatives were right on the scene to give aid when the thing happened.

Every minute around the clock in 1971 our laymen gave out 102 pieces of literature. Only a year or two ago, our laymen were opening the Bible to 12 or 13 people every minute. This has now climbed to 18 Bible studies a minute around the clock. Through personal witness they were able to win 81,268 souls in 1971, which means an average of 10 per hour around the clock. Every hour 10 are prepared for baptism through personal witness and Bible studies by the Lay Activities force in the whole field.

He referred to the \$7½ million dollars raised through Ingathering in the North American Division, and another \$4 million in the world field. This is only one phase of the work done. Other phases are Bible evangelism or personal witnessing, lay preaching, use of literature, Bible Correspondence Schools, community services, and SDA World-Wide Relief Service, or SAWS. Last year 162 people came to the United States through SAWS Services. Summing up, it may be said close to 3,000 people and family units have been helped to come to the United States and to become part of the great family here.

Outlining plans for the future, Elder Schoen spoke of the definite part the Department is taking in plans for Mission '73 and '74. An Inservice Witnessing Manual is being prepared. This will be a great blessing to our cause. They are planning on four basic training films. Plans are being laid for a new manual for lay preaching. A number of laymen at the present time are engaged in public evangelism. The Department is working toward a goal of 1,000 laymen in public evangelism for Mission '73.

MINUTES of the meeting held June 15, 1972, were approved.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND
CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE--MEETING:

The President of the United States has before him at present an amendment of the 1965 Act on Higher Education. This makes provision for financing education in its many aspects. It is felt that a meeting of the Religious Liberty and Church-State Relations Committee should be called for consideration of this item, and to ascertain as to whether or not we may be able to apply any of its provisions to our own educational system. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That a meeting of the Religious Liberty and Church-State Relations Committee be called to meet in Washington, D.C., June 29, 1972, and also that an invitation be extended to up to five additional educators from North America to attend the meeting.

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TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION--
WORLD FOODS SERVICE SECRETARY:

On request of the Trans-Africa Division, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That Dunbar Smith, M.D., at present Health and Temperance Secretary of the Trans-Africa Division, be appointed to serve also as World Foods Service Secretary for the Division.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BASIC LIBRARY FUND--
GRANTS:

On request of the various Divisions involved, and in harmony with recommendations from the Spirit of Prophecy Committee, it was--

VOTED, To authorize grants from the Spirit of Prophecy Basic Library Fund, to be matched equally by appropriations from the Divisions concerned, as follows:

Australasian Division:

Steps to Christ, in Fiji, 128 pages, \$448.00;

Northern Europe-West Africa Division:

Testimony Treasures, Volume I, Norwegian, 605 pages, \$2,117.50;

Testimony Treasures, Volume I, Danish, 605 pages, \$2,117.50;

Testimony Treasures, Volume II, Danish, 575 pages, \$2,012.50;

SPA RADIO, TELEVISION AND FILM CENTER--
AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW FUNDS:

On request of the governing board of the SDA Radio, Television and Film Center, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Borrowing and Distribution of Funds Committee, it was--

VOTED, To approve the borrowing of funds up to \$2,000,000 for the SDA Radio, Television and Film Center building and equipment, the total cost of which is estimated at \$2,000,000. It is understood that this loan will be guaranteed by the General Conference and the General Conference Corporation and will be fully paid within five years from the sale of Faith for Today and Voice of Prophecy properties. It is understood that the five-year period begins when the first money is borrowed.

ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GUARANTY--
WITH OR WITHOUT SECURITY:

VOTED, That we adopt a resolution authorizing the guaranty of this loan of \$2,000,000.00 from the Security Pacific National Bank, as stated in the foregoing action, on behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist Radio, Television and Film Center, as follows:

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This Association, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, is directly interested in and will be financially benefited by the business success of the Seventh-day Adventist Radio, Television and Film Center, hereinafter termed "Borrower," and the extension of Credit to Borrower or for Borrower's benefit by SECURITY PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK is important to such business success. In order to induce said Bank to extend such credit, this Association will guarantee the prompt payment of any and all indebtedness according to the terms thereof, which Borrower may now or hereafter owe to said Bank to the extent of the principal sum of Two Million and no/100 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) outstanding at any one time, together with interest thereon and costs of collection thereof, including reasonable attorney's fees. The term "indebtedness" as used in this resolution shall include not only debts voluntarily contracted, principal and interest, but every debt, obligation or liability however arising and whether the same be direct, indirect, or contingent, due or to become due, or that may be hereafter contracted or incurred, and whether or not secured and any extensions, or renewals thereof. The President or a Vice-President together with the Secretary or Treasurer of this Association, for and in the name of this Association are hereby authorized to execute guarantees of such indebtedness, and to pledge, assign, mortgage, give security interests in and execute security agreements covering such property of this Association as may be agreed upon between them and said Bank as security for the obligations of this Association to said Bank, under such guarantees, any instruments executed hereunder to be in such form and with such terms and conditions as may be required by said Bank. The authority given hereunder shall be deemed retroactive and the acts authorized hereunder performed prior to the passage of this resolution are hereby ratified and affirmed. The authority herein conferred shall continue in full force and effect until written notice of its revocation shall have been received by said Bank at its banking house at the Wilson and Glendale Branch, 203 North Glendale Avenue, Glendale, California.

VIETNAM LITERATURE EVANGELISTS EMERGENCY FUND:

Information has been received from the Far Eastern Division Publishing Secretary concerning great needs and suffering experienced by our Vietnam Literature Evangelists, owing to the extended war activities. The country has been completely disrupted, and all activities of the Literature Evangelists have been curbed. The bookmen are in great need. A plan is proposed to invite Literature Evangelists in North America and everywhere to contribute on a volunteer basis, one hour's sales profits to a Vietnam Literature Evangelists Emergency Fund. On recommendation of the Publishing Department and the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That the Publishing Department be authorized to invite Literature Evangelists everywhere to contribute to a Vietnam Literature Evangelists Emergency Fund through usual Church channels.

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

JOHN ROBERTS--SOUTH AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Asia Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for John Roberts, to serve as an Indian Evangelist in the South

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African Union Conference, with the request that the Southern Asia Division process the call.

AUSTEN FLETCHER--SOUTH AFRICAN UNION CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for Austen Fletcher, to serve as an Evangelist in the South African Union Conference, for a three-year term; with the request that the Australasian Division process the call.

RONALD PLANE--TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for Ronald Plane, to serve as nurse in one of its hospitals; with the request that the Australasian Division process the call.

RONALD NIELSEN, M.D.--ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Europe-West Africa Division a call from the Afro-Mideast Division for Roland Nielsen, M.D., of Skodsborg, Denmark, for relief service at the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital during the furlough of Dr. Alexis P. Bokovoy, for four months beginning August 15, 1972.

DAVID LYNN FALCONER--DEFERRED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:

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

ROBERT LARRY FRITZ--DEFERRED DENTAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Robert Larry Fritz, a sophomore student at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, be placed under deferred dental appointment to the Afro-Mideast Division.

TAKITO NEMOTO--TOKYO SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Takito Nemoto, of Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division for service at the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital and Harajuku Clinic, on the basis of a national returning to her homeland.

MIE IWAHASHI--TOKYO SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Mie Iwahashi, of Culver City, California, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division for service at the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital and Harajuku Clinic, on the basis of a national returning to her homeland.

DAVID G. SMALL, M.D.--MONTEMORELOS, MEXICO:

VOTED, That David G. Small, M.D., now taking a residency at Kettering Medical Center, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division to serve as Medical Director of the Montemorelos Sanitarium and Hospital, in Mexico.

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MRS. DORIS ELEANOR FLYTE JUTZY--
BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Mrs. Doris Eleanor Flyte Jutzy, at present in Puerto Rico, be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division for work in the Medical Record office of the Bella Vista Hospital, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

MICHAEL PETER BOYKO--DEFERRED DENTAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Michael Peter Boyko, a sophomore student in the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, who is to graduate with the Class of 1975, be placed under deferred dental appointment to the Inter-American Division.

HUGO VISANI--ITALIAN FIELD:

VOTED, That the Atlantic Union and Greater New York Conferences be requested to release Hugo Visani, and that he be invited to connect with the Euro-Africa Division as Sabbath School and Education Secretary of the Italian Field, with the understanding that the North American Division is regarded as his home base.

MERVIN ELLSTROM--DEFERRED DENTAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Mervin Ellstrom, a sophomore student in the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, be placed under deferred dental appointment to the Trans-Africa Division.

MARJEAN HORNING--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Marjean Horning be released from appointment as Director of Nursing Service at the Karachi Hospital, West Pakistan, she having declined the call.

GARTH D. THOMPSON--EXTENSION OF STUDY LEAVE:

VOTED, To authorize a study leave extension for Garth D. Thompson, from Singapore, until June, 1973, in order that he may complete work for a doctorate degree.

LOIS KETTNER--STUDY LEAVE:

VOTED, To authorize a study leave of twelve months following a three-month furlough for Miss Lois Kettner, a Church School Teacher, from Hong Kong, to complete her degree.

BARBARA JEAN McDONALD--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

VOTED, To authorize a two-month leave of absence following a furlough for Miss Barbara Jean McDonald, from Bella Vista Hospital, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, to care for her aged parents.

DARYL L. MEYERS--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, To authorize an extension of furlough for Daryl L. Meyers, from West Africa, from June 30 to July 10, 1972, for health reasons.

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KEITH HASSINGER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Keith Hassinger from Guam, on his request to take the medical course, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

CHESTER C. LINDT--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Chester C. Lindt from Hong Kong, on his request for educational and personal reasons, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division. He served twelve years in the Far East.

KENNETH B. FISHER, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Kenneth B. Fisher, M.D., from the Bella Vista Hospital, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, on his request to give care to his aged mother, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division. Dr. Fisher has served approximately sixteen years in that Division.

W. R. ZORK--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of W. R. Zork from the Trans-Africa Division, on his request for educational needs of the children, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Division. He has given about twenty years of much-appreciated service in Africa.

RICHARD A. CARLSEN, D.O.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Richard A. Carlsen, D.O., from the Trans-Africa Division, on his request for educational reasons, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Division. Dr. Carlsen has given four years of service in the Mugonero Hospital, in Rwanda.

JOHN H. FRIEND, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of John H. Friend, M.D., from the Afro-Mideast Division, on his request, and in harmony with the recommendation of the Division. He has served one term at Gimbie Hospital, Ethiopia.

**WM. HAYNOR--SDA RADIO, TELEVISION
AND FILM CENTER:**

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Potomac Conferences a call from the SDA Radio, Television and Film Center for Wm. Haynor, Associate Pastor Sligo Church, to be Director of Public Relations for Faith for Today Division.

RUSSELL LEE--SOUTHWESTERN UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Publishing Association a call from the Southwestern Union Conference for Russell Lee, Linotype Operator at SPA, to serve as Linotype Operator at Southwestern Union College.

Adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

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

One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 29, 1972, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

M. S. Nigri, L. L. Bock, W. Melvin Adams, D. H. Baasch, M. T. Battle, W. J. Brown, W. J. Cannon, J. O. Gibson, R. R. Hegstad, M. Carol Hetzell, E. W. Howse, D. W. Hunter, Gordon Hyde, D. S. Johnson, B. J. Liebelt, N. W. Litchfield, M. E. Loewen, R. W. Nixon, W. E. Phillips, M. H. Reeder, R. M. Reinhard, V. W. Schoen, B. E. Seton, H. D. Singleton, Clark Smith, J. R. Spangler, K. W. Tilghman, F. C. Webster, A. L. White, Herbert White, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl Bahr, J. O. Iversen

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

M. S. Nigri, Chairman, stated this morning a group of young people from North Carolina sang in worship "The King is Coming." Mrs. E. G. White, on page 187 of Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, writes about the Lord's soon coming. He read two paragraphs on this topic, from which the following sentences are quoted: "We are not only to talk of Christ's soon coming, but in every action, we are to reveal the fact that He is soon to be manifested in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. . . . Shall we not be filled with fear and awe lest we are still in our own natural tempers, lest we are unconverted and unholy, and seeking to pass off a counterfeit experience for a genuine one? Awake, brethren, awake, before it shall be forever too late."

A number of requests were presented for prayer. Opening prayer by K. W. Tilghman.

MINUTES of the meeting held June 22, 1972, were approved.

SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION--

EXCHANGE RATES:

On recommendation of the Southern Asia Division and with the approval of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, To authorize fixed rates of exchange in relation to the United States Dollar, effective July 1, 1972, as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>1972 Fixed Rates</u> <u>Local Currency</u>	<u>1972 Fixed Rates</u> <u>U.S. Currency</u>
Bangladesh	Taka	7.14	.1400560
Burma	Kyat	5.3	.1886792
India	Rupee	7.2	.1388889
Pakistan	Rupee	10.5	.0952381

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PUBLISHING TASK FORCES--
APPOINTED:

The Publishing Department feels the need for serious, in-depth studies in some areas, and have requested that five small task forces be appointed for such purposes. On their request and in harmony with a recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That Publishing Task Forces be appointed to meet in Washington, D.C., as follows:

Task Force # 1, Meeting Today's Issues, August 14, 15, 1972: W. A. Higgins, Chairman; T. S. Barber, T. Carcich, J. N. Hunt, John Kerbs, W. B. Quigley, L. L. Reile, V. W. Schoen;

Task Force # 2, Literature Costs, August 14, 15, 1972: D. A. McAdams, Chairman; L. F. Bohner, N. R. Dower, C. E. Dudley, C. B. Hirsch, John Moorhead, Max Shoup, E. H. J. Steed, J. H. Whitehead;

Task Force # 3, I. Cost of Subscription Literature Sales Program;
II. Literature Evangelists' Income and Expense, August 28, 29, 1972: Herbert White, Chairman; A. B. Butler, Philip Follett, Silas McClamb, L. H. Netteburg, C. L. Paddock, Jr., A. R. Reiswig, J. D. Spiva;

Task Force # 4, Book and Bible House Operation, August 28, 29, 1972: Bruce M. Wickwire, Chairman; Douglas Anderson, T. E. Baber, O. L. Driskell, J. N. Hunt, Clyde Kinder, H. V. Reed, William Otis;

Task Force # 5, Home Health Education Service, August 30, 31, 1972: Bruce M. Wickwire, Chairman; C. M. Barnes, R. J. Froot, Richard Green, J. H. McKinstry, J. W. Proctor, Eric Ristau, Ben Trout, Herbert White.

D. W. HUNTER--

VISIT TO INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION:

On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, acting for the Overseas Travel Committee, it was--

VOTED, That D. W. Hunter replace W. J. Hackett to visit the Inter-American Division, July 26-August 12, 1972, the itinerary to be as follows:

West Indies Union Conference session (Jamaica), July 26-30;
East Caribbean Conference session (Barbados), July 31-August 6;
South Caribbean Conference session (Port-of-Spain), August 6-12.

Recommendations from the Committee on Appointees were presented and actions taken as follows:

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HUMBERTO ARIAS--SPANISH CHURCH:

VOTED, To pass on to the South American Division a call from the Euro-Africa Division for Humberto Arias, of Chile, to serve as Missionary Volunteer and Temperance Secretary for the Spanish Church.

EFINO TRIANTAFILO--GREEK MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to the South American Division a call from the Euro-Africa Division for Efino Triantafilo, of Bolivia, to serve as a Minister in the Greek Mission.

MARTHA HORN--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Afro-Mideast Division a call for Miss Martha Horn, a Secretary in the Ethiopian Union Mission office, to connect with the General Conference office for service as Recording Secretary of the General Conference Committee, effective at the time her furlough is due.

ERNEST PIERRE DELAPORTE--ZAIRE:

VOTED, That Loma Linda University-La Sierra Campus be requested to release Ernest Pierre Delaporte, and that he be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as Principal of the Songa School, Zaire.

JONATHAN C. SHERMAN--ZAIRE:

VOTED, That Jonathan C. Sherman, a student at Pacific Union College, be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as Industrial Arts Teacher for the Songa School, Zaire.

B. P. WENDELL--CENTRAL RWANDA FIELD:

VOTED, That the Central Union and Colorado Conferences be requested to release B. P. Wendell, of Mile High Academy, and that he be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as President of the Central Rwanda Field.

EDUARDO ZURITA--CHILE UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, That Eduardo Zurita, a student at Andrews University, be invited to connect with the South American Division as Professor in the Chile Union College Theological Department, on the basis of a national returning.

SHERRY KARON READ--DEFERRED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Sherry Karon Read, a sophomore student at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, be placed under deferred medical appointment to the Southern Asia Division.

WILLIAM E. JONES--GHANA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That the North Pacific Union and South Dakota Conferences be requested to release William E. Jones, and that he be invited to connect with the Northern Europe-West Africa Division, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Ghana Conference.

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MATTHEW BEDIAKO--WEST AFRICAN UNION MISSION:

VOTED, That Matthew Bediako, a student at Loma Linda University, be invited to connect with the Northern Europe-West Africa Division as Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the West African Union Mission, on the basis of a national returning.

FRED MIROSLAV RETH--**DEFERRED DENTAL APPOINTMENT:**

VOTED, That Fred Miroslav Reth, sophomore student at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, be placed under deferred dental appointment to the Northern Europe-West Africa Division.

KEITH RAY ZAUGG--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Keith Ray Zaugg be released from appointment as Principal of the Hanke School, in Rhodesia, he having declined.

JEFFERY D. CAO--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Jeffery D. Cao be released from deferred medical appointment to the Far Eastern Division, since he wishes to specialize in Pathology.

DANIEL WALTHER--PERMANENT RETURN:

Daniel Walther entered denominational work fifty-one years ago. He has in recent years given several forms of service in the Trans-Africa Division. He feels the time has now come for him to return home. In harmony with a recommendation of the Division, it was--

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Daniel Walther from Helderberg College, effective July 2, 1972. Also that we send a special letter of appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Walther, who served with such verve and personality, and have rendered faithful service to the Church during these long years.

DONALD G. COOTZ, II--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Donald G. Cootz, II, son of D. G. Cootz, Manager of the Malamulo Press in Mwami, to continue his education, in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

IRA EUGENE BAILIE, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

Ira Eugene Bailie, M.D., has been employed in mission work in Paraguay since 1954, with the exception of four years in residency.

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Ira Eugene Bailie, M.D., from Paraguay, for educational purposes, effective in July, 1972, in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division.

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WILLIAM SHEA, M.D.--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to William Shea, M.D., permanently returned from Trinidad, Inter-American Division, a call for him to connect with Andrews University as Assistant Professor of Old Testament.

THEODORE E. WADE--HOME STUDY INSTITUTE:

VOTED, To pass on to Theodore E. Wade, permanently returned from Haiti, Inter-American Division, a call to serve as Director of Studies in the Home Study Institute.

DAVID KISSINGER--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference and Atlantic Union College a call for David Kissinger, to connect with Loma Linda University as Visiting Professor of Biology in the Graduate School.

ALICE BRANTLEY--OAKWOOD COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Alice Brantley (Mrs. E. D. Brantley), permanently returned from Jamaica, Inter-American Division, a call to connect with Oakwood College as Principal and Instructor of the Anna Knight Elementary School.

XAVIER BUTLER--OAKWOOD COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and Lake Region Conferences a call for Xavier Butler, Inner City Secretary, to connect with Oakwood College as Dean of Men.

LEROY HAMPTON--OAKWOOD COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Allegheny East Conferences a call for Leroy Hampton, to connect with Oakwood College as Student Finance Officer.

RAYMOND D. RUDDLE--MILITARY CHAPLAIN:

On recommendation of the National Service Organization, it was--

VOTED, To grant ecclesiastical endorsement of Raymond D. Ruddle, a Minister located at Tracy, California, in the Northern California Conference, for active duty Chaplain in the U.S. Army.

Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

M. S. Nigri, Chairman
L. L. Bock, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary