

## Minutes of Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 3, 1977, 10:00 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

G Ralph Thompson, C E Bradford, W S Banfield, W P Bradley, C O Franz, A E Gibb, C E Guenther, J H Hancock, R H Henning, M E Kemmerer, B J Liebelt, N W Litchfield, G J Millet, S F Monnier, W L Murrill, D F Neufeld, M S Nigri, R W Nixon, R W O'Ffill, R H Pierson, H L Reiner, R L Reynolds, W C Scales, H D Singleton, E H J Steed, Ella May Stoneburner, A V Wallenkampf, F C Webster, F W Wernick, R A Wilcox, W H Wilson, K H Wood, Ethel Young.

## OTHERS INVITED

D D Dennis, Betty Stirling, L R Van Dolson.

## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

G Ralph Thompson read Psalm 121.

The psalmist recognized that God was his helper and that in Him are found the comforting attributes suggested by hills--strength, durability and unchangeableness. Fortified by the promises of His word we may confidently go wherever His service may lead.

R H Henning offered prayer.

## INTRODUCTION

A Edwin Gibb introduced W C Scales, Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association, elected at the 1977 Annual Council. W C Scales will join the General Conference staff on a full-time basis on January 1, 1978.

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MINUTES of the meeting held October 27, 1977, were approved, with amendments.

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From CAA/\* To RPC

TOPPENBERG, E MARIE - RETIREMENT BENEFITS

RECOMMENDED, To grant Retirement Plan benefits to Mrs E Marie Toppenberg, widow of David R Toppenberg, recently returned from overseas mission service, who shared with her husband approximately 30 years of denominational service.

From ADCOM/\* To JHH LR/Youth Adv

(A-2345) MASTER GUIDE STUDY COMMITTEE  
APPOINTED

VOTED, To appoint the following ad hoc Master Guide Study Committee:

Hancock, J H (Chairman)	Henriquez, Clayton
Ranzolin, Leo (Secretary)	Hills, Desmond B
Baasch, D H	Janzen, Lloyd
Cummings, Desmond, Jr	Martin, Charles D
Davis, Daniel	Merkel, Nathan M
Farwell, Clay	Patzer, Jere
Garlick, Harry	Woods, Maurice
	Young, Ethel

From ADCOM/\* To CDM JJ/Youth Adv

(A-2346) MV TASKFORCE STUDY COMMITTEE  
APPOINTED

VOTED, To appoint the following ad hoc MV Taskforce Study Committee:

Martin, Charles D (Chairman)	Janzen, Lloyd
Joiner, James (Secretary)	Osborne, David
Baasch, D H	Patzer, Jere
Barron, R E	Ranzolin, Leo
Blehm, W D	Pitton, L S
Davis, D L	Shepperd, E W
<del>Davis, L H</del> *Clay Martiney	Schmidt, Paul
DeBooy, Paul	Thompson, G Ralph
Doward, Jan	Veal, Kenneth
Edsell, B S	Wick, Ted
Evans, Helen	Willison, G M
Farwell, C R	Young, Ethel
Hills, Desmond B	

\* E Martiney took the position  
occupied by L H Davis.

From PRADCO/\* To WDE BMW/PRADCO

(A-2344) INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION PUBLISHING  
PROBLEMS--STUDY COMMITTEE APPOINTED

VOTED, To appoint the following ad hoc Inter-American Division Publishing Problems--Study Committee, to meet in the Mexican, West Indies and Caribbean Unions March 3-13, 1978:

Eva, W Duncan (Chairman)  
Wickwire, Bruce M (Secretary)  
Anderson, R E

Baer, F L  
Drachenberg, R R  
Leiske, L J  
Ramirez, L A

From SAWS/PRADCO/\* To SAWS

(A-2341) SAWS EQUIPMENT POLICY--OVERSEAS PERSONNEL

Seventh-day Adventist World Service, Inc, is a registered voluntary agency in many different countries throughout the world. In its operation as a voluntary agency it has entered into legal agreements with such countries as a humanitarian relief agency which gives its help and benefit without charge to the poor and needy without regard to race, color, religion or national origin. As a working agreement with such host countries, said countries have allowed duty-free importation into their countries of equipment, commodities, etc, what are essential to the operation of these programs. The host government has also included duty-free shipping privileges and even (in some cases) diplomatic immunity for SAWS workers in the host country. Because of problems over the importation of cars and other equipment by SAWS when used by other workers in the local mission or union in the pursuit of their regular church and religious activities and because some SAWS workers have imported excessive personal equipment resulting in personal profit, it is hereby

VOTED, 1. That importation of commodities and equipment by SAWS or its affiliate agencies into host countries be limited to what will be used by SAWS or its affiliate agency for its humanitarian relief of the poor and needy of such countries and not be for the general use of the church.

2. That SAWS workers be classified as are other denominational missionaries.

3. That General Conference policies be applied to SAWS workers as they are applied to other overseas workers.

4. That SAWS workers be allowed to use importation or exportation privileges only to the extent that such privileges are available to all denominational workers as set forth in General Conference policies for such workers.

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From CA/\* To Secretariat

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

Appointments

Barber, Walter Eugene (Hilo, Hawaii)--Pastor, Majuro, Marshall Islands,  
Far Eastern Division  
Rainey, George H (So Calif Conf)--Evangelist, East African Union,  
Nairobi, Kenya, Afro-Mideast Division

From OTC/\* To AL

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations

Brown, W J	N Eur-W Afr (Newbold Coll) Mar 28-30, 1978
Harder, F E J	N Eur-W Afr (Newbold Coll) and Euro-Afr Div (Europe) Mar 19-Apr 2, 1978
Howse, E W	Int-Amer Div (Jamaica, Costa Rica, Mexico) Nov 20-Dec 18, 1977
Knowles, G E	Afr-Mideast Div, Jul 24-30, 1978
Laughlin, J S	Int-Amer Div, Nov 6-10, 1977
Thompson, G R	Afr-Mideast Div (Africa) Jul 17-31, 1978

From ADCOM/\* To CEB

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To pass on the following General calls:

Dietrich, Frank (PR-TAD)--Bible teacher, Northern California Conference  
Gulley, Norman R (PR-FED)--Teacher, Southern Missionary College  
Holley, Roger (PR-AMD)--Pastor, Texas Conference  
Jones, Sandra C (Wash Adv Hosp)--Office secretary, General Conference  
Mattenson, Gerald L (PR-NWD)--Pastor, Bermuda Mission  
McClintock, Joyce (Loma Linda U)--Assistant editor, Life and Health,  
Review and Herald Publishing Association  
McLeod, Mattie (PR-FED)--Accountant, SDA Radio, Television and Film  
Center  
Nelson, Philip S (PR-FED)--Pastor, Oregon Conference  
Olfert, Wesley (PR-SUD)--Pastor, Wisconsin Conference  
Platt, Donald (Gen Conf)--Assistant treasurer, Georgia-Cumberland  
Conference

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(General Calls - contd)

Raffety, Clyde R (Ardmore Adv Hosp)--Loss Control representative,  
General Conference Insurance Service  
Skantz, Ron (Loma Linda U)--Administrative director of radiology,  
Florida Hospital  
Zachrison, James (PR-IAD)--Pastor, Southern California Conference

Adjourned

G Ralph Thompson, Chairman  
C E Bradford, Secretary  
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

## Minutes of Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 10, 1977, 10:00 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Neal C Wilson, C E Bradford, J J Aitken, W S Banfield, C L Brooks, W J Brown, G O Bruce, Richard Hammill, J H Hancock, F E J Harder, D W Holbrook, G M Hyde, M E Kemmerer, B J Liebelt, N W Litchfield, E H Mack, R F Mattison, W L Murrill, M S Nigri, A J Patzer, R L Pelton, A V Pinkney, A H Roth, Milo Sawvel, W C Scales, H D Singleton, J R Spangler, Ella May Stoneburner, A V Wallenkampf, F C Webster, Roy F Williams, W H Wilson, K H Wood, F Donald Yost, Ethel Young, A G Zytkoskee.

## OTHERS PRESENT

Karl Bahr

## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Tragedy, disaster, illness, heartache--how close must they come to us before we are touched? Neal C Wilson spoke about the danger of becoming insensitive and unable to empathize. If we are Christlike, we will be filled with compassion and tender regard for others.

"When heart and flesh are ready to fail, who throws around us His everlasting arms? Who applies the precious promise? Who brings to our remembrance words of assurance and hope? Whose grace is given in rich measure to those who ask it in sincerity and truth? Who is it imputes to us His righteousness and saves us from sin? Whose light rolls back the fog and mist and brings us into the sunshine of His presence? O who but Jesus? Then love Him, then praise Him.--SM, Book 2, p 245.

W C Scales offered prayer.

## REPORT

D W Holbrook reported that since the Home Study Institute was approved by the State of Maryland, enrollments have increased and most enrollments are for complete courses, including Bible subjects. The Institute is expanding into continuing education units and non-credit courses.

D W Holbrook also commented on Christian Leadership Seminars. Twenty of these Seminars have already been held and 6 are planned for 1978.

The Home and Family Service has been tested and found to be of definite value in strengthening family life.

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November 10, 1977

MINUTES of the meeting held November 3, 1977, were approved.

From ADCOM/\* To FWW·CEB/PREXAD

(A-2348) TV IN NORTH AMERICA, EFFECTIVENESS--STUDY  
COMMITTEE - APPOINTED, MEETING

VOTED, To appoint the following ad hoc TV in North America, Effectiveness--Study Committee, to meet in Washington, DC, January 5, 1978:

Wernick, F W (Chairman)	Frame, R R
Bradford, C E (Secretary)	Henri, C D
Buller, Allan	Hetzell, M Carol
Dittberner, J L	Pierson, R H
Emmerson, K H (or designee)	Roth, D A
	Wilson, Neal C

From AMD/PRADCO/\* To COF/AMD

THOMAS, F G--AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION SECRETARY

VOTED, To elect F G Thomas, presently serving as general manager of the Christian Record Braille Foundation, as Secretary of the Afro-Mideast Division, replacing M T Battle who has been elected an associate secretary of the General Conference.

From CA/\* To Secretariat

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

Appointments

Hiten, Fearn Elizabeth (Ontario Conf)--Teacher in Teacher Training, Kamagambo Secondary School, Kenya, Afro-Mideast Division  
Kattenhorn, Lowell (Grants Pass, Oregon)--Physician, Seventh-day Adventist Health Center, Blantyre, Malawi, Trans-Africa Division  
Morris, Virgil P (Hanford, Calif)--Hospital business manager, Seoul Adventist Hospital, Korea, Far Eastern Division  
Nelson, R Wendell (So Calif Conf)--Chairman, Egypt Field Committee, Afro-Mideast Division  
Young, Theus (Central States Conf)--Sabbath School/Communication Dept director, Tanzania Union, Afro-Mideast Division.

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Larson, Sverker (N Eur-W Afr)--Bible teacher, Bolivia Training School, South American Division, 2 years, AVSC basis.

(Appointees - contd)

Releases

Simons, Richard Winfred from appt to Middle East Union, Afro-Mideast Division. Declined

Permanent Returns

Lawhorn, Edward O from Antillian College, Puerto Rico, Inter-American Division. Budgetary, effective Nov 1, 1977

Stump, Melvin Edward, Jr from Nairobi Medical Center, Kenya, Afro-Mideast Division. Education, effective May 1978.

From OTC/\* To AL

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations

Allred, Paul	Afr-Mideast Div (Cairo) Nov 7-Dec 21, 1977, with stopover at Hamburg Food Factory on return trip.
Hills, D B	Euro-Afr Div, June 4-23, 1978
Steed, E H J (Specials)	Euro-Afr Div (Rotterdam) Aug 25-Sept 30, 1978
LaRondelle, H (Andrews Univ)	N Eur-W Afr Div (N Europe) Aug 5-Sept 3, 1978 Salary continued by Andrews University. Travel and entertainment within the division to be cared for by division. No travel expense for General Conference.
Loveless, W A (Penna Conf)	Far East Div (Hong Kong) 3 weeks beginning Nov 28, 1977. Salary continued by Pennsylvania Conference. Travel to be negotiated between division and W A Loveless.

From NWD/BDFC/\* To FLJ

BRITISH HEALTH FOOD FACTORY--FINANCIAL PLAN  
FOR EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT

VOTED, To approve the financial plan presented by the British Union for the expansion and development of the British Health Food Factory (Granose Foods, Ltd). A copy of the details of this plan is on file with the official minutes.



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From ADCOM/\* To CEB

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To pass on the following General calls:

Johnson, Darlene B (Columbia Union College)--Associate professor,  
Community Health Nursing, Loma Linda University  
York, Edna (PR-SUD)--Associate professor, medical, surgical and  
director Continuing Education, Loma Linda University.

Adjourned

Neal C Wilson, Chairman  
C E Bradford, Secretary  
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

## BORROWING AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS COMMITTEE

October 19, 1977

MEMBERS PRESENT: K H Emmerson, W J Hackett, H D Johnson, F L Jones, M E Kemmerer,  
W L Murrill, W L Pascoe, R L Pelton

OTHERS PRESENT: E H Foster, C Mason, R Poulton, W L Scragg

PRAYER: W J Hackett

✓ NORTHERN EUROPE-WEST AFRICA DIVISION--Granose Health Food

VOTED, To tentatively approve the Granose Health Food request to borrow 300,000 pounds or \$525,000 to purchase new factory equipment and add to the working capital to expand the production of Sunnybisk the main cereal product of the house. This action is subject to approval of the British Union Committee and the Northern European-West Africa Division Committee. Repayment of the loan is scheduled for seven years at 9½% interest. It will be repaid from income of the house.

K H Emmerson, Chairman

F L Jones, Secretary

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 15, 1977, 8:20 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

M S Nigri, C E Bradford, W Melvin Adams, T M Ashlock, W S Banfield, W J Brown, G O Bruce, D R Christman, W W Fordham, A E Gibb, P A Gordon, M Carol Hetzell, D W Holbrook, E W Howse, G M Hyde, H D Johnson, M E Kemmerer, G E Knowles, B J Liebelt, N W Litchfield, C D Martin, R F Mattison, J W McFarland, G J Millet, S F Monnier, W L Murrill, D F Neufeld, R W Olson, W L Pascoe, A J Patzer, W C Scales, F A Soper, E H J Steed, A V Wallenkampf, Cecil A Williams, Roy F Williams, W H Wilson, F Donald Yost, A G Zytkoskee.

OTHERS PRESENT

Karl H Bahr, Betty Holbrook

PRAYER

F Donald Yost offered prayer.

From EAD/PRADCO/\* To COF

FASNACHT, ROGER--RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

VOTED, To accept the resignation of Roger Fasnacht as director of the Communication Department of the Euro-Africa Division. (See GCC 77-254)

From EAD/PRADCO/\* To COF

HOPF, HEINZ--DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTOR, EURO-AFRICA  
DIVISION

VOTED, To elect Heinz Hopf as director of the Communication and Sabbath School Departments of the Euro-Africa Division.

Adjourned

M S Nigri, Chairman  
C E Bradford, Secretary  
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

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## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 17, 1977, 10:00 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

M S Nigri, C E Bradford, W Melvin Adams, W S Banfield, C L Brooks, W J Brown, J H Hancock, F E J Harder, M Carol Hetzell, C B Hirsch, H D Johnson, F L Jones, B J Liebelt, N W Litchfield, C D Martin, R F Mattison, G J Millet, S F Monnier, W L Murrill, A V Pinkney, A H Roth, W C Scales, H D Singleton, F A Soper, E H J Steed, Ella May Stoneburner, A S Whiting, DeWitt S Williams, Roy F Williams, K H Wood, F Donald Yost, A G Zytoskee.

## OTHERS PRESENT

Karl H Bahr, Orley Berg.

## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

M S Nigri stated that events around us indicate we are approaching the shaking time, a time when each one must make a decision for or against Truth. As we are on the borders of eternity it behooves us to live up to the standards of godliness outlined in Psalm 15.

"Everyone is to keep himself separate from the world, which is full of iniquity. We are not to walk with God for a time, and then part from His company and walk in the sparks of our own kindling. There must be a firm continuance, a perseverance in acts of faith. We are to praise God; to show forth His glory in a righteous character. No one of us will gain the victory without persevering, untiring effort, proportionate to the value of the object which we seek, even eternal life."--TM 511.

Karl Bahr offered prayer.

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MINUTES of the meetings held November 10 and 15, 1977, were approved.

From ADCOM/\* To RPC

MIKSO, THEODORE - RETIREMENT BENEFITS

RECOMMENDED, To grant Retirement Plan benefits to Theodore Mikso, after 27 years of service in the General Conference, beginning ~~July 1, 1978.~~

*Sept. 1, 1978*

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From PRADCO/\* To WDE JCK/Publ Council

(A-2215) HHES/FHES STUDY COMMITTEE

VOTED, To appoint the following ad hoc HHES/FHES Study Committee:

Eva, W Duncan (Chairman)	LaGrone, R L
Kinder, J C (Secretary)	Murrill, W L
Anderson, Lee	Otis, Harold Jr
Barber, T S	Roberts, V L
Carson, W E	Schmidt, H H
Johnson, H D	Tetz, Everet
	Wickwire, Bruce M

From PRADCO/\* To WDE AEG/PRADCO

(A-2237) APPOINTMENT OF EDITORS

VOTED, To appoint the following ad hoc Appointment of Editors Committee:

Eva, W Duncan (Chairman)	Cooper, V H
Gibb, A E (Secretary)	Neufeld, Don F
	Spangler, J R

From CA/\* To Secretariat

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

Appointments

Martin, Kathian Heather (Orlando, Florida)--Elementary school teacher, St Croix SDA Secondary School, Inter-American Division. National returning

Pike, William Roscoe (Loma Linda, Calif, Def Dental appt)--Assign to Okinawa Dental Clinic as dentist, Far Eastern Division

Schmunk, William Henry (Loma Linda, Calif, Def Dental appt)--Assign to Taiwan Adventist Hospital as dentist, Far Eastern Division

Torres, Wenceslao M, Jr (Philippines)--Reassigned from Andrews Memorial Hospital, Jamaica, to Antillean Adventist Hospital, Curacao, Inter-American Division.

Releases

Lingenau, Werner (Germany, Euro-Afr Div) from call to Pakistan, Southern Asia Division. AVSC basis, visa denied

Ogawa, Hideo from call to Saniku Gakuin College, Japan, Far Eastern Division. Declined.

Sjoren, Kenneth from appt to Dental Clinic, Cameroun, Euro-Africa Division. Family considerations.

(Appointees - contd)

Permanent Returns

Bru, Jannick from Central African Union, Trans-Africa Division, to Euro-Africa Division. Education, effective October 1977.

From OTC/\* To AL

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorization

(Special)

Sherrill, Frank  
(Arizona Conf)

Far East Div (Sabah) Apr 15-May 31, 1978.  
Travel and entertainment by division.  
Conference continues salary.

From ADCOM/\* To CEB

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To pass on the following General calls:

McKibbin, Rolland D (So Miss Coll)--Treasurer and assistant manager,  
IS/ESDA, General Conference

Moore, Rowena J (PR-SAD)--Secretary in General Conference Secretariat.

Adjourned

M S Nigri, Chairman  
C E Bradford, Secretary  
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

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## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 23, 1977, 2:00 p.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Neal C Wilson, C E Bradford, G J Bertochini, C L Brooks, W J Brown, G O Bruce, D R Christman, A E Gibb, J H Hancock, F E J Harder, D B Hills, C B Hirsch, G M Hyde, H D Johnson, J C Kinder, N W Litchfield, J W McFarland, W L Murrill, M S Nigri, W L Pascoe, A J Patzer, J W Peeke, R L Pelton, M H Reeder, H D Singleton, F A Soper, J R Spangler, E H J Steed, Ella May Stoneburner, DeWitt S Williams, Roy F Williams, Ethel Young, A G Zytkoskee.

## OTHERS PRESENT

Karl H Bahr

## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Neal C Wilson, Chairman, read 1 Thessalonians 5:9-18, a portion of which follows:

". . . We beg you, brothers, to acknowledge those who are working so hard among you, and in the Lord's fellowship are your leaders and counsellors. . . . And we urge you, brothers, to admonish the careless, encourage the faint-hearted, support the weak, and to be very patient with them all. See to it that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but always aim at doing the best you can for each other and for all men. Be always joyful; pray continually; give thanks whatever happens; for this is what God in Christ wills for you." (NEB)

At Thanksgiving season, and always, our hearts should be filled with gratitude for the springs of liberality, concern for others and the manifold spiritual responses to the gospel of Christ which we may see all around us as a result of our work under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

D B Hills offered prayer.

## REPORTS

J W Peeke, President of the General Conference Insurance Service, reported that presently the insured value of denominational properties, not including land, has reached a total of over two billion dollars.

He again emphasized the importance of attention to loss control. It has been estimated that from \$16 million to \$25 million could be saved over the next five years if careful attention were given to prevent losses. The four Loss Control Seminars scheduled in North America for 1978 should help to reach this goal.

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(Reports - contd

D R Christman, Associate Director of the Lay Activities Department, presented the first report of the 1978 Ingathering Crusade. The total amount raised through November 19, 1977, was \$2,684,566.62, a gain over last year of \$38,202.73.

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MINUTES of the meeting held November 17, 1977, were approved.

From ADCOM/\* To RPC

JEMSON, RUBY - RETIREMENT BENEFITS

RECOMMENDED, To grant Retirement Plan benefits to Ruby Jemson after approximately 18 years of denominational service, beginning January 1, 1978.

From CA/\* To Secretariat

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

Appointments

Brunel, Larry (Deferred med LLU '74)--Assignment to Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico, Inter-American Division  
Dunfield, Donald Laurence (Sidney, British Col)--Hospital administrator, Haiti Hospital, Inter-American Division  
Horning, Randy Calvin (Andrews U)--Technical advisor/Publishing coordinator, South China Island Union Mission, Taiwan, Far Eastern Division  
Maragh, Frederick Lloyd (Charlottetown, PEI)--Pastor/Evangelist, Central Jamaica Conference, West Indies Union, Inter-American Division. National returning  
Rimmer, Lloyd Wayne (Pittsburg, Tennessee)--Optometrist, Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico, Inter-American Division.

Permanent Returns

Ramal, Edelweiss Rocco (So Am Div/No Am Div)--Instructor, School of Nursing, Montemorelos University, Mexico, Inter-American Division. Terminal date for responsibility of return to North American Division, effective September 30, 1978  
Smith, James L--Anesthetist, Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico, Inter-American Division. Personal, effective October 31, 1977.



From FREC/\* To MEK

EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To approve the following adjustments in fixed rates of exchange as indicated, thus amending GCC 77-342:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Local Currency</u>			<u>US\$</u>
<u>Inter-American Division - Effective January 1, 1978:</u>				
Colombia	Peso	Ps	35.00	.0285714
<u>South American Division - Effective December 1, 1977:</u>				
Argentina	Peso	m/a	540.00	.0018519
Brazil	Cruzeiro	\$Cr	15.20	.0657895
Chile	Peso	P	26.00	.0384615
Peru	Sol	S/	110.00	.0090909
<u>Trans-Africa Division - Effective December 1, 1977:</u>				
Rhodesia	Dollar	\$R	.6493506	1.54

From OTC/\* To AL

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations

Adams, W M	Int-Amer Div (Bella Vista Hosp, Antillian College) Apr 10-20, 1978.
Allred, Paul	Int-Amer Div, Jan 9-Feb 10, 1978
Brooks, C D	Trans-Afr Div (So African & Southern Unions) month of September 1978
Howse, E W	Int-Amer Div, Jan 9-Feb 10, 1978
Kinder, J C	Afr-Mideast Div, 6 weeks between January and March, 1979.

\* To CEB

ROBERTS, G A - CONDOLENCES

Word has been received of the death of G A Roberts on November 18, 1977. G A Roberts served as president of the Inter-American Division 1936-1941, and then joined the General Conference staff as an associate director of the Department of Health where he served until his retirement in 1950.

VOTED, To express condolences to his widow.

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From RPC/\* To RPC

(A-2360) RETIREMENT PLAN - POLICY AMENDMENT DIRECTIVE

VOTED, To change the term "single rate" in the Retirement Plan (GC WP 360-387) to read "basic rate," effective immediately.

From ADCOM/\* To CEB

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To pass on the following General calls:

Anderson, Leslie O (Loma Linda U)--Director of Community Services/  
Inner City Ministries, Northern California Conference.

Davidson, Robert L (PR-TAD)--Teacher, Sunnydale Academy

Holt, Russell (Arizona Conf)--Assistant secretary, General Conference  
Ministerial Association.

Adjourned

Neal C Wilson, Chairman  
C E Bradford, Secretary  
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

## Minutes of Meeting

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 1, 1977, 10:00 a.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

M S Nigri, C E Bradford, W Melvin Adams, T M Ashlock, R W Bates, W P Bradley, W J Brown, H D Burbank, G T Carter, D R Christman, D A Delafield, N R Dower, K H Emmerson, P A Gordon, C E Guenther, M Carol Hetzell, R L Hilde, J N Hunt, H D Johnson, G E Knowles, W R Leshner, B J Liebelt, N W Litchfield, M E Loewen, E H Mack, J W McFarland, A C McKee, G J Millet, S F Monnier, R W Nixon, W L Pascoe, R L Pelton, H F Rampton, M H Reeder, H L Reiner, R L Reynolds, A H Roth, W C Scales, H D Singleton, Alice E Smith, Clark Smith, F A Soper, J R Spangler, Ella May Stoneburner, A V Wallenkampf, F C Webster, Ruth M White, DeWitt S Williams, W H Wilson, K H Wood, Ethel Young, A G Zytoskee.

## OTHERS PRESENT

Karl H Bahr, Orley Berg, Genevieve McWilliams, Florence Miller.

## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

M S Nigri, Chairman, read portions of an article by Ellen G White which appeared in the Review and Herald of April 13, 1886, emphasizing the importance of harmony among workers of different gifts, the need to labor in the meekness and lowliness of Christ, the importance of prayer and the merits of simple plans carried forward by workers possessed by a truly missionary spirit.

"Do not try to make the impression that you are remarkable men, but let the people see that you are handling startling, remarkable subjects, . . ."Review and Herald, April 13, 1886.

W R Leshner offered prayer.

## INTRODUCTIONS

Alice E Smith introduced Ruth M White, Associate Director of the General Conference Department of Health, who has served as a missionary overseas and also as a professor in the Loma Linda University School of Nursing.

Ella May Stoneburner presented Genevieve McWilliams and Florence Miller. Genevieve McWilliams has served 24 years as a physician in the Giffard Memorial Hospital, and Florence Miller has served as a nurse in the same institution and is now connected with the Washington Adventist Hospital.

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REPORTS

H D Burbank gave a brief report of the severe storms that have caused widespread devastation in southern India and Sri Lanka. Government officials in the area have warmly welcomed the representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist World Service and have opened the way for SAWS supplies to reach the stricken areas.

D R Christman reported \$3,516,773.23 raised in the 1977 Ingathering crusade through November 26, a gain of \$302,031.52 over the second report for last year. The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland is the first conference to reach the Silver Vanguard status with a per capita of \$36.35.

MINUTES of the meeting held November 23, 1977, were approved.

From ADCOM/\* To WDE LJJ/PREXAD

(A-2156) PUBLISHING HOUSE WAGE SCALE COMMITTEE  
MEETING DATE ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To change the date for the meeting of the Publishing House Wage Scale Committee to meet in Washington, DC, to January 4, 1978, instead of January 3 as registered in GCC 77-478.

From ADCOM/\* To AHR

COMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To approve the following adjustments in the personnel of standing committees:

Appointees (Standing)

Add: White, Ruth M

Delete: Herin, Mazie

Auditors' Seminar (Every two Years)

DENNIS, D D  
Caldwell, R B (sec)  
Caldwell, O R  
Laue, C M  
Miller, T P  
Strickland, L C  
District Directors  
Staff Auditors  
Assistant Staff Auditors  
2 College Accounting Teachers  
2 General Conference Treasurers  
1 Internal Auditor from each University

(Standing Committees - contd)

Board of Graduate Theological Education (Standing)

Add: Henri, C D

Building Plans (Standing)

Add: Mack, Erwin

China Subcommittee (Standing)

Add: Bruce, G O

Christian Leadership Seminar (Standing)

Add: Webb, Joseph

Communication Internship Committee (Standing)

Add: Millet, G J

Delete: Reynolds, L B

Credentials and Licenses Committee (Standing)

Add: F Donald Yost

Health Advisory - World (Standing)

Add: White, Ruth M

Delete: Herin, Mazie

NAD Publishing Council (Standing)

Add: \*Barber, T S  
\*Dortch, Joel  
\*Ehrler, Walt  
\*Holland, K J  
\*Jacobs, F L  
Marley, E L  
\*Patterson, Robert  
\*Pierson, Don  
Rasi, H M  
Ruba, Walter  
\*Skidmore, W E

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(Standing Committees - contd)

(NAD Publishing Council (Standing))

\*Torkelson, T R  
\*Wilks, Gilbert  
Williams, C L

Delete: Barnes, Charles  
Beagles, G E  
Blacker, W J  
Brown, Olice  
Chaij, Fernando  
Darnell, C R  
Eusey, Otho  
Maxwell, Lawrence  
McClamb, Silas  
Okuno, C K  
Preston, Winton  
Rampton, H F  
Reiber, R F  
Welborn, W W  
Woolsey, R H

\* Rotate Midterm

NAD Publishing Council - Minority (Standing)

Add: Jacobs, F L  
Otis, H F, Jr

Delete: Barnes, C M  
Welborn, W W

NAD Publishing Council - Adventist Book Centers Subcommittee (Standing)

Add: Culpepper, M E  
Dortch, Joel  
Green, Joe  
Gregg, Douglas  
Holland, K J  
Jacobs, F L  
Jacobs, Lloyd  
Lindsay, Ed  
Patterson, Robert  
Rasi, Humberto M  
Roland, P J  
Ruba, Walter  
Torkelson, T R  
Williams, C L

(Standing Committees - contd)

(NAD Publishing Council - Adv Book Centers Subcommittee)

Delete: Barnes, C M  
Best, Clyde  
Brown, Olice  
Butler, W A  
Chaij, Fernando  
Darnell, C R  
Denslow, A E  
Griffin, Marvin  
Maxwell, Lawrence  
Okuno, C K  
Rampton, H F  
Reiber, R F  
Trevino, Max E  
Welborn, W W  
Woolsey, R H

NAD Publishing Council - HHES/FHES Subcommittee (Standing)

Add: \*Barber, T S  
\*Gore, H A  
\*Hutchinson, J W  
\*Liers, Bill  
\*Marshall, James  
\*Mittleider, Doug  
Ruba, Walter  
\*Smith, T R  
Williams, C L

Delete: Barnes, C M  
Good, Carol  
McKinstry, J N  
Okuno, C K

- \* One union HHES manager or treasurer from each N A union as determined by the union committee.
- \* A local FHES manager from each N A local conference FHES office.

NAD Publishing Council - Publishing House Subcommittee (Standing)

Add: Anderson, R E  
Baer, F L  
Holland, K J  
Leiske, L J  
Pierson, Don  
Stiles, E M  
Torkelson, T R

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(Standing Committees - contd)

(NAD Publishing Council - Publishing House Subcommittee)

Delete:           Blacker, W J  
                  Chaij, Fernando  
                  Cottrell, R F  
                  Maxwell, Lawrence  
                  Shoup, M W  
                  Woolsey, R H

NAD Publishing Council - Regional Publishing Subcommittee (Standing)

Appoint           Bradford, C E, Chairman

Release from  
  chairmanship   Wilson, Neal C, Member

Add:             Jones, W C  
                  Kirkland, O D  
                  Marshall, James  
                  Otis, H F  
                  Patterson, Robert  
                  Reynolds, L B

Delete:           Barnes, C M  
                  Brown, Olice  
                  Cleveland, E E  
                  Gore, H A  
                  McClamb, Silas

NAD Publishing Council - Subscription Literature Subcommittee (Standing)

Add:             Belmont, R W  
                  LaGrone, R L  
                  Liers, Bill  
                  Rasi, H M  
                  Ruba, Walter  
                  Smith, R S  
                  Torkelson, T R  
                  Williams, C L

Delete:           Barnes, C M  
                  Chaij, Fernando  
                  McKinstry, J N  
                  Okuno, C K  
                  Taggart, George  
                  Woolsey, R H



From AUD/PRADCO/\* To COF

(A-2363) AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION--DEPARTMENTAL  
DIRECTORS

VOTED, To elect the following departmental directors to serve in the Australasian Division:

R H Abbott - Director of Sabbath School Department in addition to  
Lay Activities Department  
A N Duffy - Secretary of Ministerial Association  
G A Lee - Director of Communication Department in addition to  
Stewardship and Development Department  
O L Speck - Director of Trust Services

From CA/\* To Secretariat

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

Appointments

Cobb, Daniel (Def, LLU D '77)--Assign to dental clinic, Yaounde,  
Cameroun, as second dentist. Transfer from Trans-Africa Division  
to Euro-Africa Division.  
Comm, Gertrude Elaine (Portland, Oregon)--Nurse, Malamulo Hospital,  
Malawi, Trans-Africa Division  
Hutton, Barbara Aileen (Redlands, Calif)--Director of Nursing, Hong  
Kong Adventist Hospital, Far Eastern Division  
Olberg, Virgeana Fay (New Brighton, Minn)--Nurse, Mwami Hospital,  
Zambia, Trans-Africa Division

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Martin, Wayne L (Aust Div)--Dentist, Hong Kong Adventist Hospital,  
Far Eastern Division. Special Service basis for 6 months.  
Standish, Russell Roland (Aust Div)--Physician, Bangkok Adventist  
Hospital, Thailand, Far Eastern Division  
Valleray, Guy (Int-Amer Div)--President, Togo-Benin Mission, Northern  
Europe-West Africa Division

Releases

Follett, Forest (Def med, Schurz, NV) from assignment only to Yuka  
Hospital, Zambia, Trans-Africa Division  
Honkanen, Kirsti (N Eur-W Afr Div) from call to Kendu Mission Hospital,  
Kenya, Afro-Mideast Division. Declined  
Upchurch, Marilyn Joan (CoUC) from appt to Far Eastern Division office.  
Call withdrawn.

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From OTC/\* To AL

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations

Carman, E E	Int-Amer Div (Georgetown) Nov 30-Dec 2, 1977
Collins, B L	Int-Amer Div (Puerto Rico) Dec 5-14, 1977
Laughlin, J S	Int-Amer Div (Puerto Rico) Dec 5-14, 1977
McFarland, J W (Specials)	So Asia Div, October-November, 1978
Detamore-Moldriks (V of Proph)	Aust Div, Apr 7-May 4, 1979
Nagel, S (PUC)	N Eur-W Afr Div (Africa only) Time to be arranged to fit in with trip in August to Trans-Africa Division. Salary continued by College. Travel to field is personal expense. Expenses while in field by Division.

Adjustments

Steed, E H J	Aust Div, Feb-March 1978, instead of October-November.
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From Treasury/\* To MEK

AMERICAN EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL BANKING  
CORPORATION - SIGNATURES

VOTED, That the American Express International Banking Corporation be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of K H Emmerson, Treasurer, and/or M E Kemmerer, Undertreasurer and/or G O Bruce, Assistant Treasurer, to sign or make any changes and orders for the payment of money for the account which is in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. All prior authorizations for this account are hereby annulled and canceled.

From Treasury/\* To MEK

BANK OF AMERICA--AGREEMENT ON MEDICAL/DENTAL  
STUDENT LOANS - SIGNATURES

VOTED, That the Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, Los Angeles, California, be, and hereby is, authorized to honor the signatures of K H Emmerson, Treasurer, and/or M E Kemmerer, Undertreasurer, and/or G O Bruce, Assistant Treasurer, in connection with the agreement between the Bank and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

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relative to loans by the Bank to approved medical/dental students and other medical personnel and in connection with such actions as these officers or any one of them may deem appropriate in order to carry out the purposes of the agreement.

From NWD/Bor of Fds/\* To FLJ

NORWEGIAN PUBLISHING HOUSE - FINANCIAL  
PLAN FOR NEW PLANT APPROVED

VOTED, To approve the financial plan presented by the Northern Europe-West Africa Division and the West Nordic Union for the new plant to house the Norwegian Publishing House in Oslo, Norway. A copy of the details of the plan are on file with the official copy of the minutes.

Adjourned

M S Nigri, Chairman  
C E Bradford, Secretary  
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

## BORROWING AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS COMMITTEE

November 28, 1977

MEMBERS PRESENT: K H Emmerson, C E Bradford, W J Brown, H D Johnson,  
F L Jones, W L Murrill, R L Pelton

PRAYER: C E Bradford

✓ NORTHERN EUROPE-WEST AFRICA DIVISION--West Nordic Union--Norwegian Publishing House

VOTED, To approve the Northern Europe-West Africa Division and West Nordic Union request to construct a new plant for the Norwegian Publishing House in Oslo, Norway. This project is to cost \$855,179.81, and a mortgage of \$452,830.17 is approved over an 18-year period. The Division and the Union are to appropriate \$93,000 to this project. The interest rate will average about 8%. Two acres of land will be leased from the government for 50 years at a yearly lease rate of \$15,000.

K H Emmerson, Chairman

F L Jones, Secretary