

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING  
Beirut, Lebanon    May 13, 1969    3:30 P. M.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, Salim Japas, H. C. Lamp,  
L. C. Miller, R. C. Mills, Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, George Yared,  
Ray L. Jacobs

## DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by George Yared.

69/102 CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES

VOTED, To grant licenses as indicated, for the following workers:

BENGAZI HOSPITAL

Joseph C. Johannes, M. D.	Ministerial License
Serpouhie Maksoudian	Missionary License
Najla Michdesy	Missionary License
Dinah Quijada	Missionary License

RLJ

69/103 SUMMER INSTITUTE OF WORLD MISSIONS

VOTED, To approve the plan for all missionary appointees to the Middle East Division to attend the Summer Institute of World Missions offered by Andrews University, when this can be done without unduly delaying departure to their fields of labor. RLJ

69/104 IRAN SECTION - REQUEST FOR SERVICES OF K. L. VINE

VOTED, To pass on to the Middle East College Board the request of the Iran Section for K. L. Vine to attend their campmeeting June 19 - 28, 1969 and to hold a three-week series of meetings in the Tehran Center during the fall. RLJ

69/105 TRAVEL OUTSIDE DIVISION - AUTHORIZATIONS

VOTED, To grant permission for travel outside the Division in connection with the Zurich Youth Congress and/or vacations, as follows:

Mrs. Boutros Ghazal	Europe
Elder and Mrs. Harold Gray	Europe
Raymond Kiraz	Europe

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69/106 JERALD W. WHITEHOUSE - FURLOUGH

VOTED, To grant Jerald W. Whitehouse a three-month furlough beginning July 23, 1969 and to authorize him to participate in the Andrews University Field School to be conducted in Columbus, Georgia by Elder Don Doleman. RLJ

69/107 HARLEY BRESEE - MODIFICATION OF FURLOUGH DATE

Harley Bresee was authorized to begin his furlough June 1, 1969 (MED 68/265). Due to the fact that a French evangelist will be coming to Beirut for a public effort this fall, it is desired that the Bresee family take their furlough at an earlier date in order to make adequate preparations for the campaign. It was

VOTED, That Harley Bresee be authorized to begin his furlough on April 30, 1969. RLJ

69/108 HAROLD JOHNSON - MODIFICATION OF FURLOUGH DATE

VOTED, To approve the plan for Harold Johnson to begin his furlough on June 22, 1969 instead of June 15 (MED 69/21) in harmony with his request. RLJ

69/109 HARRY AND NORMA MASSEY - PERMANENT RETURN

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference with our recommendation, the request of R. M. Massey that his children Harry and Norma, be granted a permanent return to India for educational reasons, effective at the beginning of the Spicer Memorial College school year. RLJ

69/110 GINGIE COWLES - PERMANENT RETURN

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference with our recommendation, the request of Gingie Cowles, daughter of Hugh Cowles, for a permanent return to the United States, effective June 23, 1969, for educational reasons. RLJ

69/111 CHARLES MILLS - PERMANENT RETURN

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference with our recommendation, the request of Charles Mills, son of R. C. Mills, for a permanent return, effective July 1, 1969, for educational reasons. RLJ

69/112 D. C. FAHRBACH, M. D. - PERMANENT RETURN

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of D. C. Fahrback, M. D. for a permanent return, effective June 19, 1969, for educational reasons, and in harmony with previous commitments, and that we express our appreciation for the services rendered by the Fahrback family during their period of service in Benghazi. RLJ

69/113 JORDAN SECTION - REQUEST FOR THEOLOGY STUDENTS, SUMMER 1969

VOTED, To approve the request of the Jordan Section to employ Natha. Malaka and Zaher Barbawy, students of Middle East College, during the 1969 summer vacation period to work in the districts left vacant while the regular pastors are in attendance at the Andrews University Extension School in Beirut, it being understood that the benefits to the students will be the same as those indicated in the policy for Ministerial Scholarships (MED WP 110, 111) with the exception that the Jordan Section will be responsible for the Home Section portion as well as their own. RLJ

69/114 TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

VOTED, To name the following a committee to bring to the Annual Committee a recommended policy covering the installation and use of telephones by workers:

R. C. Mills, Chairman	Chafic Srour
Ray L. Jacobs	George Yared
Minas Megurditchian	

RCM

69/115. BENGHAZI OVERSEAS SCHOOL - TREASURER

VOTED, To appoint Villardo L. Almonte as treasurer of the Benghazi Overseas School to fill the vacancy left by the absence of Cleo Johnson on furlough and study leave. RLJ

69/116 AUTOMOBILE AUTHORIZATIONS - POLICY AMMENDMENT

Upon recommendation of the Benghazi Hospital Administration, it was

VOTED, To ammend our action No. 69/95 by adding "Assistant Technicians" to the section for Semi-Authorized Automobiles for Medical institutions. RCM

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69/116 JAMES WONG - CANCEL CALL

In 1966 a call was placed for James Wong to serve as Laboratory Technician in the Benghazi Adventist Hospital (MED 66/194). He was not able to accept the call at that time. The call was renewed in 1968 (MED 68/166) and Brother Wong accepted, but difficulties having to do with the legalization of his diploma delayed his coming. Now the need for his services has ceased to exist due to the establishment of laboratories in connection with other hospitals from which we had anticipated receiving work. In view of this new development, it was

VOTED, To cancel our call for James Wong to serve as Laboratory Technician in the Benghazi Hospital. RLJ

69/117 TERRACE APARTMENT - DIVISION APARTMENT HOUSE

VOTED, To approve the completion of a terrace apartment in the Division apartment house in harmony with the plans submitted and on file in the treasury office. RCM

69/118 LAILA AMMAREEN - FINAL SETTLEMENT

VOTED, To approve the request of the Jordan Section to grant a final settlement of JD 150.000, according to the policy, to Laila Ammareen, inasmuch as the El Kerak school is being closed and there appears to be no other opening where she can serve. RCM

69/119 LEBANON SECTION - MEDICAL EXPENSE MOTHER OF SHAHADA HALABI

VOTED, To authorize the Lebanon Section to follow the Medical Aid for Near of Kin Guideline Policy (MED 68/114) and grant aid to Shahada Halabi on medical expense of LL 95.00 reported for his grandmother. RCM

69/120 BERLITZ "TOTAL IMMERSION" LANGUAGE STUDY - AUTHORIZATIONS

VOTED, To authorize the following workers to enroll in the Total Immersion Course in Arabic offered by the Berlitz School of Languages, as indicated:

J. W. Whitehouse	2 weeks at end of furlough
Harley Bresee	2 weeks at end of furlough
R. C. Darnell	2 weeks at end of study program if there is time before the Andrews Extension School

RCM

69/121 EVANGELISM APPROPRIATION

VOTED, To approve appropriations for evangelism as follows:

Egypt Section	LL 19,000.00	
Iran Section	2,250.00	
Iraq Section	1,800.00	
Jordan Section	1,900.00	
Lebanon Section	3,750.00	
Syria Section	800.00	
Turkey Section	500.00	
Division Team	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total	LL 40,000.00	LCM/RCM

69/122 JORDAN SECTION - ZARKA CHURCH PROPERTY

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

VOTED, To approve the purchase of a church property of 825 m<sup>2</sup> on Fayha Street in Zarka, Jordan at a cost to us of JD 1,750.000 and that funds now being held as a reserve for the Jerusalem Center be used for this purpose, it being understood that in case it again becomes our responsibility to direct the Jerusalem Center and the funds are needed for their original purpose, they will be returned, and further, that one-fourth of this advance be considered as a loan to the church with the understanding that a fund raising campaign will be set in operation for the repaying of this part. RCM

69/123 BALDUR PFEIFFER - FURLOUGH ALLOWANCES

Baldur Pfeiffer desires to drive his car to Germany and back as he goes on furlough. The question has arisen as to what financial arrangements would be made for such a trip. It was

VOTED, To grant to Baldur Pfeiffer the following allowances for travel to Germany and return, should he travel by car:

1. a) A flat \$660.00 if he is able to drive all the way.  
b) A flat \$850.00 if he must fly from Beirut to Adana.
2. Freight allowance (upon return) of 1,400 lbs. unpacked weight and/or settlement at \$0.30 per lb. for unused weight.
3. Re-outfitting Allowance of \$225.00 to be paid by the Central European Division and charged to the Middle East Division.
4. Mileage during furlough to visit parents (one trip) and necessary travel in connection with doctoral dissertation defense at mileage rate in effect in Germany. RCM

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P. M. and H. C. Lamp offered prayer.

F. C. Webster, Chairman  
R. L. Jacobs, Secretary