

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

September 15, 1967, 9:55 A. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, Salim Japas, Maurice Katrib, H. C. Lamp, L. C. Miller, R. C. Mills, Manoug Nazirian, Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, R. W. Wilmot, R. L. Jacobs

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by H. C. Lamp.

67/198 MV PROGRESSIVE CLASSES--REVISION

VOTED, To approve the modifications in the MV Progressive Class requirements in harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference MV Department, as appearing in the MV Handbook Supplement dated August 1967, and that these changes take effect at the beginning of the 1967 school year.

67/199 FARSI HYMNAL

VOTED, To approve the request of the Iran Section to publish a Farsi hymnal without music.

67/200 QUADRENNIAL SESSION AND ANNUAL COMMITTEE--DATE AND PLACE

Formerly the Division Quadrennial Session was scheduled to be held during the summer of 1967. (MED 66/249, 67/29) Due to political conditions it was not possible to carry out these plans. It is not certain even now that delegates from the entire Division territory will be able to attend, yet further delay seems inadvisable. It was

VOTED, To hold the Middle East Division Quadrennial Session in Lebanon, November 10-13, followed by the Annual Division Committee at the Division office, November 14-16.

67/201 QUADRENNIAL SESSION--SERVICE COMMITTEES

VOTED, To name the following committees to serve in connection with the Quadrennial Session:

Transportation & Housing

R. C. Mills, Chairman
El Rita Mills
George Ghazal
R. W. Wilmot
George Yared

Music

J. R. Stephan, Chair.
Boutros Ghazal
Mary Ghazal
Dorothy Webster

Platform

L. C. Miller, Chair.
Salim Japas
Chafic Srour

Program

R. L. Jacobs, Chair.
Manoug Nazirian
K. L. Vine
F. C. Webster

Ushering & Distribution of Materials

R. W. Wilmot, Chair.
R. E. Anderson
Cleo Johnson
H. C. Lamp

Translation

Salim Japas, Chairman
Naim Awais
Ignatius Yacoub

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67/202 PRESS CARDS--SALIM JAPAS AND GEORGE NEHME

VOTED, To request the General Conference Public Relations Department to issue press cards to Salim Japas and George Nehme.

67/203 IGNATIUS YACOUB--SALARY ADJUSTMENT

VOTED, To approve the request of the Middle East College to adjust the salary of Ignatius Yacoub to 105 per cent, retroactive to June 1, 1967, at which time he assumed his new responsibility as Dean of Studies.

67/204 IRAN SECTION--REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

In harmony with the request of the Iran Section, it was

VOTED, To reallocate Rials 30,000 from a fund formerly destined to the Iran Academy multipurpose building, to be used now for the purchase of furniture for the principal's office.

67/205 H. E. ROBINSON--PERMANENT RETURN

While on advanced study leave at Andrews University, a health problem became evident in the family which led the General Conference to vote a permanent return for H. E. Robinson. It was

VOTED, To concur with the General Conference in granting a permanent return for H. E. Robinson for family health reasons.

67/206 MAURICE KATRIB--SERVICE REQUEST

VOTED, To pass on to the Syria Section the request of the Jordan Section for Maurice Katrib to conduct a Week of Prayer in Amman, November 25 to December 2, 1967.

67/207 LUKAS KESHISHZADE--ALLOWANCE

Lukas Keshishzade was employed for 14 years (1939-53) in the Arak, Iran Hospital as a male practical nurse. When the hospital was closed he was left without employment. Now he is 72 years of age and requests financial aid. In view of this special circumstance and the closing of the hospital before he was able to reach the 15-year minimum for sustentation, it was

VOTED, To grant Lukas Keshishzade a monthly allowance of Rials 3,500 to be paid from the sustentation fund, providing no final settlement was made with him when he ceased to be an employee of the organization.

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67/208 TRIPOLI INTERNATIONAL FAIR--BUDGET FOR BOOTH

In harmony with the request of the Benghazi Hospital, it was

VOTED, To appropriate Lf 600.000 (LL 5,275.00) to the Benghazi Hospital for rent of space to be used for a booth at the 1968 Tripoli International Fair. Charge Evangelism Reserve.

67/209 SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT--PURCHASE OF FILM

VOTED, To authorize the Sabbath School Department to purchase the film, "Give Them Tomorrow," prepared by the Australasian Division Sabbath School Department. Cost \$85.00.

67/210 MOTION PICTURE PROJECTOR--PURCHASE

VOTED, To authorize the purchase of a motion picture projector for the Division office.

67/211 HOUSING ASSIGNMENT--GEORGE A. KHOURY

On recommendation of the Middle East College administration, it was

VOTED, To assign the College Store Apartment B to George A. Khoury for the 1967-68 school year, it being understood that a reassessment will be made at the end of this period.

67/212 L. V. MORRIS--PERMANENT RETURN

In harmony with his request, it was

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference the permanent return of L. V. Morris, effective June 20, 1968, for educational reasons.

67/213 ITINERARIES

VOTED, To approve the following itineraries:

R. C. Mills	September 19-22	Iraq
L. C. Miller	Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Lebanon
	October 2-3	Jordan
	" 4-5	Iraq
	" 6-8	Iran
	" 8-13	Cyprus
	" 19-27	Turkey
	" 27-Nov. 4	MEC Spiritual Emphasis

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Manoug Nazirian	September 25-29	Iraq
	October 16-29	Egypt
	December 8-14	Turkey
	" 17-20	Cyprus
F. C. Webster	September 18-21	Ankara
	" 22-25	Istanbul

Adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Closing prayer by Maurice Katrib.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, Salim Japas, H. C. Lamp, R. C. Mills,
Manoug Nazirian, Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, R. W. Wilmot, R. L. Jacobs

By Invitation: George Ghazal, Ignatius Yacoub

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by H. C. Lamp.

67/214 PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT SECRETARY--CALL

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference a call for an Arabic-speaking worker of Middle East background to serve as Publishing Secretary of the Middle East Division. RLJ

67/215 ANGELY GAYED--CALL TO JORDAN

In harmony with the request of the Jordan Section, it was

VOTED, To pass on to the Egypt Section the request of the Jordan Section for Angely Gayed to serve as pastor of the Amman church. RLJ

67/216 WEEK OF PRAYER--REVISION OF DATE

In the Church Calendar the 1967 Week of Prayer is scheduled for November 4-11. This date now conflicts with the Quadrennial Session to convene November 10-13. It was

VOTED, That the date for the Week of Prayer be changed to October 28-November 4, 1967, and further

That the Week of Sacrifice offering be received on November 4 instead of on November 11, 1967. RLJ

67/217 PHYSICS CLASS--REQUEST TO OFFER

Two children of overseas workers are completing their academy course by Home Study. They need a class in Physics requiring a laboratory, which cannot be offered by correspondence. It was

VOTED, To pass on to Middle East College the request of the Beirut Overseas School Board for L. V. Morris to teach a class in Physics, using the college laboratory facilities. RLJ

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67/218 LSD FILM--PURCHASE FOR TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT

VOTED, To approve the purchase of the new LSD Motion picture film prepared by the Temperance Department of the General Conference. The cost, \$200, is to be charged to the MED Temperance Department budget. HCL

67/219 ANNUAL COMMITTEE--STANDING COMMITTEES

VOTED, To recommend the following standing committees to the Division Annual Committee to be held November 14-16, 1967:

<u>Audit</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Finance</u>
F. C. Webster, Chairman	R. C. Mills, Chairman	R. C. Mills, Chairman
R. W. Wilmot, Secretary	R. W. Wilmot, Secretary	Cleo Johnson, Secretary
R. E. Anderson	K. H. Emmerson	Najeeb Ayoub
K. H. Emmerson	D. W. Hunter	K. H. Emmerson
D. W. Hunter	R. L. Jacobs	Boutros Ghazal
R. L. Jacobs	Salim Japas	George Ghazal
D. C. Ludington	H. C. Lamp	D. W. Hunter
R. C. Mills	L. C. Miller	R. L. Jacobs
K. L. Vine	Manoug Nazirian	F. C. Webster
Section Presidents	F. C. Webster	R. W. Wilmot
		Section Treasurers RLJ

67/220 QUADRENNIAL SESSION--DELEGATES

VOTED, To name the following delegates to the Middle East Division Quadrennial Session:

<u>Middle East Division</u>	<u>Middle East College</u>	<u>Egypt Section</u>
F. C. Webster	K. L. Vine	Habib Ghali
R. L. Jacobs	George Ghazal	Shafik Ghali
R. C. Mills	Ignatius Yacoub	Husni W. Kolta
W. J. Clemons	B. L. Gilleroth	Abadir Abdel-Messih
L. H. Cowles	Jad Katrib	Nassif Boutros
Mary Ghazal	Joseph Khoury	Daniel Dose
Alberta Jacobs	L. V. Morris	Sobhi Fahim
Salim Japas	J. S. Russell	Samaan Fangary
H. C. Lamp	S. J. Schwantes	Hanna Gad
L. C. Miller	Samir Shahin	Angely Gayed
El Rita Mills		Yacoub Ghali
Manoug Nazirian		Shehata Guindi
George Nehme		Saad Khillia
Nazi Srour	<u>Middle East Press</u>	Hanna Malaka
Dorothy Webster	R. E. Anderson	Fikry Michael
Naomi Wilmot	Boutros Ghazal	Naguib Mossad
R. W. Wilmot	Naim Awais	Fakhry Naguib
		Farouk Rizk
		Youssif Samuel
		Faiz Towfiles
<u>Benghazi Hospital</u>	<u>Cyprus Section</u>	
D. C. Ludington	J. S. Jones	
Cleo Johnson	Moses Elmadjian	
M. T. Oliverio	Nicolas Ioannou	
J. W. Whitehouse	D. O. McDaniel	

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Iran Section

H. L. Gray
 Vigain Marcarian
 Amir Amiri
 Arsen Arzoo
 John Hasso
 R. D. Hyde
 H. S. Johnson
 Anoosh Keshishzade
 M. H. Morovati
 H. K. Salakian
 Hovik Sarrafian
 George Terzibashian

Iraq Section

Salim Majeed
 Basim Fargo
 Fuad Ashkar
 Nathan Dawood
 Samir Dawood
 Hilal Dose
 Adeeb Fargo
 Ghanim Fargo
 Bashir Hasso
 Said Tooma

Lebanon Section

Chafic Srour
 George Yared
 Salam Aboujauda
 Aram Aghassian
 H. D. Bresee
 R. L. Fenn
 Towfic Issa
 George Khoury
 Minas Megurditchian
 Shukri Nowfel
 W. A. Potter
 George Raffoul
 Philip Srour

Jordan Section

Mousa Azar
 Najeeb Ayoub
 Najeeb Azar
 Kameel Haddad
 Bishara Taweel

Syria Section

Maurice Katrib
 Ziki Hannawy
 Gabriel Katrib

Turkey Section

Manuk Benzatyan
 Yebraksie Gomig
 Zihni Kaymaz

RLJ

67/221 MIDDLE EAST SECONDARY SCHOOL--REORGANIZATION

In harmony with the recommendation of a special committee composed of the officers of the Middle East Division, Middle East College, and the Lebanon Section, it was

VOTED, To effect the reorganization and relocation of Middle East Secondary School as follows:

1. The administration of the secondary school shall be separate from that of Middle East College.

2. The secondary school shall be administered by a board of management appointed by the Middle East Division Committee, which board shall include the following:

Middle East Division President, Chairman
 Middle East Secondary School Principal, Secretary
 Lebanon Section Educational Secretary
 Lebanon Section President
 Lebanon Section Secretary-Treasurer
 Middle East College Business Manager
 Middle East College Chairman Department of Education
 Middle East College Dean of Studies
 Middle East College President
 Middle East Division Educational Secretary
 Middle East Division Secretary
 Middle East Division Treasurer

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3. The school shall be located on the orange grove property.

4. The medium of instruction shall be English with the exception of those classes in which government regulations require the use of Arabic.

5. The school shall be operated as a day school, but provision shall be made for students from other countries and from outside Beirut to live in the college dormitories when possible.

RLJ

67/222 CAIRO CENTER EFFORT--APPROPRIATION REQUEST

In harmony with the request of the Egypt Section,

VOTED, To appropriate LEg 500.000 to be applied toward the expenses of efforts held by Chafic Srour and Samaan Fangary in the Cairo Center. Charge MED Evangelism Reserve.

RCM

67/223 RAS BEIRUT EVANGELISTIC PROJECT--FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Lebanon Section has rented space in the Anis Daouk Building, 33 Rue Omar bin Abdul Aziz, as headquarters for R. L. Fenn and W. A. Potter, who have been assigned the task of opening the work in Ras Beirut. The budget for furniture and equipment, and rent for three months is approximately LL 13,000.00. The Lebanon Section has requested financial assistance on this project. It was

VOTED, To grant to the Lebanon Section the sum of LL 10,000.00 toward the expense of opening work in Ras Beirut. Charge Evangelism Reserve.

RCM

67/224 EGYPT SECTION--REASSIGNMENT OF APPROPRIATION TO ACADEMY

In 1966 the Division committee voted to appropriate LEg 1,600.000 to be used toward the enlarging of a teachers' home at the Egypt Section Academy (MED 66/303). Since this appropriation was not used, and at the request of the Egypt Section, it was

VOTED, To reassign LEg 500.000 from the Academy Duplex Addition appropriation, to be used in adding a room to the preceptress' apartment.

RCM

67/225 J. S. RUSSELL--PERMANENT RETURN

In harmony with the request of James S. Russell and on the recommendation of Middle East College, it was

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference that James S. Russell be granted a permanent return to the United States, effective June 30, 1968, for educational reasons, and further

To express sincere appreciation to Elder and Mrs. Russell for their more than twenty years of faithful service in the Middle East Division.

RLJ

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67/226 E. W. WARING--PERMANENT RETURN

In harmony with his request, and on the recommendation of Middle East College, it was

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference the permanent return of Ernest W. Waring, effective June 30, 1968, for educational reasons, and further

To express appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Waring for their more than twelve years of service at Middle East College. RLJ

67/227 R. W. WILMOT--PERMANENT RETURN

R. W. Wilmot arrived in the Middle East Division November 10, 1958, laboring first in Egypt and since May 5, 1961, in the Treasury Department of the Division office as cashier and assistant auditor. Mrs. Wilmot has served as office secretary in the Division office. Upon their request, it was

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference that R. W. Wilmot and family be granted a permanent return to the United States, effective June 1, 1968, for educational reasons, and further

To express sincere appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot for their faithful and dedicated service in the Middle East Division. RLJ

67/228 DIVISION CASHIER--CALL

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference a call for a cashier for the Division office, to arrive by June 1, 1968. RLJ

67/229 MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE--CALL FOR CHEMISTRY TEACHER

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of Middle East College for a chemistry teacher, preferably a Ph.D. in Chemistry, but with a minimum of a Master's degree in Chemistry, having, if possible, minors in Biology and Mathematics, to arrive in Beirut on or before September 1, 1968. RLJ

67/230 MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE--CALL FOR DEAN OF MEN

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of Middle East College for an experienced Dean of Men having a minimum of a Master's degree in Counseling and Guidance, if possible, recommending the name of K. D. Achord, currently serving at San Pasqual Academy, Escondido, California. RLJ

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67/231 COMMITTEE TO PREPARE STATEMENT OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING EMPLOYEES

On September 7, 1966, action was taken (MED 66/185) naming a committee to prepare a statement for presentation to the Social Affairs and Labor Department of the Lebanese Government relating to the relationship between the Seventh-day Adventist organization and its employees. The chairman of the committee was R. C. Darnell, who is presently doing graduate work in the United States. It was

VOTED, To substitute the name of Ray L. Jacobs as chairman of the committee to prepare a statement of regulations governing employees. The committee is now composed of the following members:

Ray L. Jacobs
George Ghazal
R. C. Mills
George Nehme
R. W. Wilmot

RLJ

67/232 ITINERARIES

VOTED, To approve the following itineraries:

F. C. Webster	November	17-20	Amman
	"	22-26	Baghdad
	"	27-Dec. 2	Tehran
	December	6	Lebanon Committee
	"	8-10	Nicosia
	"	13-17	Cairo
R. C. Mills	"	18-23	Benghazi
	November	17-20	Amman
	"	22-26	Baghdad
	"	27-Dec. 2	Tehran
	December	6	Lebanon Committee
	"	8-10	Nicosia
R. L. Jacobs	"	13-17	Cairo
	"	18-23	Benghazi
	November	5-6	Athens
	"	7-8	Benghazi
	"	22-26	Baghdad
	"	27-Dec. 2	Tehran
D. W. Hunter	December	6	Lebanon Committee
	"	13-17	Cairo
	"	18-23	Benghazi
	November	1-4	Istanbul
	"	5-6	Athens
	"	7-8	Benghazi
	"	9-16	Beirut
	"	17-20	Amman
	"	21	Beirut
	"	22-26	Baghdad
	"	27-28	Tehran

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K. H. Emmerson	November	7-8	Benghazi	
	"	9-16	Beirut	
	"	17-25	Africa	
	"	26	Baghdad	
	"	27-28	Tehran	RLJ

67/233 SECTION ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS--DATES

VOTED, To approve the following schedule for Section annual committee meetings:

Jordan Section	November	19	
Iraq Section	"	23	
Iran Section	"	29	
Lebanon Section	December	6	
Cyprus Section	"	10	
Egypt Section	"	14	
Benghazi Hospital	"	21	
Turkey Section	January	14	RLJ

Adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Closing prayer by Salim Japas.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary