

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Held, Takoma Park, D. C., July 3, 1917.

SAFETY DEVICES - MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:

At an informal meeting a few members of the Division Committee took the following action:-

VOTED, That we authorize the treasury department to enroll the Medical Department as a member of the Association of Safety Measures and Devices, the yearly fee being \$5, which entitles members to bulletins issued by the association along many lines of "Safety First" devices for institutions, etc.

T E Bowen, Secretary, Pro tem.

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHTH MEETING
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Held July 13, 1917.

PRESENT: I H Evans, W T Knox, F M Wilcox, W W Prescott, W W Eastman, F Griggs, F W Paap, Mrs L F Plummer; also J L Shaw, N Z Town, E R Palmer, Miss E M Graham, J J Ireland, L A Hansen, T E Bowen, W A Spicer.

Prayer by N Z Town.

JULY COMMITTEE COUNCIL:

The chairman read a telegram from brethren attending an informal meeting on the Pacific Coast, in which the question of forming a base hospital unit was under consideration. Those in attendance at the meeting recommended the calling of a meeting of the Division Conference Committee in July, to consider the matter. After discussion, the following actions were taken:-

VOTED, That the chairman be requested to call a Council of the North American Division Committee, to consider this matter, the Council to convene at Takoma Park, July 24, at 10 A. M.

VOTED, That the call be sent out to all Division Committee members, and that the chairman be authorized to invite such other brethren as counselors as he may think advisable.

Adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman.
W A Spicer, Secretary, Pro tem.

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-NINTH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Midsummer Council

First Meeting

The first meeting of the midsummer Council was held July 24, 1917, 2:30 P. M., in the College Chapel, Takoma Park, D. C.

The opening of the Council at 10 A. M. was postponed to give the Committee the privilege of meeting Mr. Herbert C. Hoover, and his associates in charge of the food conservation of the government.

MEMBERS PRESENT: I H Evans, A G Daniells, S N Haskell, Mrs. S N Haskell, Miss E M Graham, R D Quinn, C Thompson, G B Thompson, G F Haffner, B G Wilkinson, T E Bowen, N Z Town, W W Eastman, W W Prescott, F W Paap, Frederick Griggs, F M Wilcox, J T Boettcher, C S Longacre, C W Flaiz, W H Branson, C B Stephenson, S E Wight, L A Smith, W A Spicer, A V Olsen, Steen Rasmussen, L H Christian, G F Enoch, B F Machlan, R A Underwood, J L Shaw, W E Howell, J W Christian, C M Sorenson, Dr. W A Ruble, Dr. E A Sutherland, Dr. D H Kress, W L Burgan, L A Hansen, Dr. H W Miller, H E Rogers, Dr. P T Magan, W T Knox, J J Ireland, W C White, C W Irwin, E R Palmer, G H Heald.

Prayer by S N Haskell.

The Chair outlined briefly the reasons why the Committee had been called at this time. He stated that the main questions to consider were that of the conservation of food, and the advisability of establishing a base hospital somewhere at the war front.

Elder Daniells made a brief statement setting forth the present situation occasioned by the war as he found it on his arrival from the Far East. He mentioned some of the numerous and perplexing questions being asked concerning our duty in the present world's crisis. He also mentioned the steps taken and reasons why

the meeting was held in Loma Linda, Cal., and read the recommendations passed at this meeting. He thought the situation before us called for earnest prayer and the deepest consecration.

Professor W W Prescott presented a verbal report of the work done by the Commission appointed at the Huntsville Council, to handle the declaration made to the government stating our attitude on the question of engaging in war.

Drs. P T Magan and E A Sutherland, having been invited by members of the committee to come to Washington to secure information on the question of establishing a base hospital, and what we could do to cooperate with the government in the matter of food conservation, were asked to give the committee the information they had been able to secure. Various interviews they were able to secure with prominent government officials were mentioned.

Pending consideration of the establishment of a hospital base, a recess was taken.

RECESS

7 P. M.

Prayer by J T Boettcher.

The evening meeting was occupied in further study of the question of a base hospital.

Adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman.
G B Thompson, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SIXTIETH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECOND MEETING OF COUNCIL

July 25, 8:30, A. M.

Prayer: C W Flaiz, and G F Haffner.

Further study was given to the questions under consideration when the Council adjourned. The chairman read from published government documents important requirements in the way of personnel, expense, etc., necessary in establishing a base hospital. He also

presented some recommendations prepared by the commission appointed at the Huntsville Council.

After further consideration of the question, it was

VOTED, That the recommendations from the Loma Linda Council, the recommendations from the commission appointed at Huntsville, some requests from the Lake Union Conference Committee, and other questions before the Council, be referred to a committee for consideration.

The following committee was appointed: Presidents of union conferences, W C White, A G Daniells, F M Wilcox, W W Prescott, S N Haskell, I H Evans, W A Ruble, P T Magan, H W Miller, C W Flaiz to act as chairman.

Adjourned to 7 P. M.

I H Evans, Chairman.
G B Thompson, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIRST MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THIRD MEETING OF COUNCIL

July 25, 1917, 7 P. M.

Prayer by W A Ruble.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

JOINT MEETING:

The General and Division Committees met in joint session to give study to the question of the holding of the next General and Division Conferences. Some questions being raised as to whether a change in the plan of holding the Conference might not be wise, a committee was appointed to study the matter and bring in a report. The following committee was arranged: I H Evans, A G Daniells, W T Knox, Charles Thompson, and R D Quinn.

Adjourned.

A G Daniells, Chairman.
G B Thompson, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SECOND MEETING
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FOURTH MEETING OF COUNCIL

July 26, 1917, 9 A.M.

Prayer by A G Daniells, W C White, and others.

The committee appointed to formulate some recommendations to bring before the Council submitted its report. During the consideration of this report, Council adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman.
G B Thompson, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-THIRD MEETING
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 26, 1917, 2:30 P. M.

Prayer by L H Christian and B G Wilkinson.

TRANSFER OF LABORERS:

The following transfer of laborers was agreed to:-

VOTED, That we request the Southern Publishing Association to release John McConaughy to go to the Lake Union Conference to act as Home Missionary Secretary.

VOTED, That we request the Atlantic Union Conference to secure the release of Elder O F Gaylord to connect with the Lake Union Conference, with a view of acting as pastor of the Battle Creek Church.

VOTED, That we request the Washington Sanitarium to release Dr. L E Elliott that he may connect with the Lake Union Conference.

VOTED, That we ask the Southeastern Union Conference to release Elder B M Heald, that he may connect with the Ontario Conference.

VOTED, That we request the Columbia Union Conference to secure the release of Miss Jessie Weiss of the East Pennsylvania Conference, that she may connect with the work in Ontario.

VOTED, That we ask the Lake Union Conference to secure the release of Joseph Sansonetti to work among the Italians in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; it being understood that if this transfer is made, the North American Division Conference appropriate a sum sufficient to cover his salary.

CAMPMEETING HELP:

The following arrangements for help for the later campmeetings were made:-

That L A Hansen attend the South Carolina meeting.

That I H Evans and C Sorenson attend the meetings in North Carolina, Georgia, and Kentucky.

That A G Daniells attend the campmeetings in California, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Florida.

That Elder Fred Lee attend the Lake Union campmeetings.

That S A Wellman attend the campmeeting in the Maritime Conference, and that he remain a month in the conference following the campmeeting, attending such meetings as may be arranged.

That W A Spicer attend the Ohio, Indiana, and Iowa campmeetings.

That W H Anderson attend the campmeetings in the Central Union Conference.

That Elder Charles Thompson attend the campmeeting in Southern Illinois.

FALL COUNCIL - JOINT ACTION:

VOTED, That the Fall Council of the General and North American Division Committees be held at Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 26 to November 10, 1917.

GENERAL AND DIVISION CONFERENCE SESSION:

The committee appointed to bring in a report concerning the coming quadrennial session of the General and Division Conferences submitted a report, which after some amendments was adopted as follows:-

1. That Elders Daniells, G B Thompson, E E Andross, J L McElhany, and C H Jones constitute a committee authorized to negotiate with the proper persons to secure the Civic Auditorium at San Francisco for the use of the General and Division Conference; and that there be definite understanding that we have the use of

the auditorium on three Friday and four Sunday evenings throughout the meeting.

3. The use of the Civic Auditorium being granted to us free-lighted, heated, and janitored through the very kind offer of Mr. Webb, owing to the desire of the San Francisco authorities to rent the auditorium if they have opportunity during the time of our meeting, we waive the right of using it such nights (other than Friday and Sunday) as they may be able to rent it, but that other than rented nights it be understood that we have the free use of the auditorium for our meetings.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee on Recommendations submitted a report, which after some changes and additions was adopted as follows:-

WHEREAS, Mr. Herbert C Hoover, Chairman of the Government Food Commission, Mr. George Cullen, Chairman of the department working through organized societies, and others of the department directing the conservation of food for the government met the delegates attending our late council in Mr. Cullen's office, setting before the delegates the activities and plans of the United States Government in the conservation of foods, and inviting the cooperation of our people in this needy work, therefore,

RESOLVED, (1) That we express our appreciation of the courtesies received from these gentlemen,

(a) That we cooperate to the best of our ability with the Commission, adapting their plans to the use of our churches.

(b) That we ask the North American Division Conference Medical Department to take general charge of this line of work.

(c) That each Union Conference, at the earliest possible date, appoint one or more persons to give intelligent supervision of this work in its territory, under the advice and cooperation of the North American Division Medical Department.

(d) That our Medical Department make use of suitable literature instructing our people how they can best cooperate in this food conservation campaign. The Medical Department shall cooperate with union and local agents for carrying on the work throughout the North American Division field. It shall provide blanks for reporting, and arrange for the collection and compilation of all reports.

(e) That in view of the fact that a large amount of extra work will be thrown upon the Medical Department by the proposed work in food conservation, we ask the officers of the North American Division Conference to provide such help and assistance in the Medical Department as may be necessary to make the work effective.

(2). Having for many years taught and practiced Bible Temperance in eating and drinking, the non-use of stimulants and flesh foods, simplicity in dress, and economy in the use of time and money, we now in this time of world-wide need and destitution, cheerfully cooperate with those in authority in increasing the production of foods, in exercising the strictest economy in the use of foods and means, and in these things as far as possible set an example worthy of imitation.

(3). That we urge all our people to accept the present World Crisis as an occasion to fully conform their manner of life to the principles of healthful living that have been advocated by Seventh-day Adventists for more than half a century; and that further we encourage our ministers, physicians, and other workers to give greater publicity to these principles.

(4). WHEREAS, This present World's Crisis brings to us both great spiritual danger and great opportunity for ourselves personally and for the advancement of the work, therefore,

RESOLVED, That our people in the North American Division Conference, our workers of every class, both in the field and in institutions, seek the Lord with all the heart, put away all sin, and become reconciled with one another and the Lord.

(5). That Sabbath and Sunday, September 1, 2, 1917, be appointed as a season for fasting and prayer; that our churches meet for prayer and devotion in their accustomed places of worship; and that all humble their hearts before the Lord, seeking for a full baptism of the Holy Spirit; and further,

RESOLVED, That we ask the editors of the Review and Herald to prepare an article on what constitutes a fast; and that this article appear in the Review and Herald prior to the date fixed for the fast.

(6). Believing that we have entered the last great crisis, and that the troubles of the last days are upon us, we wish at this time to call upon our people of means to seek God most earnestly, to know whether this is not the time for them to comply with the counsel of the Spirit of God in selling their surplus holdings and giving their means to the cause of God.

(7). That in the prosecution of the work given us by the Lord we pay more diligent heed to the counsel so often repeated by the servant of the Lord, "Press together, press together, press together;" that as a church organization all our main endeavors be given to advancing the message leaving each individual free to follow his conscientious convictions when solicited to aid in emergency matters; and that we increase our efforts to persuade our young people to secure a suitable training in our regular schools, that more workers may be available for the home and mission fields.

(8). That our people cheerfully comply with all the civil laws and the ordinances of those in authority, which do not conflict with the law of God, rendering acceptable obedience to the same in all meekness; that we do not forget the divine injunction "To be subject to principalities, to obey magistrates, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness to all men," and that we encourage our people to appropriate the assurance in Romans 8:28 as applying in our perplexities, and that in whatever state we may be found we seek to glorify Him whose servants we are.

(9). That we avail ourselves of every opportunity afforded to present the truths of the great three-fold message of Revelation 14 to all peoples.

(10). That continual supplications be offered by the church to God that the angels may be commissioned to hold the winds of strife from their utter loosing until the last gospel message shall have been given to the world.

(11). That great care be exercised in both private and public utterances, and in the preparation of matter for our publications and for the press, realizing as we do that the statements of an individual or a group may be taken as expressing the attitude of the denomination.

(12). That union and local conferences provide for efficient counsel in convenient localities for our brethren who are drafted and who desire to obtain the exemptions provided in the law.

(13). That the Exemption Clause which reads, "Students who at the time of the approval of this act are preparing for the Ministry in recognized theological or divinity schools," shall apply to those in our fourteen to sixteen grade schools who were at the time specified preparing directly for the ministry.

(14). That we ask the General Conference Medical Department, under the advice of the General Conference Executive Committee, to make a careful study of the situation in the war zone, determining how and to what degree we can best extend helpful assistance to our young men who may be sent to the front, reporting such findings to our Autumn Council.

MISSIONARY LICENSE - Evans and Iden:

VOTED, That missionary license be granted to Mrs. I H Evans and Ella Iden.

APPROPRIATION - DR. RUBLE:

VOTED, That the General and Division Conferences each appropriate \$25.00 to remunerate in part the loss of Dr. W A Ruble of

a valuable valise and contents which was stolen from him while in a depot on his way to attend the meeting of the committee.

APPROPRIATION - DR. SANDERS:

VOTED, That we make an allowance of \$75.00 to defray the traveling expenses of Dr. E M Sanders of Nashville, Tennessee, who very kindly came to Washington to assist Doctors P T Magan and E A Sutherland in meeting some prominent government officials connected with the War Department.

APPROPRIATION - SOUTHERN UNION:

VOTED, That we appropriate \$1350.00 to the Southern Union Conference for the work in Kentucky.

Council adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman.
G B Thompson, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FOURTH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 27, 1917.

PRESENT: I H Evans, G B Thompson, W T Knox, B G Wilkinson, C S Longacre, W W Eastman, F W Paap, F M Wilcox, H W Miller, W W Prescott; also A G Daniells, T E Bowen, W A Spicer, E R Palmer, J T Boettcher, J L Shaw, B F Machlan, Miss E M Graham, and J J Ireland.

ROBINSON - SANITARIUM:

Request having been made for the services of Elder A T Robinson to connect with the Melrose Sanitarium, it was

VOTED, That we invite Elder A T Robinson of Colorado, to labor in the Atlantic Union Conference, to take the chaplaincy of the Melrose Sanitarium.

A G Daniells, Chairman.
G B Thompson, Secretary.