

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING

Beirut, Lebanon February 9, 1970 8:10 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, Rafic Issa, Ray L. Jacobs, Salim Japas, Maurice Katrib, L. C. Miller, R. C. Mills.

By Invitation: H. N. Sheffield.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by F. C. Webster.

70/35 BENGAZI PERSONNEL - BASIS FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

In making final settlement with Benghazi Hospital personnel from the Middle East (MED 70/22), the question has arisen as to the basis on which such indemnity should be calculated. Considering the special circumstances due to the nationalization of the Hospital, it was

VOTED, That in making final settlement with Benghazi Hospital personnel from the Middle East Division territory, the settlement be made on the basis of the 1969 Libyan salary rate, and that these funds be transferred to the individual's homeland at the fixed rate of exchange.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 A.M. by prayer.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING

Beirut, Lebanon February 16, 1970 2:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

By Invitation: H. N. Sheffield.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by K. L. Vine.

70/36 ANNUAL COMMITTEE - DATE

VOTED, That the Annual Division Committee be called for November 5 - 10, 1970.

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70/37 BAPTISMAL SABBATH - DATE MODIFIED

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Second Quarter baptism be held before the General Conference Session, it was

VOTED, That May 16, 1970 be designated as Baptismal Sabbath instead of June 13, 1970.

LCM

70/38 SALIM JAPAS - FURLOUGH

VOTED, To grant a furlough to Salim Japas from May 17 to September 1, 1970, it being understood that this includes attendance at the General Conference Session.

RLJ

70/39 GEORGE UNGER - FURLOUGH

VOTED, To approve a three-month furlough for George Unger from June 1 to August 31, 1970.

RLJ

70/40 GREGG DOYLE - PERMANENT RETURN

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request for Permanent Return of Gregg Doyle, son of H. Ray Doyle, effective July 1, 1970, since he desires to continue his education in the United States.

RLJ

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70/41 WAIL HADDADIN - EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION

An error was made in considering as a regular call the request of the Southern Asia Division to employ Wail Haddadin, a Jordanian student to whom aid had been granted for study in Spicer Memorial College. It was

VOTED, To rescind Middle East Division action No. 70/32 passing on a call to Wail G. Haddadin to serve in Afghanistan, and to advise the Southern Asia Division that the Middle East Division has no objection to the employment of Wail Haddadin it being understood that the Middle East Division will bear the expense accrued for past assistance granted him for study in Spicer College, charging this to Student Aid, but requesting the Southern Asia Division to assist in collecting the un-paid balance of LL 258.53 in his account at Middle East College. RLJ

MS# 79149 written SAD Aug 24, 70

70/42 JORDAN SECTION - ARCHAEOLOGICAL TEAM REQUESTS USE OF AMMAN SCHOOL

VOTED, To request the Jordan Section to make the Amman School available to the Andrews University sponsored archaeological team working at Heshbon, to use as headquarters and dormitory, June 22 - August 7, 1970. FCW

70/43 IRAQ SECTION - SOCIAL SECURITY FOR TEACHERS

The Iraqi government has inaugurated a Social Insurance program for teachers. The plan is compulsory as of May 9, 1969. It provides for payments based on the teachers' salaries, half to be paid by the teachers and half by the school into the government fund. Retirement stipends may reach as high as 90% of regular salary. Assessments may be retroactive for possibly ten or more years, such retroactive amounts being payable equally by schools and teachers over a five-year period. The Iraqi Section committee has requested counsel and action regarding the possible relationship of the government plan to the denominational sustentation provision, and also regarding the portion to be paid by the teachers and the schools. It was

VOTED, That the following provisions be effective in applying the new compulsory government retirement and indemnity plan for teachers in Iraq:

1. Teachers and schools will share equally the government assessments, beginning with January 1, 1970.

2. Teachers who elect to maintain their denominational service record toward sustentation or termination settlement will pay the teachers' share of the retroactive assessments that was due before January 1, 1970, and the employing organization will pay its share of such retroactive assessments.

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3. Teachers who elect to do so may request the employing organization to pay both the teachers' and the school shares of retro-active assessments. When the employing organization shall have made such payments, the teacher will not be eligible for sustentation or service termination settlement based on service in denominational schools in Iraq.

RLJ

70/44 BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE - SUBJECTS

VOTED, To approve the following list of subjects for the new Basic Bible Correspondence Course being prepared by L. C. Miller:

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| 1. Bible | 9. Baptism |
| 2. Creation | 10. Law and Grace |
| 3. Origin of Sin | 11. Sabbath |
| 4. Plan of Salvation (Mary) | 12. Sabbath's Change |
| 5. Divinity of Christ | 13. Judgment |
| 6. Second Coming | 14. Death |
| 7. Signs | 15. Heaven |
| 8. Holy Spirit | |

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70/45 CYPRUS SECTION - AUTOMOBILE AUTHORIZATIONS

WHEREAS workers who have gone to Cyprus from the Benghazi Hospital are not covered by the automobile policy, but are in need of automobiles in their work, it was

VOTED, To approve the recommendation of the Cyprus Section to grant automobile authorizations, as follows:

Thomas Davis	Authorized
J. Allen Sines DDS	Authorized
William Bradshaw	Semi-Authorized

It is understood that this action will become effective when government approval has been granted for the operation of the proposed medical units.

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70/46 "PINE ECHOES"- ADVERTISEMENT

VOTED, To place a full-page advertisement in the 1970 PINE ECHOES at a cost of LL 110.00.

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70/47 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION - ALLOWANCES FOR DELEGATES

VOTED, To authorize the following allowances for workers who are regular delegates appointed to attend the 1970 General Conference Session in Atlantic City, and who are not on furlough or study leave nor covered by some other financial plan:

1. (a) Travel to New York and return: Tickets will be purchased by the Middle East Division except in the case of a worker who is accompanied by his wife who may be paid a flat allowance of \$725.00. Plane travel is to be by regularly scheduled passenger carriers.

(b) Bus fares New York to Atlantic City and return.

(c) Local travel in New York, Atlantic City, and other cities: a flat allowance of \$40.00 for taxi or bus transport to and from airports, etc., including all handling of luggage.

2. Interurban travel within North America: up to \$100.00 each for a delegate and his wife, if accompanying husband, for bus transportation, suggesting the use of the Greyhound package arrangement.

3. Per diem allowance: Up to 70 days allowance at \$6.00 per day for a delegate or at \$8.00 per day for a delegate accompanied by his wife. It is understood that the time granted includes 3 weeks of 1970 vacation as well as all travel and session attendance time.

4. Hotel in Atlantic City while attending authorized meetings: single room rate for the delegate or double room rate if accompanied by his wife. There are no allowances for children.

Delegates to the session who are accompanied by children will be permitted to secure representative accommodations other than in the designated hotel, it being understood that they may report the actual cost of such accommodations up to a maximum of \$14.00 per day.

5. Hotel while traveling: Up to four nights for the delegate, and his wife if she accompanies him, upon receipts for cost of rooms.

6. Denominational History Tour: Actual expenses charged the delegate and for his wife if she accompanies him for the denominational history tour, except meals.

7. Insurance: Cost of regular General Conference travel accident and personal effects insurance coverage for the delegate.

If a delegate desires, he may take his salary for June, July, and August in advance or carry letters of credit authorizing him to receive the same amount in the United States.

Note: Nos. 1, 4, 5, and 7 also apply to delegates at large.

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70/48 ITINERARY - L. C. MILLER

VOTED, To approve the following itinerary for L. C. Miller:

Cyprus	February	25 - 28,	1970
Turkey	March	3 - 7,	1970
Iran	March	22 - 29,	1970

RLJ

Rafic Issa offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary