

Minutes of Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 6, 1978, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

F W Wernick, C E Bradford, R E Barron, G J Bertochini, J W Bothe, W P Bradley, C D Brooks, C L Brooks, G O Bruce, H D Burbank, D A Delafield, S L DeShay, N R Dower, K H Emmerson, W W Fordham, P A Gordon, J H Hancock, R H Henning, R L Hilde, C B Hirsch, D S Johnson, F L Jones, W R Leshner, M E Loewen, C D Martin, G J Millet, S F Monnier, D F Neufeld, M S Nigri, R W Nixon, R W Olson, A J Patzer, H F Rampton, Leo Ranzolin, M H Reeder, H L Reiner, R M Reinhard, A H Roth, H D Singleton, Clark Smith, F A Soper, W M Starks, E H J Steed, Ella May Stoneburner, G Ralph Thompson, F C Webster, A L White, Bruce M Wickwire, DeWitt S Williams, Roy F Williams, F Donald Yost.

OTHERS PRESENT

Karl H Bahr, James Balkins III, Orley Berg, B Russell Holt, D E Maddock, D E Mansell, A N Patrick, D E Robinson.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

F W Wernick, Chairman, called attention to a number of verses in Isaiah 53 which show that the entire burden of our sin and guilt has been borne by Jesus and the suffering was worthwhile to Him. He has given ample evidence of His willingness to redeem us.

"He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities."--Is 53:11

W P Bradley offered prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS

R W Olson introduced Arthur N Patrick of Avondale College and curator of the Ellen G White-SDA Research Center, Australia who is here to attend the Ellen G White-SDA Research Center Curators' Workshop to be held July 7-22, 1978.

D S Johnson presented Dean E Maddock, principal of Far Eastern Academy, now on furlough.

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REPORTS

N R Dower, Secretary of the Ministerial Association, conveyed the inspiration and encouragement he received from attending the Departmental Councils and the Midyear Committee meeting of the Inter-American Division held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

Union presidents' reports indicated that by the end of June 1978, 52% of the baptismal goal for the year had been reached, even though some of the union reports were for only five months of this year. The goal for 1979 is 65,000 baptisms.

P A Gordon, Associate Secretary of the Ellen G White Estate, gave a vivid word picture of a typical day in Romania during the time of the Spirit of Prophecy Workshops there. Sixteen churches were visited during the two weeks of the itinerary and the visitors were warmly welcomed everywhere.

D A Delafield, Associate Secretary of the Ellen G White Estate, spoke briefly on his visit to Romania and also the visit to Yugoslavia. For the first time in 42 years, a ministerial seminar was held in which 156 ministers participated for ten days. Members and visitors rejoiced in the liberty to conduct such meetings.

MINUTES of the meeting held June 29, 1978, were approved.

From Sabbath School/ADCOM/GCC to Sabbath School

(A 1675) SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING COURSE
--CHILDREN'S DIVISIONS - DATE CHANGE

VOTED, To change the meeting date of the ad hoc Sabbath School Teacher Training Course--Children's Division to August 16 and 17, 1978, instead of August 22 and 23, thus amending GCC 78-81.

From Treasury/PREXAD/PRADCO/GCC to KHE

(O 2329) 1985 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

VOTED, To designate New Orleans, Louisiana, as the location for the 1985 General Conference Session.

From Publishing/FED/PRADCO/GCC to COF

(P 2561) FAR EASTERN DIVISION PUBLISHING DEPT
DIRECTOR--JOHN BERNET

VOTED, To elect John Bernet of the Lake Union as Publishing Department director of the Far Eastern Division, replacing V L Bretsch who is returning to the United States.

From CA/GCC to Secretariat

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

Appointments

Garbutt, Arthur N (Loma Linda, Calif)--Reassignment to Gwelo Dental Clinic, Rhodesia, Trans-Africa Division

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Jerome, Sylvain (Euro-Afr Div)--President, Togo-Benin Mission, Northern Europe-West Africa Division

Knight, Ronald (Aust Div)--Physician, Hong Kong Adventist Hospital, Far Eastern Division.

Releases

Arthur, John (N Eur-W Afr) from call to Tanzania Union, Afro-Mideast Division. Declined

Noble, John from appt to Zaire Union, Trans-Africa Division. Declined.

Permanent Returns

Parks, Perry A from Trans-Africa Division office. Family considerations, effective August 1978.

From FREC/GCC to MEK

EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To approve the following adjustments in the fixed rates of exchange, effective July 1, 1978:

<u>Country</u>		<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>US\$</u>
<u>N Europe-W Africa Division</u>			
Ghana	Cedi	CD	1.30
			.7692308

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<u>Country</u>		<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>US\$</u>
<u>South American Division</u>			
Argentina	Peso	m/a 800.00	.00125
Brazil	Cruzeiro	\$Cr 18.00	.0555556
Chile	Peso	P 32.10	.0311526
Uruguay	Peso	o/u 5.80	.1724138

From OTC/GCC to AL

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations

Hirsch, C B

Int-Amer Div (Franco-Haitian Un) July 27-
August 3, 1978.

From ADCOM/GCC to CEB

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To approve the following General call:

Miller, Joseph (PR-IAD)--Teacher, Carolina Conference.

Adjourned

F W Wernick, Chairman
C E Bradford, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

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MEMBERS PRESENT

M S Nigri, D A Roth, W Melvin Adams, J J Aitken, G J Bertochini, J J Blanco, J W Bothe, W P Bradley, C L Brooks, H D Burbank, D R Christman, D A Delafield, S L DeShay, N R Dower, K H Emmerson, C O Franz, P A Gordon, C E Guenther, Richard Hammill, R R Hegstad, H D Johnson, F L Jones, M E Kemmerer, M E Loewen, C D Martin, A C McKee, G J Millet, S F Monnier, W L Murrill, R W Nixon, R W Olson, H F Rampton, Leo Ranzolin, M H Reeder, H L Reiner, R M Reinhard, R L Reynolds, A H Roth, M C Sawvel, H D Singleton, Clark Smith, J R Spangler, W M Starks, E H J Steed, Ella May Stoneburner, G Ralph Thompson, A L White, DeWitt S Williams, Roy F Williams, Neal C Wilson, K H Wood, F Donald Yost, A G Zytoskee.

OTHERS PRESENT

Karl H Bahr, James Balkins III, Walter Carson, Cruz Castro, Mrs Cruz Castro, B Russell Holt, Hedwig Jemison, D E Mansell, Diogenes S Melo, Konrad Mueller, James Nix, A N Patrick, D E Robinson, Raul Treiyer.

PRAYER

Hedwig Jemison and D E Robinson offered prayer making special mention of the sick and areas of the world field experiencing difficulties at the present time.

INTRODUCTIONS

Leo Ranzolin introduced Diogenes S Melo, Temperance Department director of the East Sao Paulo Conference, South American Division.

R W Olson presented the curators of the Ellen G White SDA Research Centers who are attending the first curators' workshop in Washington:

Cruz Castro - Inter-American Division Research Center (Montemorelos)
 Konrad Mueller - Northern Europe-West Africa and Euro-Africa
 Divisions (Newbold College)
 James Nix - Loma Linda University
 A N Patrick - Australasian Division (Avondale College)
 Raul Treiyer - South American Division (River Plate College, Argentina)

Hedwig Jemison is a permanent member of the White Estate, working at Andrews University.

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From Treasury/ADCOM/GCC to MEK

TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION - SIGNATURES, CHASE
MANHATTAN BANK

VOTED, To authorize the Chase Manhattan Bank, N A, New York, to honor on account No 949 1 035029 Trans-Africa Division, the signatures of K H Emmerson and/or M E Kemmerer and/or M B Musgrave and/or H A Iles and/or R A Pelley to sign or make changes and orders for the payment of money and that all prior authorizations for this account be hereby annulled and cancelled.

From Secretariat/ADCOM/GCC to JWB

HOWSE, E W--FURLOUGH

VOTED, To authorize a three-month furlough in the Australasian Division for E W Howse, November 3, 1978-February 3, 1979, according to policy.

From Administration/ADCOM/GCC to COF

WHITE, A L--MEMBER OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

VOTED, To elect Arthur L White, retired worker, as a member of the General Conference Committee under the provisions of Article V, Sec 1-b of the Constitution.

(P 2566) 1978 ANNUAL COUNCIL--INVITEES

VOTED, To invite the following persons to attend the 1978 Annual Council to be held in Washington, DC, October 10-18, 1978:

Presidents of Overseas Divisions
Secretaries of Overseas Divisions
*General Conference Committee members resident in North America
NAD Union Secretaries
NAD Union Treasurers
NAD Local Conference Presidents
Dean, SDA Theological Seminary
NAD Senior College Presidents
SDA Hospital Association President

M Bediako, W J Blacker, M J Blair, A B Butler, Earl Canson,
T W Cantrell, C O Eldridge, Irwin Hansen, T O Moore, E J Remboldt,
J R Shawver, Ivan Toews, D W Welch, Major C White.

*Including members of the "40" provision who are retired and are members by virtue of the office they held before retirement. This action rescinds the footnote voted August 14, 1975, and recorded on page 75-245

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of the minutes, except that this group will not attend Spring Meetings of the General Conference Committee at General Conference expense.

From SAWS/ADCOM/PRADCO/GCC/ to HDB

(A 2560) SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST WORLD SERVICE

VOTED, To approve the following document to govern the Seventh-day Adventist World Service:

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST WORLD SERVICE

1. PURPOSE AND NATURE - Seventh-day Adventist World Service(SAWS) was organized by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at World Headquarters as a voluntary agency in 1956. As an humanitarian relief and development agency, its primary mission is to supply material aid on a world-wide basis to victims of disasters of all kinds and to aid people in the developing nations, fostering and operating developmental programs which aid these countries to improve the well being of their population.

SAWS is an international relief agency of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and is non-sectarian in its operational outreach. It is a further development of earlier efforts of the Church to help meet the needs of its own members following the two World Wars, which also included the relocation of refugees in cooperation with other volunteer agencies. While the organization has a particular responsibility to SDA members, its resources do not stop there for they are available, based on need, to all races, creeds, color, religion, sexes, and without regard to politics or national origin. SAWS strives to develop and operate programs directed to the neediest sector of the population in developing countries. The scope of service includes the areas of agriculture, community development, nutrition, literacy, adult education and some aspects of maternal-child health and public health.

SAWS also supports programs which benefit the general population that have priority in the development plan of the country.

2. ORGANIZATION AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

a. SAWS At General Conference Level - SAWS is a Service Organization of the General Conference. As in all other branches of Church organization, SAWS has a controlling body which, in this case, is the Board of Directors. On the General Conference level, the President of SAWS is a Vice-President of the General Conference. There are four Vice-Presidents of SAWS: The General Conference Treasurer, the Under-Treasurer, the General Conference Secretary and the Director of Department of Lay Activities. The Executive Director

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of SAWS is also Secretary of the Board. The Assistant Executive Director of SAWS is also Assistant Secretary of the Board. An Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference serves as Treasurer of SAWS. Most of the other members of the Board are chosen from the officer group of the General Conference, making a total of 17 Board members. All policy decisions and special appropriations of SAWS funds and resources are made by action of this Board. The constituency of the SAWS Board is the General Conference Committee.

Because several important activities of SAWS, such as disaster relief, clothing collection and distribution and promotion of the Worldwide Disaster and Famine Relief Offering, SAWS will maintain a close relationship with the General Conference Department of Lay Activities. The Executive Director of Saws also serves as a member of the Lay Activities World Advisory Council and the North American Division Advisory Council of the Lay Activities Department. He is also invited to attend the Staff Meetings of the General Conference Department of Lay Activities. The Associate Director of the Department of Lay Activities that is assigned to Community Service is also a member of the SAWS Board.

SAWS cooperates in joint planning with the Department of Health to avoid duplication of efforts and to design innovative programs through cooperation in development projects. In addition, SAWS makes available to Health Care facilities in developing countries Inter-Church Medical Assistance medicines; also commodities and funds through USAID. A representative of the Health Department is on the SAWS Board. Cooperation also extends to the World Food Service of the General Conference because of the mutual interest in the development of food technology. SAWS cooperates with Andrews University School of Agriculture and Loma Linda University's Schools of Agriculture and Health.

There are many international voluntary agencies, some Church related, like SAWS, and others, not Church related. It is necessary that SAWS maintain good relations with such agencies and in times of emergency or disaster, undertake joint efforts with other members of the voluntary agency community. This coordination will be done by SAWS at the General Conference and Division levels.

b. SAWS Organization Division Level - The Division SAWS organization should be patterned as nearly as possible after the General Conference organization. The Divisions of the General Conference whose territory include developing nations shall organize a SAWS Board and appoint a SAWS Director to oversee and coordinate SAWS activities within the Division. The Director will work with the Unions within the Division who operate SAWS programs. He will support these Union programs by seeking to obtain resources and will provide technical assistance and counsel from the Division level (in harmony with the guidelines mentioned elsewhere in the policy), to the

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programs which may be carried out at Union level. He will serve as coordinator of information between the Union, the Division and SAWS at the General Conference.

c. SAWS Union Level - Unions desirous of establishing and operating SAWS programs shall do so by recommendation of the Union Committee and be approved by the Division and SAWS at the General Conference. A SAWS Representative should be appointed in harmony with the guidelines mentioned elsewhere in this policy. The Union SAWS organization should be patterned as nearly as possible after the General Conference and Division organizations.

3. FINANCIAL POLICIES

a. Eligibility For Financial Aid - Aid granted by SAWS is dedicated to helping individuals and families, but does not include employees of SDA Church organizations. The needs of such employees are considered the responsibility of their employing organizations and should be met with non-SAWS funds. SAWS funds are never available for the building, improvement or repair of institutions such as Denominationally owned offices, churches, church schools, hospitals or homes titled in the name of the Church organization or of their employees. SAWS funds may be used to aid both Adventists and non-Adventists who suffer loss in disasters, including limited assistance in repair of damaged homes and household equipment; thus preventing the limited SAWS funds from being dissipated in other causes, deserving as these may be, and to keep faith with all donors who contribute to SAWS to meet specific needs. All SAWS aid, whether cash or material assistance which has been purchased by SAWS as mentioned hereinafter in the material resources section of this policy, is based on a matching of funds by either the Division, Union, or Conference organizations.

b. Sources Of Funding - The sources of funding are: International and national philanthropic organizations; governmental agencies for international development; private industry; individuals; the General Conference Disaster and Famine Relief Offering; funds budgeted by the Divisions, Unions or Conferences.

c. Accounting For Funds - Funds received from any government-sources to purchase materials and commodities or to provide for the payment of salaries and expenses for the administration and operation of the program or any other purpose shall be kept in a SAWS bank account. Where funds for specific projects are advanced by Government, such funds must be kept in a separate bank account. These funds must not be co-mingled with other funds, but at all times the banking records and account books are to be subject to external audit whether conducted by General Conference auditors or government auditing services as stipulated when funds are received from government sources.

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d. Solicitation Of Funds - Many Governments channel large sums of money for relief and development through voluntary agencies. In many cases, in order to qualify for receiving such funds, a voluntary agency must be officially recognized by the donor government. It is therefore necessary, at the General Conference and Division levels, that SAWS be registered with governments so that it may act as intermediary and receive grants and funding. Projects proposed within a Division that envision the use of assistance provided by sources outside of the Division will require endorsement by the Division SAWS Board and must then be forwarded to SAWS at the General Conference for approval.

4. MATERIAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

a. Purpose of Material Resources Program -SAWS and its counterpart agencies around the world are engaged in development programs and projects, emergency relief and rehabilitation in which material resources are an essential component. In Europe, North America, Australia and other areas of the world, the Community Services section of the Department of Lay Activities carries forward an emergency relief operation to which SAWS also contributes. However, the primary purpose of the SAWS Material Resources Program is to provide functional support to developing countries.

1) Providing material aid to the on-going SAWS programs and projects and counterpart agencies as effectively and efficiently as possible.

2) Responding to disasters and emergencies around the world within the mandate and capability of SAWS and in keeping with SAWS counterpart agencies and Community Service relationships.

3) Being a resource for appropriate technology information.

4) Assisting related agencies in the procurement and shipment of material resources to their particular programs and projects within the policies and regulations governing SAWS activities.

5) Assisting Division and Union SAWS Directors in formulating and developing material, programs and capabilities.

6) As is provided in the financial provisions above, it is also recognized that material resources such as food, clothing, medicines and other commodities have a monetary value and that SAWS and its counterpart agencies administering such material resources will do so at all times within the scope of program objectives and this policy. All material resources are subject to General Conference audit and when applicable, the donor government audit.

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b. Food

1) Food will be made available by contributions in kind through SAWS and its counterpart agencies, purchased within the U. S. and other countries, from Food for Peace/USAID, World Food Program of the United Nations, or from other sources such as national or international agencies.

2) Food is made available to programs on the basis of specific requests from the field and with due regard for the acceptability of the commodity, ability of proper storage facilities and distribution network.

3) Food should be used to develop self-sufficiency with safeguards against a sense of continuing dependency among the recipients.

4) Food should be used as far as possible to supplement development programs such as:

- a) Food for Work Projects.
- b) Maternal-Child Nutrition Programs.
- c) Emergency Relief/Disaster and Refugees.

5) The use of Food for Peace (Public Law 480 Title II) commodities is limited to those countries where SAWS and its counterpart agencies are able to administer responsibly their use under USAID regulations.

6) To encourage Food Production programs by making available, when possible, seeds, fertilizers, agricultural equipment, etc., as appropriate.

7) To purchase commodities within the country or region when practical and available, and when such purchases do not adversely affect the local market.

8) To provide current nutrition information, studies and recipes, so that local foods can be appropriately used to the best nutritive advantage.

c. Clothing, Blankets, Yard Goods, etc.

1) To maximize the use of clothing in Clothing for Work Projects.

2) To provide materials and equipment for Self-help Clothing Projects.

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3) To meet on-going development programs in Adult Education where sewing and clothing are the primary tools for operation.

4) To maintain adequate supplies strategically located to meet disaster/emergency situations.

d. Health And Medical Supplies

1) To assist the General Conference Health Department and SAWS counterpart agencies in securing specialized pharmaceuticals, drugs and Hospital Grants from government sources.

2) To respond to disaster and emergency medical needs by contributions or purchases from other national or international agencies as practicable.

e. Excess Property (U. S. Government) - To provide a facility for SAWS and its counterpart agencies to secure health and medical supplies; equipment and reconstruction materials for programs and projects from U. S. Excess Property subject to country eligibility determined by SAWS and USAID.

f. Development

1) To assist in procuring appropriate agricultural materials and equipment (windmills, tractors, well drilling rigs, tools, etc.) that would be technically appropriate to meet particular needs in SAWS programs and projects.

2) To assist in procuring appropriate tools, equipment and materials for vocational training in SAWS programs and projects.

3) To provide general information on current developments in the field of appropriate intermediate technology so as to provide reference materials and suggestions to SAWS programs and projects.

4) To maintain a world-wide listing of appropriate technology agencies in developed and developing countries and to refer specific problems for recommended solutions.

g. Functional Guidelines For Relief And Material Assistance.

1) Annual Program Requests - SAWS country and regional representatives and counterpart agencies are requested to submit an Annual Program Plan by July for the next fiscal year. Consideration should be directed to the following:

a) The Annual Country Program Plan and how commodities, clothing, medicines, etc., would be supportive.

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b) The quantity requested, an estimate of the number of persons who would be recipients of these materials and items and their end-use.

c) Attention should be given to the shipment schedule, warehousing, distribution and inventory control of all materials requested.

d) Adjustments to the approved Annual Program Request allocation or shipment schedule as program needs vary or circumstances change.

e) A report and evaluation on end-use of commodities (food, clothing, medicines, etc.) to SAWS at the General Conference as a report to its Board and which will be used in response to donor organizations and SAWS reports.

f) To the extent of its ability, SAWS informs its counterpart agencies as far in advance as possible, of the types and quantities of material aid which has been procured and shipping details.

g) To the extent possible, measures are taken to avoid duplication or over-supply.

2) Guidelines For Requesting Relief and Material Assistance - SAWS programs proposed on Division, Union or local organizational level to utilize resources and materials provided from outside their fields, including SAWS General Conference, must be endorsed by the Division SAWS Board, and then forwarded to SAWS at the General Conference for approval.

Divisions, Unions or local organizations needing aid are not at liberty to request such aid directly from other Divisions or Unions outside their own Division. Such requests should come through the regular channels as stated above. In the event of major disasters, SAWS, at the General Conference, will pass on requests to other Divisions for additional help when advisable.

3) SAWS Clothing Program - The Department of Lay Activities is charged with the primary responsibility for gathering of clothing through Community Services. SAWS makes allocation, and prepares for shipping, and ships the clothing in emergency and disaster situations, and in support of program and project needs. SAWS, at the General Conference, maintains two warehouses for this purpose. Divisions are also encouraged, where possible, to maintain warehouses for this reason and also for storing other disaster supplies.

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4) Other Contributed And Purchased Materials - Other contributed materials are made available without charge as requested through SAWS at the General Conference and are made available to support programs, projects, emergency and disaster response insofar as type, quality and quantity meet specific needs. SAWS maintains inventories of tents, blankets, medicines, first aid supplies and food. SAWS is responsible for the purchasing and shipping of project, emergency and disaster support materials, as requested to countries in which SAWS or counterpart agencies are located. The cost of purchased materials are always shared by the recipient organization and SAWS at the General Conference.

5) Excess Property - SAWS has been "determined" by AID/Washington as eligible to acquire U. S. Government Excess Property. Such property may be obtained only upon the approval of the sponsoring Division and SAWS at the General Conference.

6) Monitoring Role

a) The SAWS in-country representative is charged with responsibility to supply SAWS at the General Conference upon arrival of all ocean freight shipments, a detailed report supported by outturn reports of the vessel, in-country dock receipts and in some cases a survey must be made by a licensed firm which is required within a specific time period after the discharge of the cargo.

b) The SAWS in-country representative is also charged with the responsibility to monitor, file, process and collect loss and damage documentation subsequent to discharge while the goods are in port or in transport in the care or custody of steamship companies or common carriers, and to supply to SAWS at the General Conference this documentation.

c) In the case of Food for Peace, USAID commodities controls shall be those in effect governing the administration of Public Law 480, Title II Programs.

d) SAWS must have, for the purpose of eligibility for U. S. Government freight reimbursement or any other USAID financed program, a SAWS representative who will fulfill stewardship and legal responsibilities and requirements pertaining to the distribution or use of material resources. It is not the policy of SAWS at the General Conference to discriminate or require any person to represent SAWS because of his or her nationality. However, due to the fact that SAWS at the General Conference receives aid from the Agency for International Development, and from time to time, the Canadian International Development Agency, and other international governmental agencies, it is the legal requirement of the aforementioned agencies that the person in charge of receiving and administering such aid in development programs, be an American or Canadian citizen as the case may be. In matters con-

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cerning the reception and distribution of supplies proceeding from USAID or transported by them, the SAWS Representative acts as Controller to the local SAWS Board in addition to his regular role as Secretary. He will keep the Board appraised of the rules and regulations of the U. S. Government that controls the reception and distribution of commodities. SAWS at the General Conference is legally responsible for the funds and/or commodities from the moment of reception in the U. S. or other countries until they reach the ultimate beneficiary. In like manner, the SAWS in-country representative is legally responsible for the administration of the SAWS programs in the country or countries where he is assigned.

7) Equipment - 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 an humanitarian relief agency which gives its help and benefit without charge and 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., that 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 agreed:

a) 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 humanitarian relief and not for the general use of the Church.

b) That SAWS workers be classified as are other denominational missionaries.

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

d) 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/GCC to Secretariat

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

Appointments

Mugerwa, Reuben T (Des Moines, Iowa)--Teacher, East Africa Union Seminary, Kenya, Afro-Mideast Division. National returning.

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Awuor, John Otieno (Student, Spicer Coll, India)--Business teacher, Kamagambo Secondary School, Kenya, Afro-Mideast Division. National returning.

Kanor, Marc (Int-Amer Div)--Physician, Waldfriede, Germany, Euro-Africa Division

Nash, F H (Aust Div)--Physics and education teacher, Spicer Memorial College, India, Southern Asia Division

Steele, Robert J (Far East Div)--Physician, Andrews Memorial Hospital, Jamaica, Inter-American Division. Transfer after furlough.

Releases

Matter, Tabea (Heri Hosp, Afro-Mideast Div) from call to transfer to Mugonero Hospital, Rwanda, as nurse, Trans-Africa Division. Declined.
Peckham, Chad A from appt to West Indies College, Jamaica as math teacher, Inter-American Division. Declined
Roesel, Paul W (Redlands, Calif) from appt to Middle East College, Lebanon, as teacher, Dept of Education, Afro-Mideast Division. Declined.

Permanent Returns

Ahlers, Lloyd A from Lukanga Institute, Zaire, Trans-Africa Division Division recommendation, effective June 1979
Chaffee, Gary from Port-of-Spain Adv Hospital, Trinidad, Inter-American Division. Personal, effective December 1978
Gay, Gordon R J from Kasai, Zaire, Trans-Africa Division. Education and family, effective August 1979
Gibbon, Bruce and Cyndee (children of R D Gibbon, Konola Academy, Liberia) from Northern Europe-West Africa Division. Education, effective July 1978
Kirk, Ora Mae from Malamulo College, Malawi, Trans-Africa Division Division recommendation
Peterson, Melvyn John (son of A M Peterson, Southern Asia Div) from Southern Asia to Australasian Division. Education, effective September 1978
Riggs, James Daniel from Port-of-Spain Adv Hospital, Trinidad, Inter-American Division. Personal, effective December 1978
Show, David L from Gitwe College, Rwanda, Trans-Africa Division Education and wife's health, effective July 1978

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Van Scheik, William J from Solusi College, Rhodesia, Trans-Africa Division. Political situation, effective July 1978
Vogt, Bruce from Ethiopian Adv Press, Afro-Mideast Division. Education, effective June 1979
Wolcott, LaVern C from Solusi College, Rhodesia, Trans-Africa Division. Political situation, effective July 1978.

From NWD/BOFC/GCC to FLJ

NORTH NORWAY SANITARIUM - FINANCIAL PLAN APPROVED

VOTED, To approve the financial plan presented by the Northern Europe-West Africa Division and the West Nordic Union for the North Norway Sanitarium, Tromso, Norway. A copy of the details of the plan are on file with the official copy of the minutes.

From LLU/BOFC/GCC to KHE

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER LOAN

VOTED, To approve the request of Loma Linda University that the Medical Center be authorized to borrow \$10 million on a ten-year note, under the following conditions:

1. Loma Linda Medical Center will have a 1 million dollar line of credit with the Security Pacific National bank for operating needs.
2. The Medical Center shall return approximately 3 million dollars which has been borrowed from Loma Linda University.
3. The Medical Center shall continue the agreements and understandings with New York Life from which funds were borrowed to build the Medical Center.
4. There will be no cosigning by the General Conference.
5. Loma Linda University and Loma Linda University Medical Center funds shall be kept separate; there shall be no further borrowing of University funds by the Center.
6. Loma Linda University shall not use any of the 3 million dollars being paid back by the Medical Center for any capital expenditures unless certain trust funds have been specifically designated for capital projects.
7. As a result of this separation of accounts it is therefore agreed that a 1 million dollar bank line of credit be authorized for Loma Linda University operating needs.

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From GCC to COF

MONNIER, OLGA - APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE,
SYMPATHY TO FAMILY

Word has been received of the recent death of Mrs Olga Monnier in Switzerland.

VOTED, To record appreciation for the dedicated service of Olga Monnier and her late husband, largely in Africa, and extend sympathy to the family on the loss of their mother.

From ADCOM/GCC to CEB

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To approve the following General calls:

Garrison, Tim (Gen Conf)--Assistant pastor (in charge of communication)
Sligo Church, Potomac Conference
Quigley, W B (Col Un)--Coordinator PREACH follow-up, General
Conference.

Adjourned

M S Nigri, Chairman
D A Roth, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

BORROWING AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

July 10, 1978

MEMBERS PRESENT: K H Emmerson, J W Bothe, C E Bradford, N R Dower,
W W Fordham, H D Johnson, F L Jones, M E Kemmerer

PRAYER: W W Fordham

NORTHERN EUROPE-WEST AFRICA DIVISION--WEST NORDIC UNION--NORTH NORWAY
SANITARIUM--TROMSO, NORWAY

VOTED, To approve the borrowing of \$2,803,738.26 in connection with the construction of the North Norway Sanitarium. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$5,579,439.26. It is understood that the loan will be fully paid in five years.

NORTHERN EUROPE-WEST AFRICA DIVISION--WEST AFRICA UNION--GHANA CONFERENCE--
TECHIMAN SCHOOL

VOTED, To record the fact that the division, union and conference have approved the construction of the Techiman Vocational School in Ghana. The General Conference has also approved the building plans and plan of finance at a cost of \$1,381,935.48. There is to be no borrowing on this project. The plan of finance is as follows:

SIDA Grant	\$1,118,494.62
NEWAD & W. African	
Union	211,182.80
Cash on hand	52,258.06
	<u>\$1,381,935.48</u>

K H Emmerson, Chairman

F L Jones, Secretary

Minutes of Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 20, 1978, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alf Lohne, D A Roth, W Melvin Adams, T M Ashlock, R Curtis Barger, R W Bates, G J Bertochini, J J Blanco, J W Bothe, W P Bradley, C D Brooks, G T Carter, D R Christman, V H Cooper, N R Dower, C O Frederick, J H Hancock, R H Henning, C B Hirsch, G M Hyde, F L Jones, W R Leshar, N W Litchfield, M E Loewen, E H Mack, C D Martin, A C McKee, G J Millet, W L Murrill, M S Nigri, R W Nixon, P F Pedersen, H F Rampton, M H Reeder, H L Reiner, R M Reinhard, A H Roth, H D Singleton, Alice E Smith, Clark Smith, P G Smith, F S Soper, Ella May Stoneburner, F C Webster, F W Wernick, C M Willis, W H Wilson, K H Wood.

OTHERS PRESENT

James Balkins III, Walter E Carson.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Alf Lohne, Chairman, read Psalm 90:10-12 (NEB):

" . . . Teach us to order our days rightly, that we may enter the gate of wisdom." This was the psalmist's prayer in connection with his mention of the shortness of life: The years "so quickly pass and are forgotten." We don't have to be old to realize this fact. During our busy days we experience for ourselves the quickness with which time passes.

As we begin each new day we should remember that this day "has already been in God's mind." We can choose to fit into the plan He has already made for us.

D R Christman offered prayer.

MINUTES of the meeting held July 13, 1978, were approved with one amendment.

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From CA/GCC to Secretariat

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

Appointments

Chase, Allan A (Toronto, Ont)--Teacher, St Croix Secondary School,
Inter-American Division. National returning

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Astleford, James (NAD national, Student, Newbold Coll, N Eur-W Afr)
--Teacher, Roorkee High School, India, Southern Asia Division
Hammerly, Hernan (Argentina, So Amer Div)--Librarian, Colombia-
Venezuela Union College (ICOLVEN), Inter-American Division.

Releases

Cherian, Franklin from call to Middle East College, Lebanon, Afro-
Mideast Division. Declined.
Vervoort, Eugene (Euro-Afr Div) from call to Ivory Coast Mission,
Northern Europe-West Africa Division. Declined.

From FREC/GCC to MEK

EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To approve the following adjustments in the fixed rates of
exchange in the Far Eastern Division, effective August 1, 1978:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>US\$</u>
<u>Far Eastern Division</u>		
Japan	Yen ¥ 200.00	.005
Taiwan	Taiwan \$ \$NT 35.00	.0285714

From OTC/GCC to AL

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations

Barron, R E	Afr-Mideast Div, Apr 19-May 31, 1979
Bible Conference	Aust Div, Dec 19-27, 1978. Travel
W D Eva	expenses by General Conference.
G M Hyde	Entertainment by Division.
E E Zinke	

(Overseas Travel - contd)
(Bible Conference - contd)
R Dederen (Andrews U)
G Hasel
H LaRondelle

W Specht (Loma Linda U)

S Horn (Retired)

Christman, D R	N Eur-W Afr Div, Mar 1-Apr 27, 1979
Hegstad, R R	Eur-Afr Div (Switzerland, France) 1 week from Aug 1, 1978
Holbrook, D W & Betty	Trans-Afr Div, Aug 1-Sept 5, 1979
Howse, E W	N Eur-W Afr Div (Amsterdam) Oct 29-Nov 3, 1978 Aust Div, Jan 15-24, 1979; Feb 12-23, 1979 In connection with furlough.
Wickwire, B M	Int-Amer Div (Montemorelos Univ) Aug 3,4, 1978
(Specials)	
Chul, Bang Jae (Porter Hosp)	Far East Div (Korea) Sept 1979. Travel from private funds. Entertainment by Seoul Adventist Hospital.
Maxwell, M (Andrews U)	N Eur-W Afr Div (Norway) July 23-28, 1979. Travel and entertainment by Division. Salary by Andrews University.
Peverini, Milton (V of Prophecy)	Int-Amer Div (Panama) April & May 1979 Travel and entertainment by Division Salary continued by V of Prophecy.
Richards, H M S (Jr) King's Herald	Far East Div, Nov 1-Dec 8, 1979. Travel and entertainment by Division. Salaries continued by V of Prophecy.

Adjustments

Hammill, Richard	Euro-Afr Div, Nov 5-Dec 8, 1978
Johnson, H D	N Eur-W Afr Div, Nov 9-Dec 15, 1978
Lohne, Alf	Afr-Mideast Div, Nov 17-Dec 12, 1978
Neufeld, D F (R & H)	Euro-Afr Div (Collonges) Aug 17-27, 1978 To attend Editors' Council instead of K H Wood.

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From ADCOM/GCC to CEB

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To approve the following General calls:

Jensen, Paul L (PR-AMD)--Associate Publishing Department director,
North Pacific Union
Show, David (PR-TAD)--Physics teacher, Union College.

Adjourned

Alf Lohne, Chairman
D A Roth, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary

Minutes of Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 27, 1978, 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert H Pierson, A E Gibb, W Melvin Adams, J J Aitken, T M Ashlock, W S Banfield, R Curtis Barger, R W Bates, G J Bertochini, J J Blanco, W P Bradley, C L Brooks, H D Burbank, G T Carter, D R Christman, V H Cooper, G O Engen, C D Henri, R L Hilde, C B Hirsch, E W Howse, D S Johnson, F L Jones, W R Leshner, N W Litchfield, M E Loewen, Alf Lohne, C D Martin, J W McFarland, A C McKee, G J Millet, W L Murrill, R W Nixon, H F Otis, A J Patzer, H F Rampton, A H Roth, D A Roth, W C Scales, H D Singleton, P G Smith, F A Soper, E H J Steed, Ella May Stoneburner, F C Webster, Ruth M White, Roy F Williams, C M Willis, W H Wilson, K H Wood, A G Zytikoskee.

OTHERS INVITED

John D Aitken, James Balkins III, Walter E Carson, B Russell Holt, W B Quigley, D E Robinson, Review and Herald summer employees: Charlene Dowdy, Nancy L Gibbons, Dane J Griffin, Becki Joiner, Amy Niesen, Eric Niesen, Barbara Otis, Todd Otis, Glen Swan, Cheryl Thomas, Kent Thomas.

WELCOME

Robert H Pierson, Chairman, welcomed the young people from the Review and Herald to the General Conference Committee.

INTRODUCTION

J J Aitken presented his son John D Aitken, a minister in Montana.

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Prayer was offered by John D Aitken.

Robert H Pierson presented an informative summary of the responses of more than 1,000 church members from 47 states and 21 other countries to his invitation to comment on various aspects of church life. Replies received up to May 15, 1978 included viewpoints regarding change in the church, the Spirit of Prophecy, role of women, education program, conserving denominational funds and the work of pastors. A report of this informal survey will appear in an October issue of the Adventist Review.

MINUTES of the meeting held July 20, 1978, were approved.

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From Admin/ADCOM/GCC to AHR

COMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS

VOTED, To approve the following adjustments in standing committees:

Retirement Plan Committee

Add: Wilson, W H

Ingathering Editorial and Planning Committee

Add: Kretz, R L
Thomas, Samuel
Williams, D J

Discontinue: Schram, G M

From Secretariat/ADCOM/PRADCO/GCC to RH

(A 2576) SURAT HOSPITAL--SCHOOL OF NURSING

VOTED, To approve a new school of nursing at the Surat Hospital, Central India Union, Southern Asia Division.

From Treasury/ADCOM/PRADCO/GCC to AHR

(A 2569) BORROWING AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS AND
BUILDING FINANCE COMMITTEES--MERGED

VOTED, To approve the merging of the Borrowing and Distribution of Funds Committee and the Building Finance Committee to form the Borrowing and Distribution of Funds and Building Finance Committee, as follows:

TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

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| 1. Study requests for borrowing of funds | 1. Recommend to NADCA/General Conference |
| 2. Study building financial plans | 2. Power to act and advise field |
| 3. Pass on all building plans referred to the General Conference as per policy | 3. Power to act |
| 4. Provide architectural and building counsel to the field | 4. Power to act. |

(Borrowing /Building Committee - contd)

COMMITTEE:

Emmerson, K H (Chairman)	Johns, Warren L
Kemmerer, M E (V-chairman)	Johnson, H D
Jones, F L (Secretary)	Murrill, W L
Bothe, J W	Osborn, R E
Bradford, C E	Patzer, A J
Brown, W J	Pelton, R L
Bruce, G O	Pierson, R H
Dower, N R	Reinhard, R M
Fordham, W W	Wernick, F W
Franz, C O	Wilson, Neal C
Hackett, W J	Wilson, W H
Henri, C D	

Subcommittee:

Blueprints

Johnson, H D (Chairman)	Brooks, C L
Jones, F L (Secretary)	Collins, Robert
Babcock, G P	Mack, Erwin
Berg, Orley	Pedersen, P F
Bothe, J W	Wilson, W H

From CA/GCC to Secretariat

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTEES

VOTED, To approve the following:

Appointments

Curry, Delbert William (Fair Oaks, Calif)--Pastor, Hongkong Adventist Hospital Church, Far Eastern Division
Judefind, Joyce Eileen (So N England Conf)--Accountant, Middle East College, Lebanon, Afro-Mideast Division
Thompson, Steven Wayne (NAD National, Watford, England)--Theology teacher, Newbold College, England, N Europe-W Africa Division.

Calls and Transfers Between Divisions

Jerome, Sylvain (Euro-Afr Div)--Reassignment from President, Togo-Benin Mission to president of Ivory Coast Mission, N Europe-W Africa Division
Kuprasch, Raimar Wolfhard (Euro-Afr Div)--Physician, Hongkong Adventist Hospital, Far Eastern Division
Lessa, Perciliana (So Amer Div)--Nurse, Niaguis Dispensary, Senegal, Euro-Africa Division
Luchmun, Marie (Euro-Afr Div)--French and philosophy teacher, Lukanga Institute, Zaire, Trans-Africa Division

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(Appointees - contd)
(Calls and Transfers)

Ricci, Monica Casarramona (So Amer Div)--Request of Euro-Africa Division as preceptress, Italian Secondary School, AVSC basis, 2 years, retroactive to June 1977.

Releases

Nelson, Russell Wendell (So Calif Conf) from appt to East African Union, Afro-Mideast Division
Rimmer, L Wayne from appt to Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico, Inter-American Division. Declined
Schubert, Wilfred (Aust Div) from call to Youngberg Memorial Hospital, Singapore, Far Eastern Division. Declined
Wilson, Edith Fern from transfer to Bangkok Adv Hospital, Thailand, Far Eastern Division. Call withdrawn.

Permanent Returns

Beardsell, Eileen Marion (daughter of D C Beardsell, Tanzania) from Afro-Mideast Division to Northern Europe-West Africa Division. Marriage, effective July 1978
Harder, Lilian (daughter of Neander C Harder, Brazil Coll) from South American Division. Education, effective June 1978
Kranz, Peter Russell (son of Russel Kranz formerly of N Eur-W Afr) to Australasian Division. Family considerations, effective July 1978
Whitehurst, Jerry A from Hanke School, Rhodesia, Trans-Africa Division Effective July 1978

From OTC/GCC to AL

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

VOTED, To approve the following overseas travel:

Authorizations

Ashlock, T M	Int-Amer Div, Sept 5-21, 1978
DeShay, S L	Int-Amer Div (Island of Dominica) 1 week in September 1978
(Specials)	Int-Amer Div (Montemorelos) June 8,9, 1979
Harju, L	
(Finland Un)	N Amer Div (Washington, DC) Jul 30-Aug 3, 1978

Cancellations

Pelton, R L S Amer Div, Sept 7-Oct 18, 1978.

(From Cred and Licenses Comm/GCC to CEB

CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES

VOTED, To grant credentials and licenses to the following for the remainder of the quinquennium ending April 1980:

General Conference

Ministerial Credentials

Don E Robinson

Missionary Credentials

Lee Boothby
William Hold
Donald Lee
Winston H McHenry

Missionary Licenses

Robert H Christman
Karen Gilburg
Sandra Goldenberg
Gayle Graves
John W Japagnanam
Patti A Leedham

Kathryn Lichtenwalter
Darrell Milam
E Faye Needham
Leroy Peters
Clyde Rafferty
Pauline V Winland

Pacific Press Publishing Association

Ministerial Credentials

H E Douglass

SDA Radio, TV and Film Center

Ministerial Credentials

W Y Chen

Southern Publishing Association

Ministerial Credentials

Don R Pierson

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(Credentials and Licenses - contd)

(Southern Publishing Association)

Missionary Licenses

Victoria Fletcher
Rodney Highsmith
Luz Dalusong Jennings

From ADCOM/GCC to CEB

GENERAL CALLS

VOTED, To approve the following General calls:

Burgess, Robert G (PR-FED)--Insurance officer, Pacific Union College
Burgess, Treva (PR-FED)--Office secretary, Northern California
Conference
Holverstott, Charles (So Publ Assn)--Computer program supervisor,
HHES, Southern Union
Van Rooyan, J C Smuts (Helderberg Coll)--Assistant professor of
religion, Andrews University
Weiss, Roger (PR-EAD)--Pastor, Capital Spanish Church, Potomac
Conference

Adjourned

Robert H Pierson, Chairman
A E Gibb, Secretary
Martha Horn, Recording Secretary