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Three Hundred Twentieth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 1, 1975, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W J Hackett, D W Hunter, D H Baasch, R Curtis Barger, M T Battle, J W Bothe, C E Bradford, W J Brown, W J Cannon, E E Cleveland, Victor H Cooper, H E Douglass, W Duncan Eva, A C Fearing, C O Franz, A Edwin Gibb, J O Gibson, J H Hancock, Mazie Herin, D W Holbrook, H D Johnson, M E Kemmerer, J C Kozel, C H Lauda, N W Litchfield, M E Loewen, J W McFarland, A C McKee, Garland J Millet, M S Nigri, R W Nixon, R E Osborn, R L Pelton, W E Phillips, A V Pinkney, H F Rampton, M H Reeder, R M Reinhard, L B Reynolds, A H Roth, Clark Smith, E H J Steed, Carl Sundin, C D Watson, F C Webster, C C Weis, Bruce M Wickwire, Roy F Williams, K H Wood.

OTHERS PRESENT

Karl Bahr, Orley Berg, John D Latimer, Betty Stirling, L R Van Dolson, F Donald Yost.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

A C Fearing, Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association, presented the devotional thoughts centering around the importance of dedication. He told of the sacrifices that are made by workers and laymen around the world. He asked, "What would happen if this denomination would put a two-year moratorium on spending anything above needful expenses and put everything else into the cause of God?" In closing he read Acts 20:24:

"But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, . . ."

H E Douglass offered prayer.

INTRODUCTION

R L Pelton introduced John D Latimer, a layman of the John D Latimer Associates Inc., architectural firm.

REPORT

E E Cleveland announced that 6,063 people joined the Church during the first quarter of 1975 through baptism or profession of faith. This represents a gain of 154 over the first quarter of 1974.

MINUTES of the meeting held April 24, 1975, were approved, with amendments.

(A-940) LAY EVANGELISM RESEARCH & PLANNING COMMITTEE--
MEETING CANCELLATION

VOTED, To cancel the meeting of the Lay Evangelism Research and Planning Committee which was scheduled for August 25-28, 1975 (GCC 74-436) and list with

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the Authorized Meetings Committee the request that the meeting be held January 5-7, 1976, in Washington, DC.

(A-1153) SE ASIA REFUGEE RELIEF--BANK ACCOUNT,
SECURITY PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK

Resolved, That an account be opened in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in the Security Pacific National Bank, Loma Linda Branch, and that the said bank be and hereby is, authorized to honor the signatures of M E Kemmerer and/or H W Bedwell and/or D S Johnson, to sign or make any changes and orders for the payment of money for the account in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

(A-921) FRANKFURT SERVICEMEN'S CENTER--
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK SIGNATURES

Resolved, That the Chase Manhattan Bank, Frankfurt/M, Germany, be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of K H Emmerson, Treasurer, and/or M E Kemmerer, Undertreasurer, and/or Robert L Chism, to sign or make any changes and orders for the payment of money for account No 616-14-03529 which is in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. All prior authorizations for this account are hereby annulled and canceled.

(P-1155) 1975 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION
STANDING COMMITTEES APPROVED

On the recommendation of the President's Administrative Council,

VOTED, To approve the standing committees for the 1975 General Conference Session as presented, a copy being on file with the General Conference Minutes.

(A-565) ACUPUNCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT REFERRED--
AD HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY

VOTED, To refer the Acupuncture Committee report to an ad hoc committee named by the Chairman, for editorial changes:

Committee appointed: W Duncan Eva, Chairman; D W Hunter, Secretary;
C O Franz, J W McFarland, R F Waddell, C D Watson.

(A-946) OFFICE SERVICE COMMITTEE

On the recommendation of the President's Administrative Council,

VOTED, 1. To establish a consolidated office service bringing into one organization, the following facilities: Addressograph, Mailing, Receiving and Delivery, Central Stock and Supply, Printing and Duplicating, Micrographics.

2. To approve the following plan of organization:

a. General policies, procedures and operational guidelines will be set by the standing Office Services Committee in harmony with the approved terms of reference (see Section 5 below).

(Office Service Committee - contd)

b. Administration and operation will be under the direction of the General Conference Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer assigned to this responsibility.

c. Management will be under the direction of the individual appointed as Manager, Office Services.

d. Monitoring of the work flow and the jobs from the General Conference offices, departments and services will be by one of the following three subcommittees:

- (1) Central Dispatch and Office Supplies Subcommittee
- (2) Printing, Duplicating and Copying Subcommittee
- (3) Micrographic Subcommittee

The above subcommittees will operate within terms of reference established by the standing Office Services Committee (see Section 5b below).

3. To assign to the office services, the responsibility to maintain records of all services provided and the appropriate information for accounting purposes.

4. To appoint the following standing committee and subcommittees:

a. Office Services Committee:

Emmerson, K H (Chairman)	Johnson, H D
Eva, W Duncan (V-Chairman)	Olson, R W
Kenmerer, M E (V-Chairman)	Peeke, J W
Kohler, B J (Secretary)	Peterson, Laurell
Baasch, D H (Asst Secy)	Rozema, Eunice
Bahr, K H	Tate, Walter E
Brown, W J	Webster, F C
Fordham, W W	Yost, F Donald
Hetzell, M Carol	

b. Central Dispatch and Office Supply Subcommittee:

Eva, W Duncan (Chairman)	Gair, Miriam
Tate, Walter E (Secretary)	Kohler, B J
Carballal, M M	Webster, F C

c. Printing, Duplicating and Copying Subcommittee:

Baasch, D H (Chairman)	Kohler, B J
Tate, Walter E (Secretary)	Peterson, Laurell
Bahr, K H	White, Herbert
Johnson, H D	

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(Office Service Committee - contd)

d. Micrographic Subcommittee:

Eva, W Duncan (Chairman)	Kohler, B J
Tate, Walter E (Secretary)	Olson, R W
Johnson, H D	Rozema, Eunice

5. To establish the following terms of reference for the standing Office Services Committee, with the provision that within these terms of reference the committee will have power to act:

a. Establish terms of reference for the three subcommittees referred to in 2d above with the understanding the subcommittee will report to the parent committee on all matters in which they have not been given power to act.

b. Establish general guidelines for the monitoring of routine jobs and the control of work flow from General Conference offices, departments and services to each of the following three service areas:

- (1) Central Dispatch and Office Supplies Service
- (2) Printing and Duplicating Service
- (3) Micrographic Service

c. Evaluate, authorize, and assign on an individual basis such non-routine work of General Conference offices, departments and services which does not come within the guidelines referred to in paragraph b above.

d. Ensure that a periodic review is made by General Conference offices, departments and services of the work they require in each of the three areas with a view to maintaining efficiency and economy.

e. Assume responsibility for all office copying machines in the General Conference headquarters offices.

(A-946) STANDING COMMITTEES DISCHARGED

VOTED, To discharge the following standing committees:

General Conference Printing Committee
General Conference Micrographic Service Committee

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SEMINARS--APPROPRIATION

VOTED, 1. To launch the Christian Leadership Seminary concept of continuing education for overseas administrators. The program would be initiated through pilot seminars to train leaders in developing the concept of continuing education for administrators in the overseas divisions, and designed to fit the particular needs of the field.

2. To make an appropriation of \$6,000.00 from the General Conference Contingency Fund for the 1975 Christian Leadership Seminary Contingency Budget.

FAMILY HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICE--
AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO STUDY

On the recommendation of the Regional Publishing Subcommittee,

VOTED, To appoint an ad hoc Family Health Education Service Committee to meet in Washington, DC, May 20-22, 1975.

Committee appointed:

Fordham, W W (Chairman)	Mackey, O W
Wickwire, Bruce M (Secretary)	Marshall, J
Anderson, G W	McClamb, Silas
Barber, T S	Proctor, J W
Barnes, C M	Ristau, Eric
Bernet, P A	Robinson, S C
Driskell, O L	Robinson, W R
Forquer, H J	Smith, Robert
Hutchinson, J W	Smith, T R
Kirkland, O D	Willis, C M
LaGrone, R L	Wollard, W R

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To accept the following report from the Committee on Appointees:

Appointments

Bailey, Sandra Jean (Weslaco, Texas)--Elementary teacher, Penang Adventist Hospital, Malaysia, Far Eastern Division
Cochran, William Roger (Alhambra, California)--Reassign from Laos to Brunei for evangelistic work, Far Eastern Division
Dagher, Samir Phillip (Northville, Michigan)--Business/Economics teacher, Middle East College, Afro-Mideast Division, national returning
Fujita, Kiyoshi (Loma Linda, Calif)--Chaplain & health educator, Tokyo Sanitarium-Hospital, Japan, Far Eastern Div, national returning
Joers, L E C (Jay, Oklahoma)--Physician & Medical Director, Malamulo Hospital, Malawi, Trans-Africa Division
Wilson, James Michael--Transfer of appt from NE Brazil Mission (Recife) to Bahia-Sergipe Mission (Salvador) as Lay Act/Sabbath School/Communication Dept Director, South American Division
Workman, Allen Edson (Deferred med appointee)--Assignment as physician, Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center, Tanzania, Afro-Mideast Div
Wresch, Robert (Loma Linda, Calif)--Physician, Nicaragua Adventist Hosp, Inter-American Division

Calls and Transfers

Dunkel, Florian (Euro-Afr Div)--French language teacher, Kivoga College, Burundi, Trans-Africa Division
Grant, Cecelia (England, N Eur-W Afr)--Deferred med appointee assigned to Andrews Mem Hospital, Jamaica, Inter-American Division

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(Appointees - contd)

(Calls and Transfers)

Mandemaker, G W (Euro-Afr Div)--Principal, Netherlands Junior College and Seminary ("Oud-Zandbergen"), Netherlands, N Eur-W Afr Division, national returning

Releases

Martinez, Raquel (Int-Am Div) from call to Quito American Clinic, Ecuador, South American Division. Call cancelled
Tall, Joyce from appt to Bella Vista Hospital church school, Puerto Rico, Inter-American Division

Permanent Returns

Becraft, James R from Lebanon, Afro-Mideast Div. Effective April 30, 1975
Bryson, George E from Ghana, N Europe-W Africa Div. Effective April 30, 1975, personal
Clemons, Donald from Peru, South American Division. Effective April 25, 1975, health
Coltheart, Mrs J F (widow of J F Coltheart) from N Eur-W Afr Division to Australasian Division. Effective June 1, 1975
Harder, Elsie Rose (daughter, Neander Harder, Brazil) from South American Division. Effective May 1, 1975, marriage. Terminal date for Division responsibility, March 1, 1976.
Jay, James C from Nigeria, N Europe-W Africa Div. Effective May 26, 1975, personal
Jemson, Willard D from Indonesia Publishing House, Far Eastern Division Effective July 1, 1975, personal
Joiner, James L from Philippine Publishing House, Far Eastern Division Effective June 5, 1975, assignment completed
Vurpillot, Roland from French Polynesia Mission, Australasian Division to Euro-Africa Division. Effective June 1, 1975, personal.

LESSARD, DORITA--CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY

Information has been received from the Afro-Mideast Division of the death of Mrs Dorita Lessard who had been serving at the Kamagambo Secondary School and Teachers' College, Kenya.

VOTED, To extend to the two sons and two brothers of Mrs Dorita Lessard the sympathy of the General Conference Committee on the death of Dorita Lessard in an automobile accident while in mission service in Africa.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

On the recommendation of the Overseas Travel Committee,

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations (General Conference staff members leaving from Vienna, prior to the General Conference Session, guest speakers)

Henri, C D	Karl Marxstadt, DDR, July 3-6, 1975
Hackett, W J	Bogenhofen, Austria, July 4-6, 1975
Johnson, D S	Innsbruck, Austria, July 4-6, 1975

(Overseas Travel - contd)
(Authorizations)

Baasch, D H	Klagenfurt, Austria, July 4-6, 1975
Franz, C O	Salzburg, Austria, July 4-6, 1975
Pierson, R H	Prague, Czechoslovakia, July 4-6, 1975
Wilson, Neal C	Berlin, Germany, July 4-6, 1975
Bradford, C E	Darmstadt, Germany, July 4-6, 1975
Bock, L L	Frankfurt, Germany, July 4-6, 1975
Williams, R F	Bologna, Italy, July 4-6, 1975
Seton, B E	Rome, Italy, July 4-6, 1975
Eva, W Duncan	Warsaw, Poland, July 4-6, 1975
Beach, W R	Bern, Switzerland, July 4-6, 1975
Hunter, D W	Belgrade, Yugoslavia, July 4-6, 1975
Nigri, M S	Zagreb, Yugoslavia, July 4-6, 1975
Scragg, W R L	Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, July 4-6, 1975
(Special)	
Wood, K H (Rev & Herald)	Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, July 4-6, 1975. Expenses by Review & Herald
(From overseas divisions)--	Expenses by employing organizations
Frame, R R (Aust Div)	Leipzig, DDR, July 3-6, 1975
Pedersen, E W (Afro- Mideast Div)	Wiesbaden, Germany, July 4-6, 1975
Jacobs, R L (Afro- Mideast Div)	Trieste, Italy, July 4-6, 1975
Parmenter, K S (Aust Div)	Augsburg, Germany, July 4-6, 1975
Powers, C L (Euro-Africa Div)	Vienna, Austria, July 4-6, 1975
Eldridge, P H (Far East Div)	Zurich, Switzerland, July 4-6, 1975
Clark, W T (Far East Div)	Karlsruhe, Germany, July 4-6, 1975
Archbold, B L (Inter- American Div)	Hannover, Germany, July 4-6, 1975
Figueroa, J H (Inter- American Div)	Milan, Italy, July 4-6, 1975
Lohne, Alf (N Europe- W Africa Div)	Stuttgart, Germany, July 4-6, 1975
Beach, B B (N Europe- W Africa Div)	Florence, Italy, July 4-6, 1975
Wilcox, R A (So American Div)	Budapest, Hungary, July 4-6, 1975
Lowry, R S (So Asia Div)	Munich, Germany, July 4-6, 1975
Mills, M L (Tr-Afr Div)	Gdansk, Poland, July 4-6, 1975
Clifford, R E (Tr-Afr Div)	Basel, Switzerland, July 4-6, 1975
Osborn, R E	Europe (Geneva) July 23,24, 1975 (London) July 29,30, 1975
Ost, Walter	Trans-Afr Div (Malawi) May 1-July 1, 1975 Relief work, Malamulo Hospital
(Special)	
Gibson, Ann M (Atl Un Coll)	Far East Div (Singapore) May 15-Aug 15, 1975 (Far East Div responsible for round-trip fare and housing plus \$1,680.00 for salary to Atlantic Union College).

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EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENT--SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION

VOTED, To approve the following adjustment in the fixed rate of exchange within the South American Division, effective May 1, 1975:

<u>Country</u>		<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>US\$</u>
<u>South American Division</u>			
Chile	Escudo	E ^o 4,200.00	.0002381

GENERAL CALL

VOTED, To pass on the following General call:

Hill, Earl (Loma Linda Univ)--Controller, Glendale Adventist Medical Center.

Adjourned

W J Hackett, Chairman
D W Hunter, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

Three Hundred Twenty-first Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 8, 1975, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Neal C Wilson, B E Seton, D H Baasch, R Curtis Barger, M T Battle, J W Bothe, C E Bradford, W P Bradley, W J Brown, H D Burbank, W J Cannon, E E Cleveland, Victor H Cooper, D A Delafield, H E Douglass, N R Dower, K H Emmerson, A C Fearing, C O Franz, A Edwin Gibb, J O Gibson, Paul A Gordon, C E Guenther, J H Hancock, C D Henri, Mazie Herin, M Carol Hetzell, W A Howe, M E Kemmerer, B J Kohler, J C Kozel, W R Leshar, N W Litchfield, M E Loewen, C D Martin, D A McAdams, J W McFarland, V M Montalban, M S Nigri, R W Nixon, R E Osborn, W L Pascoe, W E Phillips, A V Pinkney, H F Rampton, M H Reeder, H L Reiner, R M Reinhard, A H Roth, Milo Sawvel, V W Schoen, W R L Scragg, L A Shipowick, H D Singleton, Clark Smith, W M Starks, E H J Steed, Michael Stevenson, R F Waddell, C D Watson, F C Webster, C C Weis, Herbert White, Bruce M Wickwire, Roy F Williams, A G Zytkoskee.

OTHERS PRESENT

Karl Bahr, Orley Berg, Betty Stirling, L R Van Dolson, DeWitt Williams.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Neal C Wilson, Chairman, spoke about the evaluating of individuals. He read a statement by Woodrow Wilson published in the Review and Herald of August 26, 1915:

"When I hear some of the things which young men say to me by way of putting the arguments to themselves for going into the ministry, I think that they are talking of another profession. Their motive is to do something, when it should be to be something. . . . The only profession which consists in being something is the ministry of our Lord and Saviour--and it does not consist of anything else."

In closing he read 2 Corinthians 10:7-18 (NEB).

A H Roth offered prayer.

MINUTES of the meeting held May 1, 1975, were approved with amendments.

(A-1160) NAD CURRICULUM COMMITTEE--REPLACEMENTS FOR
AUGUST MEETING

VOTED, To approve the following replacements in the North American Division Curriculum Committee for the one meeting which will convene at Southwestern Union College, Texas, August 18-22, 1975:

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(NAD Curriculum Committee - contd)

Davis, Edith (Andrews University) replacing Sue Baker
Ferguson, Duane (Indiana Academy) replacing W L Fitch
Ferguson, Leslie (Pioneer Valley Academy) replacing Mary Ann Ford
Gilliam, Delano (Texas Conference) replacing Wanda Grounds
Johnson, Ethel (Columbia Union) replacing R E Leslie
Simmons, Virginia (Union College) replacing Joyce Morse

(A-1161) FEARING, ANDREW C--SUSTENTATION, APPRECIATION

VOTED, To refer to the Sustentation Committee, the application of Andrews C Fearing for sustentation to be effective September 1, 1975; and further, to express appreciation to him and to his wife for 43 years of service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

(P-1162) KASAI REPORT

On the recommendation of the President's Administrative Council,

VOTED, To support the plans and related financial proposals for the Kasai project of the Trans-Africa Division during 1975 as follows, the details being on file in the General Conference Treasury office:

I. Operating Additional Kasai Evangelistic Thrust - Section I

Zaire Union	1%	\$ 1,054.00
Trans-Africa Division	10%	10,547.00
General Conference	89%	<u>93,867.00</u>
	Total	\$ 105,468.00

The General Conference portion will be provided from the 1975 New Work Reserve Fund.

II. Operating Kasai Project - Additional Section II

General Conference \$ 20,000.00

To be provided from the 1975 New Work Reserve Fund.

(Note: The amount required to continue these budgets in 1976 and onward amounts to \$34,338.00 annually.)

III. Specials

From Trans-Africa Division	\$ 8,815.00
From Quiet Hour (to be requested)	15,375.00
*From General Conference and Trans-Afr Div	
1. For printing literature	\$ 66,625.00
2. For other capital needs	<u>314,142.00</u> <u>380,767.00</u>
	\$ <u>404,957.00</u>
Total	\$ 530,425.00

(Kasai Report - contd)

*This portion of "Specials" as listed may be covered by special donations as a project "Operation Extra Lift" in North America and a similar offering appeal to be promoted in the Trans-Africa Division, but guaranteed up to a maximum of \$150,000 by the General Conference. Should donations not reach the \$150,000 amount the difference will be met from our New Work Reserve Fund.

Note: It is understood that amounts will be released to the Division only when plans move forward as agreed, and as the capital projects are undertaken.

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To accept the following report from the Committee on Appointees:

Appointments

Alexander, L Dolly (Toronto, Canada)--Home economics teacher, Ethiopian Adventist College, Afro-Mideast Division
How, Frederick R (Okanagan Academy)--Automotive technology teacher, Ethiopian Adventist College, Afro-Mideast Division
Johnson, Samuel J (Highland, Calif)--Dentist, Karachi Hospital, Pakistan, Southern Asia Division
Leavitt, Keith J (Beiseker, Alberta)--Teacher, Malamulo, Malawi, Trans-Africa Division
Mulinari, Norberto (Texas Conf)--Pastor, South Argentine Conference, Austral Union, South American Division, national returning
Oliver, John B (Clearlake Highlands, California)--Surgeon and Chief of Staff, Giffard Memorial Hospital, Nuzvid, India, Southern Asia Div
Schaach, Susan (Portland, Oregon)--Nurse, Mwami Hospital, Zambia, Trans-Africa Division

Calls and Transfers

Sirvas, Elena (Aust Div)--Bilingual office secretary, South American Division office, national returning
Tanaka, Henry (Paraguay, So Amer Div)--Physician, Tokyo Sanitarium-Hospital, Far Eastern Division

Releases

Issa, Tawfic (Afro-Mideast Div national, Shawnee Mission Hosp) from call to Iraq Field, Afro-Mideast Division. Declined
Olshevski, Gerhard (Euro-Afr Div) from call to Advent Press, Ghana, N Europe-W Africa Division. Declined

Permanent Returns

Bissell, Marcia Kathryn (daughter of H L Bissell, E Indonesia Union) from Far Eastern Division. Effective June 2, 1975, education.
Burke, Janis Karen (daughter of Irmin Burke, Puerto Rico) from Inter-American Division. Effective March 2, 1975, education.
Clements, William V from Far Eastern Division. Effective July 1975, family considerations
Conway, Robert Lee from Middle East College, Lebanon, Afro-Mideast Division. Effective June 1975, personal
Erickson, Teddy Marvin (son of H D Erickson, India) from Southern Asia Division. Effective June 1973, education

Three Hundred Twenty-second Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 15, 1975, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W R Beach, D W Hunter, W Melvin Adams, J J Aitken, D H Baasch, M T Battle, G J Bertochini, L L Bock, J W Bothe, C E Bradford, H D Burbank, Victor H Cooper, H E Douglass, N R Dower, K H Emerson, A C Fearing, W W Fordham, A Edwin Gibb, J O Gibson, C E Guenther, W J Hackett, J H Hancock, F E J Harder, C D Henri, J N Hunt, Gordon Hyde, D S Johnson, M E Kemmerer, B J Kohler, W R Leshner, N W Litchfield, M E Loewen, C D Martin, J W McFarland, Garland J Millet, R E Osborn, W L Pascoe, J W Peeke, R L Pelton, W E Phillips, R H Pierson, A V Pinkney, H F Rampton, M H Reeder, Fernon Retzer, W R L Scragg, L A Shipowick, H D Singleton, F A Soper, J R Spangler, W M Starks, E H J Steed, Michael Stevenson, C D Watson, F C Webster, C C Weis, Herbert White, Bruce M Wickwire, Roy F Williams.

OTHERS PRESENT

Karl Bahr, Orley Berg, C M Clark, Betty Stirling, Elder and Mrs S Thomas, F Donald Yost.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

W R Beach read Colossians 1:26,27 (Phillips translation):

". . . And the secret is simply this: Christ in you! Yes, Christ in you bringing with him the hope of all the glorious things to come."

"The Christ in us will meet the Christ in our brethren, and the Holy Spirit will give that union of heart and action which testifies to the world that we are children of God."

--Testimonies for the Church, vol 9, p 188.

F Donald Yost offered prayer.

INTRODUCTION

Robert H Pierson presented S Thomas and wife of India who have been visiting relatives in the United States. Elder Thomas began denominational work in 1922, and although he has now retired, he is still active in church work.

REPORTS

Robert H Pierson reported that the first two tracts to be distributed as part of the Kasai project are being printed, the first edition of 20,000 of "Adventism" is to appear May 20, 1975.

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J J Aitken related his experiences visiting government officials in northern Africa and Spain with Baron Von Blomberg. The influence of the worldwide Church prepared the way for a cordial reception. In Morocco our work has been closed for five years but indications are favorable for the re-opening of the Church there.

D S Johnson summarized the work of the Indo-China Relief Committee at General Conference and the working committee on the west coast which held its first meeting in the west on May 1, 1975, to assist denominational workers and church members who arrived at El Toro airbase from Saigon. More than half of the 410 refugees were Seventh-day Adventists and by this time most of them have been placed in denominational institutions and homes throughout the United States where they are employed or enabled to continue their education. The Loma Linda Medical Center cared for the health screening of all the refugees, free of charge.

C E Guenther offered a prayer of thanksgiving for Divine intervention in behalf of the Church and for God's care of His people.

MINUTES of the meeting held May 8, 1975, were approved, with amendments.

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To accept the following report from the Committee on Appointees:

Appointments

Amundson, Larry David (Portland, Oregon)--Pilot/mechanic, Irian Jaya Mission, West Irian, Far Eastern Division.
Barnes, Marie (Greater Miami Acad)--English teacher, Antillian College, Puerto Rico, Inter-American Division, national returning
Crabtree, David (Student, Loma Linda Univ)--Biology teacher, Antillian College, Puerto Rico, Inter-American Division
Fletcher, Marie (Fort Worth, Texas)--Secretary, Trans-Africa Division office
Lehman, Kay (Student, Pac Un Coll)--Bilingual secretary, South American Division office
Moore, Rowena Joy (Hinsdale San & Hosp)--English office secretary, South American Division office
Puerto, Rosita (Student, So Miss Coll)--Nurse, Antillean Adv Hospital, Curacao, Inter-American Division, national returning
Robinson, Robert Lavern (Albany, Oregon)--Business manager, Rusangu Sec School, Zambia, Trans-Africa Division
Sailo, Lalmama (So Asia Div, Washington, DC)--Religion teacher, Spicer Memorial College, India, Southern Asia Division, national returning
Steele, Robert J (Willowdale, Ont)--Dental lab technician, Guam SDA Clinic, Far Eastern Division

Calls and Transfers

Hosken, Bruce M (Aust Div)--Relief physician, Hong Kong Adv Hospital, Far Eastern Division
Pastor, Indonesia (Far East Div)--Pastor, Surinam, Inter-Amer Division

(Appointees - contd)

Releases

Collins, Gary Lee (Ellijay, Georgia) from appt to Davis Memorial Hospital, Guyana, Inter-American Division. Declined
Gibson, Lloyd Jamesen (Rio Lindo Acad) from appt to Middle East College, Afro-Mideast Division. Declined
Hwang, Milton (Canada) from appt to West Indies College, Jamaica, Inter-American Division. Declined
Oliver, John B (Clearlake Highlands, Calif) from appt to Giffard Memorial Hospital, India, Southern Asia Division. Declined
Yingling, Brent (Fletcher, No Carolina) from appt to Kivu Adventist College, Zaire, Trans-Africa Division. Declined

Permanent Returns

Green, Robert Jon from Ethiopian Union, Afro-Mideast Div. Effective June 1, 1975
Griffith, Dorlin K from Ethiopian Adv College, Afro-Mideast Division. Effective July 31, 1975, personal
Hiten, Fearn E from Ethiopia, Afro-Mideast Division. Effective May 30, 1975, education
Jacobson, Marcella A from Ethiopian Adv College, Afro-Mideast Division. Effective July 1, 1975, personal
Johanson, Alf Johannes from Southern Asia Division. Effective July 20, 1975, retirement
Kluzit, Victor from Southern Union, Trans-Africa Division. Effective July 31, 1975, education
Laabs, Leonard E from Beirut, Lebanon, Afro-Mideast Division. Effective June 1975, personal
Mahlum, Larry Dean from Rusangu Sec School, Zambia, Trans-Africa Division. Effective March 26, 1975, health
Palm, Hugo W, Afro-Mideast Division--Rescind permanent return voted December 12, 1974
Patton, Marianne A from Ethiopian Adv College, Afro-Mideast Division. Effective July 1, 1975, personal
Roe, Rodney G from Hong Kong Adv Hospital, Far Eastern Division. Effective July 31, 1975, personal
Rolita, Edward P from Ethiopian Union, Afro-Mideast Division. Effective June 1, 1975, health
Story, Joseph Lee from Karachi, Pakistan, Southern Asia Division. Effective July 1975, personal
Tym, William G from Taiwan Adventist Hospital, Far Eastern Division. Effective June 1975, personal
Van Arsdale, W L from Taiwan Adv Hospital, Far Eastern Division. Effective June 4, 1975, personal
Williams, Cecil A from Far Eastern Division. Effective June 1975, education

JOHANSON, ALF JOHANNES--APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express to Alf Johannes Johanson, Secretary of the Southern Asia Division, appreciation for many years of denominational service, 31 years in the Southern Asia Division.

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VAN ARSDALE, W L - APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express to W L Van Arsdale, appreciation for 15 years of medical missionary work in the Far Eastern Division.

WILLIAMS, CECIL A - APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express appreciation to Cecil A Williams for 26 years of service in the Far Eastern Division.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

On the recommendation of the Overseas Travel Committee,

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations

Delafield, D A	N Eur-W Afr Div (Europe) July 21-Aug 4, 1975
Olson, R W	N Eur-W Afr Div (Europe) July 21-Aug 8, 1975
	Euro-Afr Div (Europe) Sept 14-Oct 14, 1975
	N Eur-W Afr Div (Europe) Oct 15-Nov 20, 1975
	(Adjustment of GCC action Dec 26, 1974)
Gordon, P A	N Eur-W Afr Div (Newbold Coll) July 21-Aug 8, 1975
White, A L	N Eur-W Afr Div (Newbold Coll) July 21-Aug 8, 1975
Bradley, W P	N Eur-W Afr Div (Newbold Coll) Aug 3-5, 1975
Nigri, M S	Eastern European countries, July 21-Aug 6, 1975

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To pass on the following General calls:

Joiner, James L (Perm ret-Far East)--Copy editor, Southern Publishing Association
Martin, Chester L (Rev & Herald)--Camera, stripping and plate maker, SDA Radio, Television and Film Center
VanDivier, Arthur (Monterey Bay Acad)--Assistant dean of men, Loma Linda University, La Sierra campus
Zummach, Kenneth LeRoy (Andrews Univ)--Camera, stripping and plate maker, SDA Radio, Television and Film Center

Adjourned

W R Beach, Chairman
D W Hunter, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 22, 1975, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

F C Webster, D W Hunter, D H Baasch, M T Battle, G J Bertochini, L L Bock, J W Bothe, W P Bradley, W J Brown, H D Burbank, W J Cannon, D A Delafield, A C Fearing, W W Fordham, J O Gibson, Paul A Gordon, C E Guenther, J N Hunt, Gordon Hyde, D S Johnson, B J Kohler, J C Kozel, W R Leshner, N W Litchfield, C D Martin, D A McAdams, J W McFarland, R W Olson, R L Pelton, W E Phillips, A V Pinkney, H F Rampton, M H Reeder, H L Reiner, Fernon Retzer, L B Reynolds, A H Roth, W R L Scragg, L A Shipowick, H D Singleton, Clark Smith, F A Soper, W M Starks, Michael Stevenson, Ella May Stoneburner, C D Watson, C C Weis, Herbert White, Bruce M Wickwire, Roy F Williams, K H Wood.

OTHERS PRESENT

M Amirtham, Karl Bahr, Mary-Esther Nicola Hauck, Betty Stirling, DeWitt Williams, F Donald Yost.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

F C Webster read portions of Hebrews 11:

". . . Faith gives substance to our hopes, and makes us certain of realities we do not see." (NEB)

"But many suppose they have much faith when sharing largely of the Holy Spirit and that they cannot have faith unless they feel the power of the Spirit. The very time to exercise faith is when we feel destitute of the Spirit. . . . True faith rests on the promises contained in the Word of God, and those only who obey that Word can claim its glorious promises."

--Early Writings, p 72.

D H Baasch offered prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS

D W Hunter presented M Amirtham, General Vice-president of Spicer Memorial College, India, who is visiting members of his family in the United States.

The Chairman introduced Mary-Esther Nicola Hauck, daughter of Leroy T Nicola who served as Secretary of the General Conference from 1893 to 1897.

REPORTS

Mary-Esther Nicola Hauck presented a historical album of photographs to the General Conference Archives, fulfilling the wish of her father who passed away in 1940. F Donald Yost presented Mrs Hauck with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the General Conference and the Archives and Statistical-Yearbook Committee.

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W P Bradley mentioned the members of the E G White Estate staff and their areas of responsibility. He also reported on the work in hand and plans for the future. A L White is working on the two-volume biography of Ellen G White, a comprehensive work of great value to the Church. Ready for publication are Principles of True Science and Guidelines to Mental Health. Work on the 1977 Morning Watch book is underway and the subject of the daily readings will be the second coming of Christ.

MINUTES of the meeting held May 15, 1975, were approved.

(A-1079) COMMUNICATION & BROADCASTING INTERNSHIPS
COMMITTEE--CHARLES BEELER, MEMBER

VOTED, To appoint Charles Beeler of the Columbia Union to serve on the ad hoc Communication and Broadcasting Internships Committee in place of John Lew.

(A-993) EARLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE STUDY COMMITTEE--
BETTY LUNSFORD, MEMBER

VOTED, To appoint Betty Lunsford of the Sligo Church to serve on the ad hoc Early School Attendance Study Committee in place of Elizabeth Hudak.

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To accept the following report from the Committee on Appointees:

Appointments

Beaulieu, Dale R (Chesapeake Conf)--Treasurer, Korean Union Mission,
Far Eastern Division
Cleveland, Charles H (Hancock, Mich)--Launch worker, Lower Amazon Mission,
North Brazil Union, South American Division
Davidson, R Lee (Collegedale, Tennessee)--Mathematics/science teacher,
Rusangu Secondary School, Zambia, Trans-Africa Division
Gaskell, Arthur (Huntington Beach, Calif)--Reassign from Saigon to
Bangkok Adventist Hospital, Thailand, as physician, Far Eastern Div
Teo, Samuel Chin Koon (Lincoln, Nebraska)--Teacher, SE Asia Union College,
Singapore, Far Eastern Division, national returning
Wang, Hansen S (Deferred medical, Loma Linda Univ)--Assign as physician,
Antillean Adventist Hospital, Curacao, Inter-American Division,
effective July 1976

Calls and Transfers

Theodore, Armine (Int-Am Div, student Andrews Univ)--French teacher,
Gitwe College, Rwanda, Trans-Africa Division

Releases

Bock, Allan D from deferred med appt to Southern Asia Division
Caballero, F B (Far East Div) from call to Bugema Adv College, Uganda,
Afro-Mideast Division

(Appointees - contd)

(Releases)

Katrib, Jad J from appt to Kivoga, Trans-Africa Division
Stewart, Donald H from deferred dental appt to Far Eastern Division
Wiesseman, George J from appt to Saigon Adv Hospital, Far Eastern Div

Permanent Returns

Bullock, Gordon E from No Philippine Union Mission, Far Eastern Division
Effective June 3, 1975, education
Davis, Gwenyth from Nairobi Clinic, Kenya, Afro-Mideast Division to
Australasian Division. Effective January 1976, personal
DeShay, Samuel from Ahoada Hospital, Nigeria, N Europe-W Africa Division
Effective May 21, 1975, personal
Flaiz, T Douglas from Ethiopia, Afro-Mideast Division. Effective
May 1, 1975, personal
Hill, Lola M from Kendu Mission Hospital, Kenya, Afro-Mideast Division.
to Australasian Division. Effective January 1976, personal
Montgomery, Robert E from Franco-Haitian Seminary, Inter-American Div
Effective April 11, 1975, health
Skoretz, Edward from Lebanon, Afro-Mideast Division. Effective May 1975,
personal

BULLOCK, GORDON E--APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express to Gordon E Bullock, appreciation for 16 years of un-
broken service in the Far Eastern Division.

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To pass on the following General call:

James, Mrs Dorothy (Loma Linda Univ)--Nursing Department, Southwestern
Union College.

EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS--N EUROPE-W AFRICA DIVISION

VOTED, To approve the following adjustments in the fixed rates of ex-
change in the Northern Europe-West Africa Division, effective June 1, 1975:

<u>Country</u>			<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>US\$</u>
<u>N Europe-W Africa Division</u>				
Gambia	Dalasis	D	1.7391304	.575
Great Britain	English £	£	.4255319	2.35
Sierra Leone	Leone	Le	.8695652	1.15

Adjourned

F C Webster, Chairman
D W Hunter, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

Three Hundred Twenty-fourth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 29, 1975, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W Duncan Eva, D W Hunter, W Melvin Adams, J J Aitken, D H Baasch, R Curtis Barger, M T Battle, G J Bertochini, L L Bock, J W Bothe, W P Bradley, C D Brooks, W J Brown, H D Burbank, W J Cannon, D A Delafield, H E Douglass, N R Dower, A C Fearing, C O Franz, R R Hegstad, W A Howe, J N Hunt, Gordon Hyde, D S Johnson, H D Johnson, J C Kozel, C H Lauda, B J Liebelt, N W Litchfield, C D Martin, D A McAdams, M S Nigri, R W Olson, R E Osborn, W E Phillips, R H Pierson, A V Pinkney, H F Rampton, Leo Ranzolin, R M Reinhard, Fernon Retzer, A H Roth, V W Schoen, W R L Scragg, L A Shipowick, H D Singleton, Clark Smith, F A Soper, E H J Steed, Ella May Stoneburner, K W Tilghman, C D Watson, F C Webster, Herbert White, Bruce M Wickwire, Roy F Williams, K H Wood.

OTHERS PRESENT

Karl Bahr, Roger Clausen, Mrs Roger Clausen, Bruce Lee, Jr, Carol Lee, Marion Nyman, Betty Stirling, F Donald Yost.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

W Duncan Eva, Chairman, read Psalm 116 from Today's English Version, a testimony out of the past praising God for His goodness and mercy.

"I love the Lord, because he hears me; he listens to my prayers. . . . The Lord is merciful and good; our God is compassionate. The Lord protects the helpless; when I was in danger, he saved me. . . . In the meeting of all your people, in the courts of your temple, in Jerusalem, I will give you what I have promised. Praise the Lord!"

C D Watson offered prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS

C O Franz presented Marion Nyman who served as a secretary in the General Conference office for 45 years, chiefly in the Secretariat.

D W Hunter introduced his grandson, Bruce Lee, Jr, and wife Carol, under deferred medical appointment to the Far Eastern Division.

Ella May Stoneburner introduced Roger Clausen, pastor of the Scotts Bluff church, Nebraska, and his wife.

REPORTS

H D Burbank announced that the State Department has approved the Sahel project known as the Irrigated Crop Production for Village Farmers. The program is expected to be underway in July this year.

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Approval has also been granted to a new feeding program by the Seventh-day Adventist World Service for malnourished children in Chile.

MINUTES of the meeting held May 22, 1975, were approved.

(P-1182) BEACH, W R--SUSTENTATION, APPRECIATION

VOTED, To refer to the Sustentation Committee, the application of W R Beach for sustentation to be effective September 1, 1975; and further, to express appreciation to him and to his wife for 52 years of service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

(A-1179) LOEWEN, M E--SUSTENTATION, APPRECIATION

VOTED, To refer to the Sustentation Committee, the application of M E Loewen for sustentation to be effective September 1, 1975; and further, to express appreciation to him and to his wife for 45 years of service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

(P-1183) McADAMS, D A--SUSTENTATION, APPRECIATION

VOTED, To refer to the Sustentation Committee, the application of D A McAdams for sustentation to be effective September 1, 1975; and further, to express appreciation to him and to his wife for 43 years of service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

(P-1184) SINGLETON, H D--SUSTENTATION, APPRECIATION

VOTED, To refer to the Sustentation Committee, the application of H D Singleton for sustentation to be effective September 1, 1975; and further, to express appreciation to him and to his wife for 46 years of service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

(P-1185) WHITE, HERBERT--SUSTENTATION, APPRECIATION

VOTED, To refer to the Sustentation Committee, the application of Herbert White for sustentation to be effective September 1, 1975; and further, to express appreciation to him and to his wife for 46 years of service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To accept the following report from the Committee on Appointees:

Appointments

Blahovich, Joseph Samuel (Oregon Conf)--Ministerial/Radio-TV secretary,
Southeast Asia Union Mission, Far Eastern Division
Heise, Lyell (Student, Andrews Univ)--Pastor, North New Zealand Conference,
Australasian Division beginning 1976, national returning

(Appointees - contd)

(Appointments)

Maynard-Reid, Pedrito U (Berrien Springs, Mich)--Teacher, Department of Religion, West Indies College, Inter-American Div, national returning
Nelson, Raymond (Santa Cruz, Calif)--Surgeon, Nicaragua Hospital, Inter-American Division

Calls and Transfers

Rhys, David (Inca Un Coll, So Amer Div)--President, Central American Vocational College, Costa Rica, Inter-American Division

Releases

Figols, Jose (Euro-Afr Div) from call to Austral Union, South American Division. Call withdrawn
Fletcher, Anita Marie from appt to South China Island Union Mission, Far Eastern Division. Call not implemented.

Permanent Returns

Bryson, George E from Bekwai, Ghana, N Europe-W Africa Division.
Change of effective date to September 6, 1974
Domke, Eugen H from Saigon Adv Hospital, Far Eastern Division
Effective May 6, 1975, war
Easton, Peter J from Guam Mission Academy, Far Eastern Division
Effective July 1, 1975, personal
Ee-Siriporn, Venus from Antillian College, Puerto Rico, Inter-American Division. Effective May 12, 1975, marriage
Eldridge, Paul H from Far Eastern Division. Effective July 21, 1975, retirement
Guild, Nora Dunn from Poona, India, Southern Asia Division
Effective July 4, 1975, retirement
Johnson, Walter Delmar (son of C D Johnson, Tokyo, Japan) from Far Eastern Division. Effective July 1, 1975
Neish, Ronald McKay from Bangladesh Section, Southern Asia Division
Effective July 4, 1975, education
Zackrison, James W from Honduras Mission, Inter-American Division
Rescind permanent return voted April 5, 1975.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

On the recommendation of the Overseas Travel Committee,

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations

King, Jack	N Eur-W Afr Div (Sahel) June 2-July 1, 1975 also Geneva and Paris
(Specials)	N Eur-W Afr Div (Newbold Coll) Prophetic Guidance Workshop
Maxwell, Graham (LLU)	July 23-26, 1975
Hardinge, Mervyn (LLU)	July 23-26, 1975
Dederen, R F (Andrews U)	July 28-Aug 6, 1975
Murdoch, W G C (Andrews U)	Aug 4-6, 1975
	Expenses to be arranged with White Estate and Universities and individuals

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ELDRIDGE, PAUL H--APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express appreciation to Paul H Eldridge, President of the Far Eastern Division, for the completion of 40 years of service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the time of his retirement, 37 years in the Far Eastern Division.

GUILD, MRS NORA DUNN--APPRECIATION

VOTED, To express appreciation to Mrs Nora Dunn Guild, widow of C D Guild who passed away at his post of duty as Secretary of the Southern Asia Division in February, 1974, for her work as editor of Southern Asia Tidings and the 41 years in which she shared in the service of her husband overseas.

HILLEBERT, JOSEPH--MISSIONARY LICENSE

On the recommendation of the Credentials and Licenses Committee,

VOTED, To grant a Missionary License to Joseph Hillebert of the General Conference staff for the remainder of this quinquennium.

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To pass on the following General calls:

Barnes, Clarence (Lake Region)--Assistant professor, Oakwood College.
Lavender, John (Allegheny West)--Instructor, Oakwood College

(A-1187) PHILIPPINE UNION COLLEGE--RELOCATION

On the recommendation of the President's Administrative Council,

VOTED, To approve, on counsel of the General Conference Treasurers, the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division for the relocation of Philippine Union College, and the sale of the present college property, with the following understanding:

1. The Far Eastern Division, the North Philippine Union and the Philippine Union College Board, after extensive and careful evaluation over many months, believe that the sale of the present Philippine Union College property to the Valencia Company is the best obtainable.
2. The leaders in the Far Eastern Division and the Philippine organizations concerned have obtained careful local financial and legal counsel.
3. The Valencia Real Estate Company, developers of the proposed memorial park, is one of the largest real estate firms in the Philippines, with high financial rating.
4. The committee realizes many risks and problems are involved in this transaction and move because of the small amount of cash down payment involved, inflationary times and the long period over which the remaining funds are to become available.

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Adjourned

W Duncan Eva, Chairman
D W Hunter, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary