

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING

Beirut, Lebanon January 6, 1970 2:00 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, Boutros Ghazal, Salim Japas, R. L. Jacobs, Maurice Katrib, L. C. Miller, R. C. Mills, Manoug Nazirian, K. L. Vine, George Yared

By Invitation: Harold N. Sheffield, M. D.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by L. C. Miller.

70/1 PUBLISHING COUNCIL - POSTPONEMENT

WHEREAS, the plan for Herbert White to visit the Middle East Division has been modified, it was

VOTED, To postpone the Publishing Council scheduled for February 1970, until such a time as a representative from the General Conference Publishing Department can attend. MK

70/2 IRAN SECTION - OVERSEAS SCHOOL IN SHIRAZ

VOTED, To approve the operation of an overseas school in Shiraz, Iran and to employ Mrs. R. D. Hyde as teacher on a three-quarters of full time basis, at a salary rate of 72.5% and further

To request the Overseas Committee to name a school board for this new school. RLJ

70/3 R. M. MASSEY - EDUCATIONAL AID

Harold Massey, son of R. M. Massey, is living in the Jack Bohannon home in order to attend the Shiraz Overseas School. It was

VOTED, To approve the recommendation of the Iran Section that Harold Massey be granted a subsidy amounting to 25% of the cost of room and board while attending the Shiraz Overseas School, it being understood that the tuition rate charge is already on a subsidized basis. RLJ

70/4 MRS. HAROLD L. GRAY - REQUEST FOR EARLY FURLOUGH

In harmony with her request, it was

VOTED, That Mrs. Harold Gray be authorized to leave on furlough approximately two months in advance of Elder Gray who is scheduled to begin his furlough on June 1, 1970. RLJ

70/5 RAFIC ISSA - APPOINTED CASHIER OF DIVISION OFFICE

VOTED, To appoint Rafic Issa as cashier of the Middle East Division office, and to cancel our call with the General Conference (MED 67/228) for a cashier-accountant. RLJ

70/6 CALLS FOR WORKERS CANCELED

Due to the nationalization of the Benghazi Adventist Hospital, it was

VOTED, To request the General Conference to cancel the following calls for workers:

Orthopedic Surgeon, Benghazi Adventist Hospital, Libya
Doctor, Benghazi Adventist Hospital, Libya
Two nurses, Benghazi Adventist Hospital, Libya from Far East
Assistant Business Manager, Benghazi Hospital, Libya

70/7 MOUNIRA HABASHI - CANCEL CALL

VOTED, To cancel the appointment of Mounira Habashi as nurse in the Benghazi Hospital (See Benghazi Minutes 68/56) since her services are no longer needed due to the nationalization of the hospital. RLJ

70/8 SABBATH SCHOOL OVERFLOW OFFERING - PROJECTS AND PROMOTION 2ND QUARTER, 1970

VOTED, To approve the following projects and plans for promoting the second quarter, 1971 Thirteenth Sabbath School offering which is assigned to the Middle East Division:

A. Overflow Projects

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| 1. Middle East College music building | 70% |
| 2. Cyprus Section to assist in establishing a dental and physical therapy center | 20% |
| 3. Matariah Mercy Home for vocational training facilities | 10% |

B. Assignments for Mission Stories

Senior Quarterly

F. C. Webster
R. L. Jacobs
K. L. Vine
Mrs. Erna Kruger
D. O. McDaniel
Hilal Dose
Gabriel Katrib
Maurice Katrib
Chafic Srour
Melcom Gasparian

Children's Quarterly

Mrs. Manuk Benzatyian
Mrs. Robert Hyde
Mrs. Hanna Malaka
Mrs. Dorothy Gray
Mrs. Fouad Ashkar
Miss Violet Wentland
Mrs. R. L. Jacobs
Mrs. Johnnie Minassian
Mrs. Said Tooma
Mrs. Salim Majeed

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Senior Quarterly (Cont'd)

H. L. Gray
George Khoury
Salim Japas
L. C. Miller
J. A. Sines

Children's Quarterly (Cont'd)

Jon Green
Mrs. J. W. Whitehouse
Mrs. Habib Ghali
Mrs. Salaam Aboujauda
Mrs. J. A. Sines

C. Taped Program

Producter - L. C. Miller
Script - Dale Kepker

D. Photographs

L. C. Miller, Chairman
Harley Bresee
R. C. Darnell
Salim Japas
Gary Gene Johnson

E. Promotion in Union Papers - L. C. Miller

LCM

On November 23, 1969 the Benghazi Adventist Hospital was nationalized and it has become impossible for our staff to remain in Lybia. Efforts have been made to secure reassignments for as many as possible. Where this has not been possible, permanent returns are being recommended.

70/9 . BENHAZI WORKERS - CALLS

VOTED, To pass on calls to the following workers, as indicated:

Villardo Almonte and wife, Dr. Aldine, from the Northern European Division to serve in Ethiopia.

George Benson, M. D., from the Northern European Division to serve in the Gimbe Hospital in Ethiopia.

Rae Anna Brown, from the Trans-Africa Division to serve in the Kanye Hospital, Botswana.

Erlinda Cabanilla, from the Southern Asia Division to serve in the Karachi Hospital.

Carmelita Coloma, from the Trans-Africa Division to serve in the Central African Union.

Lucila Deles (on furlough), from the Northern European Division to serve in the Adventist Hospital, Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

Trinidad de Guzman, from the Southern Asia Division to serve in the Karachi Hospital.

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Joseph Johannes, M. D., from the Far Eastern Division to serve in Vietnam.

Sally Kent, M. D., from the Southern Asia Division to serve in Karachi.

Anne Meyer, from the Southern Asia Division to serve in Karachi.

Christine Moniaga, from the Trans-African Division to serve in the Nairobi Clinic.

Russell Nolin, from the Inter-American Division to serve in the Bella Vista Hospital in Puerto Rico.

Lourdes Santa Elena, from the Northern European Division to serve in the Adventist Hospital, Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

70/10 BENGAZI HOSPITAL WORKER - REASSIGNMENT

VOTED, To reassign Aaron Dennis to teach in the Beirut Overseas School.

70/11 BENGAZI HOSPITAL WORKERS - PERMANENT RETURNS

VOTED, To request the General Conference to grant permanent returns for the following workers:

- Luna Atil to the Philippines
- Leona Blaker to North America
- Debra Soon Cha Chang Cho to Korea
- Helga Chung Cha Cho to Korea
- Dean Dietrich, M. D. to North America
- Primo Guarin to the Philippines
- D. W. McConnell to North America
- Eliseo Oliverio to the Philippines
- LeRoy Sauder to North America
- John Strain to North America
- Dinah Quijada to the Philippines
- Emilia Tabo to the Philippines

RLJ

70/12 * TURKEY SECTION - REQUEST FOR CARE PACKAGES

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of the Turkey Section for 2,000 CARE packages. FCW

70/13 * BENGAZI HOSPITAL SETTLEMENT - REPRESENTATIVE

As part of the decree nationalizing the Benghazi Adventist Hospital the organization operating the institution was asked to name a representative

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BENGHAZI HOSPITAL SETTLEMENT - REPRESENTATIVE (Continued)

to form part of the committee that should determine the amount of compensation to be paid by the Libyan government to the Adventist church. In complying with our part of the arrangement, it was

VOTED, That R. C. Mills be named to represent the Seventh-day Adventist church on the committee for compensation for the nationalization of the Benghazi Adventist Hospital, and further that F. C. Webster be named alternate.
FCW

*The above two actions taken January 8, 1970 but with the approval of the minority committee, are included here.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 P. M. Boutros Ghazal offered the closing prayer.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING
Beirut, Lebanon January 22, 1970 3:00 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, J. A. Aikman, Rafic Issa, Salim Japas, R. L. Jacobs, Jad Katrib, Maurice Katrib, L. C. Miller, R. C. Mills, Manoug Nazirian, Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, George Yared

By Invitation: C. E. Guenther, H. N. Sheffield.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by Jad Katrib.

70/14 DIVISION COMMITTEE - MEMBERS ADDED

VOTED, To appoint J. A. Aikman and Rafic Issa as members of the Middle East Division committee. RLJ

70/15 R. R. NICKELL - M. E. C. 1970 SPRING WEEK OF PRAYER

VOTED, To pass on to the Iran Section the request of Middle East College for R. R. Nickell to conduct their Spring Week of Prayer, May 7 - 15, 1970. RLJ

70/16 DIVISION COMMITTEE - SPRING MEETING DATE

VOTED, That the spring meeting of the Division Committee be convened March 17 - 19, 1970. RLJ

70/17 MARY GHAZAL - VACATION HELD OVER

VOTED, To approve the request of Mary Chazal to hold over one week of her 1969 vacation until 1970. RCM

70/18 PACIFIC PRESS - DONATION OF BOOKS

VOTED, To designate the Iran Academy as recipient of the 49-book library offered by Pacific Press Publishing Association for a school in the Middle East Division. FCW

70/19 D. W. PERRY - PERMANENT RETURN

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference that D. W. Perry be granted a permanent return to the United States, due to the nationalization of the Benghazi Hospital. RLJ

70/20 JACK THOMPSON - SPECIAL OUTFITTING ALLOWANCE

Jack Thompson and family went to Tehran in May 1969, expecting to fill in for a short time until a replacement for Ivan Peacock could arrive to direct the Physical Therapy Clinic. When a replacement was not secured the Thompson family found it necessary to purchase winter clothing and establish themselves on a more permanent basis. In order to compensate them in part for this expense, it was

VOTED, To grant a special allowance of Rs. 26,250 to Jack Thompson in connection with expense incurred in establishing himself and family temporarily in Tehran, and further

To express appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson for their willingness to postpone their furlough in order to maintain the operation of the Tehran Physical Therapy Clinic. RCM

70/21 JACK THOMPSON - FURLOUGH

Jack Thompson arrived in the Middle East Division September 14, 1964. He has requested an extended furlough of one year for the purpose of completing the requirements for an M. A. degree in Physical Therapy. He understands that he is entitled to aid under the G. I. Bill and believes he can obtain other study aid to cover the major part of his expenses, and desires to use these benefits in order to save expense to the organization.

VOTED, To grant Jack Thompson an extended furlough of one year, beginning April 1, 1970, for the purpose of study toward an M. A. degree in Physical Therapy, it being understood that a major part of the expense may be borne by G. I. and other benefits. RLJ

70/22 BENGAZI HOSPITAL PERSONNEL - SERVICES TERMINATION

It has not been possible to secure denominational employment for a part of the staff of the Benghazi Hospital. While efforts will continue to place these individuals, it was felt that they should not be kept indefinitely on salary. It was,

VOTED, To continue the following workers from the Benghazi Hospital on salary until February 28, 1970. If they have not been re-assigned at that time, final settlement will be made available to them

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL PERSONNEL - SERVICES TERMINATION (Cont'd)

in harmony with the policy (MED WP 129: MED 68/218):

Bashir Aziz
Ferial Kolta
Nawal Kolta
* Munir Masloub
Serpouhi Maksoudian
Najla Michdesy
George Nimri

*In the case of Munir Masloub, the medical policy will be applied to cost of surgery and physical therapy rehabilitation for Mrs. Masloub's injured limb, as approved by the Division committee, for a period of up to one year. RCM

70/23 SUSAN MARCONIAN - FINAL SETTLEMENT

Susan Marconian went to Benghazi with her husband who is not a member of the Adventist church. Since she was employed there on the basis of a national worker, it was

VOTED, To terminate the services of Susan Marconian as of February 28, 1970, and to make final settlement with her on the basis of the equivalent of one month's salary for each year she was employed in the Benghazi Hospital. RCM

70/24 MOUNIRA HABASHI - TERMINATION OF SALARY

Mounira Habashi was called from Lebanon to Libya to serve in the Benghazi Hospital. Before she was able to arrange her travel documents the hospital was nationalized and her services were no longer required.

VOTED, To terminate the salary of Mounira Habashi on January 31, 1970. RLJ

70/25 BISHARA AZIZ - PLANS

Bishara Aziz, one of the employees in the Benghazi Hospital has returned to Jordan with the desire to open a small clinic.

VOTED, To continue the salary of Bishara Aziz until February 28, 1970 when further study will be given to his case. RCM

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70/26 VIRGINIA LAMB - REASSIGNMENT TO MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

VOTED, To approve the request of the Middle East College Board to employ Virginia Lamb as director of the cafeteria. RLJ

70/27 OPERATING CAPITAL - TRANSFER EXCESS TO RESERVES

VOTED, To authorize the treasurer to transfer excess operating capital to Division Reserves. RCM

70/28 GHALIB AZAR - SPONSORSHIP

Pastor Mousa Azar has requested a sponsorship in behalf of his son Ghalib who has applied to the Christian Medical College in Valore, India to take the medical course, with the understanding that charges be passed through organizational channels to him. It was

VOTED, To grant to Ghalib Azar a sponsorship to study medicine in Christian Medical College, it being understood that charges will be passed on to Pastor Mousa Azar in the Jordan Section. FCW

70/29 ESTHER FELTUS - ALLOWANCES

Miss Esther Feltus, a sustentation worker, volunteered to teach for one year in the Beirut Overseas School without salary. On arriving in Beirut she learned that her sustentation rate would be diminished in harmony with the policy for such workers living outside their homeland. During the summer of 1969, she took a course in Columbia Union College that she understood would be paid by any organization using her services. Since Miss Feltus finds herself unable to meet certain financial commitments she had made, it was

VOTED, To grant to Miss Esther Feltus a special allowance of \$10.00 per month for the time she serves in the Middle East, and further

To authorize the payment of the charge of \$138.00 for a course in Physical Geography taken by Miss Feltus in Columbia Union College. RCM

70/30 SYRIA SECTION - HABIB BANNA APPOINTED TREASURER

VOTED, To appoint Habib Banna as secretary-treasurer of the Syria Section, with the understanding that the Syria Section committee provide other work for him in addition to these duties, and to set his salary rate at 90%. FCW

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P. M. with prayer by J. A. Aikman.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING
Beirut, Lebanon January 29, 1970 8:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, J. A. Aikman, John Hasso, Rafic Issa, R. L. Jacobs, Salim Japas, Jad Katrib, Maurice Katrib, L. C. Miller, R. C. Mills, Manoug Nazirian Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, George Yared.

By Invitation: H. N. Sheffield, C. E. Guenther

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by J. A. Aikman.

70/31 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - SERVICE COMMITTEES

VOTED, To name service committees in connection with the 1970 General Conference session, as follows:

Booth

R. C. Mills, Chairman
H. L. Gray
Rafic Issa
R. L. Jacobs
Maurice Katrib
Salim Majeed
L. C. Miller
J. A. Sines
F. C. Webster

Program and Platform

F. C. Webster, Chairman
R. L. Jacobs
Salim Japas
Maurice Katrib
George Khoury
Minas Megurditchian
R. C. Mills
L. C. Miller
J. A. Sines

Pageant

R. L. Jacobs, Chairman
George Ghazal
Rafic Issa
Maurice Katrib
George Khoury
R. C. Mills
F. C. Webster

Public Relations

Salim Japas, Chairman
Alberta Jacobs
Maurice Katrib

70/32 WAIL G. HADDADIN - CALL TO AFGHANISTAN

Wail Haddadin was granted special assistance to aid him in completing his studies in Spicer Memorial College. (MED 68/161) During the 1969 summer vacation period he did colporteur work in Afghanistan, and the Pakistan Union is desirous of having him continue work in this new field. It was

VOTED, To pass on to Wail Haddadin the request of the Pakistan Union and the Southern Asia Division for him to serve in Afghanistan.

And further that the assistance given him by the Middle East Division on account while studying at Spicer College be borne by the Division Student Aid budget, but that arrangements be made with the Southern Asia Division to assist in collecting the un-paid balance of LL 258.53 in his account at Middle East College. RLJ

70/33 SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON QUARTERLY - ARMENIAN AND ARABIC

The Middle East Press board has given study to the question of the publication of the Arabic and Armenian Sabbath School Quarterlies in their new format. It was

VOTED, To authorize the publication of the Arabic quarterly in the condensed form, it being understood that the additional cost will be borne by the members and the local Sections on a 50/50 basis, and

To approve the plan for the Sabbath School department to mimeograph the Armenian quarterly in the condensed form in half-page size. LCM

70/34 EVANGELISM REQUESTS

VOTED, To approve assignments of 1970 Evangelistic funds, as follows:

Iran Section	Rls	103,860.00	LL 4,500.00
Iraq Section	ID	824.175	7,500.00
Jordan Section	JD	247.253	2,250.00
Lebanon Section			<u>12,000.00</u>
Total			LL 26,250.00

The meeting was adjourned by prayer offered by George Yared, at 9:10 A. M.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary