

CAUCUS - AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

September 1, 1970 7:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. L. Jacobs, R. C. Darnell, H. N. Sheffield, C. E. Schmidt

NANCY JOHNSON SHIPMENT FROM BNEGHAZI

AGREED, That Nancy Johnson's shipment from Benghazi, which included the Benghazi Overseas school equipment and books, be transhipped to Beirut where the decision will be made as to the final destination of its contents.

MICHAEL HABIB - STUDNET COLPORTEUR LEADER IN LIBYA

AGREED, That R. C. Darnell be authorized to make plans for Michael Habib to go to Libya with the student colporteurs who need to finish their summer hour requirements, and give assistance to the group as required, it being understood that the Division will continue his salary for the month of September.

JORDAN SECTION - TEMPORARY WORK

Jon Green and Angeli Gayed are temporarily in Lebanon due to the political crisis in Jordan.

AGREED, To authorize Dr. H. N. Sheffield to explore with the Lebanon Section the possibility of conducting Five-Day Plans in Lebanon in which Jon Green and Angeli Gayed would be invited to participate during the time until they are able to return to Jordan.

HOUSING FOR EVACUEES - IN THE DORMITORIES

AGREED, To request the treasurer to investigate the possibility of arranging for housing for Habib Banna, Angeli Gayed, and the Jon Green families who are temporarily unable to return to their regular work.

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Adjourned: 8:00 A.M.

CAUCUS - AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

September 2, 1970 7:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. L. Jacobs, R. C. Darnell, C. E. Schmidt

NATHAN RATIB - COLPORTEUR IN UNENTERED TERRITORIES

AGREED, That in harmony with the action taken by the MED Committee (page 1695) to look with favor on the plan for Nathan Ratib to do colporteur work in the Sudan or in Libya, subject to the stipulations of the above action regarding the paying of surface transportation to the field and of paying the return fare if he remains at least two months. It is suggested that an effort be made to secure another colporteur to accompany Brother Ratib. Before leaving contact should be made with the commercial attache to receive assurance that money to pay for the books can be brought out of the country, and that he will be permitted to work.

MICHAEL HABIB - CONTINUE ON SALARY DURING SEPTEMBER

Michael Habib has gone to Syria to secure a document to the effect that he is deferred from military service.

AGREED, To continue Michael Habib on salary for the month of September 1970 with the understanding that he will assist the student colporteurs and follow through on his application for a passport with the idea that with this he will be able to go to unentered territories for colporteur work.

HOUSING FOR EVACUEES

AGREED, To authorize the treasurer to rent an apartment on a short-term basis for the use of workers evacuated from Jordan and Syria.

COLPORTEUR BOOKS FOR LIBYA

AGREED, To authorize an order of 200 Health books and 50 single copies of magazines for the use of student colporteurs in Libya.

Adjourned: 8:00 A.M.

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AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION OFFICER CAUCUS
September 7, 1970 Beirut, 9:00 A.M.

D. K. BAZARRA AND E. J. GREGG - OFFICERS MEETINGS

AGREED, To invite D. K. Bazarra and E. J. Gregg to attend officers meetings.

E. J. GREGG - SECRETARY OFFICERS MEETINGS

AGREED, To request E. J. Gregg to act as secretary of the officers meetings.

INVITATIONS FROM M.E.U. TO DIVISION COMMITTEE

AGREED, To invite Manoug Nazirian and Chafic Srour to attend the Division committee to be held September 7, 1970, and to recommend to the committee that Jad Katrib and Maurice Katrib be invited to the meeting on September 10.

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

AGREED, To list the following items for the agenda of the Afro-Mideast Division committee:

Tanzania Union Secretary-Treasurer - F. N. Pottle
Call for two office secretaries
Permanent Returns: H. S. Johnson, William Bradshaw
Call: Thomas Davis to Puerto Rico
E. J. Gregg 2 Permission to travel to USA
H. N. Sheffield - Transfer to Nairobi

LES ANDERSON - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

AGREED, Not to approve the request of Les Anderson for a one-month leave of absence since it is not within the policy to extend short furlough

Adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

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AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION OFFICER CAUCUS

September 8, 1970 8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt

OTHERS PRESENT: (For first item only) J. A. Aikman, R. C. Darnell,
Boutros Ghazal, R. H. Henning

MODERN MEDICAL COUNSELOR - REPUBLICATION

AGREED, To recommend to the AMD Committee that the Middle East Press be authorized to negotiate with a publishing house which has requested permission to publish up to 1,000 copies of Modern Medical Counselor in order to meet an order made by the Iraqi government to a Beirut bookstore on the following bases:

(See AMD Minutes, Sept. 10)

Meeting suspended until 11:00 A.M. (No action taken)

Meeting reconvened at 2:10 P.M.

AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION AGENDA ITEMS

AGREED, To recommend the following items to the Afro-Mideast Division committee for action:

That George Yared go to Iran via Turkey in order to bring the accounting up-to-date.

That a committee be named to do preparatory work on the new Afro-Mideast Policy Book.

That a committee be named to care for problems dealing directly with the Middle East territory, as follows: R. L. Jacobs, Chairman, R. C. Darnell, Maurice Katrib, Manoug Nazirian, Chafic Srour.

That Salim Majeed receive his salary from January 1 to May 30, 1970 except for the month of March, in Iraqi currency, and in Lebanese currency for the month of March and from June 1, onward.

GREEK PUBLISHING MEETING

AGREED, To advise the Trans-Mediterranean Division that AMD representatives cannot participate in the proposed date of September 28, 1970, suggesting that a later date be agreed upon.

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HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

AGREED, To designate housing on the Division compound,
as follows:

<u>House Number</u>	<u>Former Occupant</u>	<u>New or Continued Assignment</u>
1	George Khoury	R. W. Taylor
2-A	Guests	Guests
2-B	Ruby Ratzlaff	Ruby Ratzlaff
2-C	Esther Feltus	Nancy Johnson
Apartment Building		
4-A	H. L. Johnson	R. H. Henning
4-B	Hugh Cowles	Hugh Cowles
4-C	Manoug Nazirian	E. J. Gregg
4-D	F. C. Webster	C. E. Schmidt
4-E	Salim Japas	M. E. Lind
4-F	Ray L. Jacobs	Ray L. Jacobs
7	R. C. Darnell	R. C. Darnell
8	George Unger	George Unger
6	H. N. Sheffield	D. K. Bazarra
5	L. C. Miller	Bekele Heye
3	R. C. Mills	A. H. Brandt

Meeting Adjourned About 4:00 P.M.

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AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION OFFICER CAUCUS

September 9, 1970 8:30 A.M.

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt

E. H. SEQUEIRA - SPONSORSHIP

AGREED, To recommend to the Afro-Mideast Division committee that we acquiesce to the recommendation of the East Africa Union and the General Conference to grant a one-year bursary for E. H. Sequeira, thus giving him time to secure his residence status in the United States and be able to continue working in the East African Union.

EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCES - CHILDREN OF E. D. FRYE

AGREED, To grant to the E. D. Frye children who are studying in the Rio Lindo Academy, the allowances they would receive if they were attending Blue Mountain Academy in harmony with the policy of the Northern European Division. This applies only for the 1970-71 school year.

VENICE KHOURY - AUTHORIZATION TO STUDY IN ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

AGREED, To grant authorization for Mrs. George Khoury to take college work in Andrews University in harmony with the policy, it being understood that the University grants a 50% tuition discount.

Adjourned at 10:40 and reconvened at 2:20 P.M.

INGATHERING BROCHURE IN ARABIC AND ARMENIAN

AGREED, To recommend to the Afro-Mideast Division committee the publication in Arabic and Armenian of the 4-page Ingathering brochure prepared by Manoug Nazirian.

FURNITURE FOR GARY FRESK

AGREED, To authorize purchase of the necessary household furniture for the Gary Fresk home in harmony with the policy for missionaries coming under Class B, but without the washing machine.

Adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

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AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION OFFICER CAUCUS

September 11, 1970 9:15 A.M.

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, Ray L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt

PRAYER: M. E. Lind

MIDDLE EAST UNION - ORGANIZATION

M. E. Lind read a letter that he is preparing to send to Elder R. H. Pierson with copies to Elders Franz and Emmerson regarding the organization of the new Middle East Union. It was requested that C. E. Schmidt write a letter regarding the financial involvements connected with this new organization, and that Ray L. Jacobs write C. O. Franz regarding the action itself.

R. H. HENNING - REQUEST FOR PAINTING LIVING ROOM

R. H. Henning has requested that his living room be repainted since the color does not match their furniture. The present paint is in good condition.

AGREED, To authorize the painting of the living room of the R. H. Henning apartment in a pastel shade that can be considered "standard", and as other houses and apartments are painted, that this same (or similar) color be used so as to avoid the necessity of repainting at frequent intervals.

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE

AGREED, To advise the Ethiopian Union to continue caring for charges from the Home Study Institute in harmony with the policy they have followed in the past until a new policy is adopted.

TANZANIA UNION - RADIO-TV SECRETARY

The appointment of a Radio-TV Secretary for the Tanzania Union is the responsibility of the Union itself, but since the question has been raised, it was suggested that the secretary write L. C. Robinson expressing the hope that the load of the Tanzania General Field president be relieved by the appointment of another Radio-TV secretary.

WAYNE OLSON - PROSPECTIVE WORKER

Wayne Olson, a former successful missionary in the Middle East has expressed his willingness to return. His name had been suggested to head up a school or college since he is securing his degree in this line.

AGREED, To advise the G.C. that we do not have an opening for Wayne Olson at this time.

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ITINERARIES - ROY F. WILLIAMS AND W. A. HOWE

Referred to next meeting.

H. M. S. RICHARDS - TRIBUTE

The tribute being sent to H. M. S. Richards on the occasion of a celebration being planned was read, and suggestions made.

SUSTENTEES LIVING OUTSIDE DIVISION TERRITORY - MEDICAL EXPENSE

Sustentees living in high-income countries outside the Division territory are reporting heavy medical expense to be paid by the Afro-Mideast Division. Often costs of similar medical care in their homeland are minimal or entirely free. The income to the sustentation fund is not sufficient to care for these heavy expenses.

AGREED, That the treasurer seek counsel from the General Conference Treasury, suggesting that we do not pay medical expense incurred by sustentees outside their homeland.

CARMELITA COLOMA - EMPLOYMENT

AGREED, To list on the agenda for the next AMD committee, the question of the employment of Carmelita Coloma as secretary, recommending that she be called to work in the departmental offices.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION OFFICER CAUCUS

September 15, 1970 8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt

PRAYER: C. E. Schmidt

W. A. HOWE - ITINERARY

OBSERVED, That the itinerary should begin in Tanzania and end in the Middle East since schools in the southern part of the Division are closed for summer vacation in December.

NATHAN RATIB - COLPORTEUR WORK IN SUDAN

AGREED, That unless funds can be brought out of Sudan with which to pay the Press for books, the plan for Nathan Ratib to go to Sudan be canceled.

MIDDLE EAST PRESS - REQUEST FOR REHABILITATION FUND

The former Middle East Division requested assistance from the General Conference Rehabilitation Fund for the purchase of off-set equipment and a stitcher amounting to LL 45,620 and it was expected that the Division would match that granted by the G. C. in making up this amount. With the organization of the new Division and the scarcity of funds, C. E. Schmidt was requested to study the reserve funds to ascertain if the AMD is able to supply its portion, and report to a future officers' meeting.

AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

VOTED, To call a meeting of the Afro-Mideast Division committee for Tuesday, September 22, at 11:00 A.M.

TANZANIA - PRESIDENT TGF; TREASURER TU

We will continue to await word from L. C. Robinson before further action.

GEORGE UNGER - AIR CONDITIONER ON 220 v. LINE

We will wait for yearend meeting, thus giving time for study of advisability of installing meters, and supplying 220 v. current to other homes.

BEKELE HEYE - CAR DEPRECIATION ADVANCE

VOTED, To grant to Bekele Heye a car loan equal to the cost of the car he purchases, up to a total amount equal to two years' depreciation, in harmony with the former MED policy.

BEKELE HEYE - MOVING EXPENSE

AGREED, That since Bekele Heye has moved to Beirut under the Class B plan, his weight allowance be one-half of the amount granted under the former MED policy.

C. E. SCHMIDT - CAR DEPRECIATION

VOTED, To grant to C. E. Schmidt a car loan equal to two years' depreciation in harmony with the MED policy.

SALARIES - BEKELE HEYE AND D. K. BAZARRA

AVOTED, To grand a 2% bonus to Bekele Heye and D. K. Bazarra, based in principle on the SalaryaBonus policy of the former MED (MED 108).

MERLIN GUSTAV ANDERSON - LEAVE FOR STUDY

The final Notice Blank indicates that Dr. Anderson is planning to study on his own. Suggested that Ray L. Jacobs write for further information.

MEU REPRESENTATIVES ON SEPTEMBER 22 DIVISION COMMITTEE

AGREED, To invite Rafic Issa and J. A. Aikman to attend the AMD committee called for September 22, 1970.

MICHAEL HABIB - EXPENSE FOR TRAVEL TO JORDAN

AGREED, To reimburse Michael Habib for the LL 70, which represents one-half of his expense on a trip to Jordan to bring books for the student colporteurs. The other half was paid by the Lebanon Section.

MANOUG NAZIRIAN - EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE

AGREED, To grant an equipment assistance of LL 100 to Manoug Nazirian for a projector he purchased based on the MED policy.

MEC PASTOR AND PRACTICAL THEOLOGY TEACHER

AGREED, To recommend to the next AMD committee that the call for a Pastor and Practical Theology teacher be canceled, since there is no budgetary provision for this worker, and to request C. E. Schmidt and R. .L. Jacobs to write to K. H. Emmerson and Roy Williams respectively giving advance notice on this plan.

MESS - SPECIAL DONATION

VOTED, To authorize the administration of the MESS to spend up to LL 4,000 which represents the amount received as a special donation and which was placed by the G. C. auditor in the building account, for tiling the second floor.

Meeting continued at 2:30 P.M.

FIXED RATES OF EXCHANGE

AGREED, To recommend to the General Conference that the fixed rates of exchange remain the same as in 1970 for all the countries of the AMD with the exception of Turkey which should be 15:1.

SAMI SROUR - BURSARY

AGREED, To recommend to the AMD committee that the agreement made by the MED granting a bursary of \$2,200 per year (MED 67/182; 68/186) to Sami Srour, medical student in Loma Linda University. It is understood that this is the final year for which a loan is to be granted, and that the total amount of \$8,300 is covered by contract signed by Sami and is to be amortized over a five-year period of service.

OFFICER CAUCUS HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 1970 at 8:15 A.M. (10)

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt

PRAYER: R. L. Jacobs

OVERSEAS SCHOOL BOARDS

AGREED, To recommend the following school boards for the 1970-71 school year:

Beirut Overseas School: R. C. Darnell, Chairman, George Unger, Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Aikman, D. K. Bazarra, J. H. Segar.

Cyprus Overseas School: D. O. McDaniel, Chairman, John T. Anderson, Secretary, Moses Elmadjian.

RLJ

JACK BOHANNON - HOUSING

AGREED, To permit the Jack Bohannon family to occupy House No. 1, until the arrival of the R. W. Taylor family, and that the treasurer arrange for the storage of the personal effects belonging to George Khoury.

CES

MESS - TEMPORARY BOARD

VOTED, To name the following board for the Middle East Secondary School to serve, effective immediately, on a temporary basis until the time of the yearend committee meetings when the status of the school will be considered and a new board appointed:

Ray L. Jacobs, Chairman, Jad Katrib, Secretary, R. C. Darnell, Chafic Srour, Ignatius Yacoub.

RLJ

HOUSING - AMD COMPOUND

AGREED, That Hugh Cowles be requested to move off the Division compound in order to make it possible to care for the housing needs of the new Division staff.

CES

HABIB BANNA - FUTURE

AGREED, To list for the next AMD committee the question of the future employment of Habib Banna who is not able to return to Syria.

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SERPOUHIE MAKSOUDIAN - FINAL SETTLEMENT

AGREED, To authorize the treasurer to make final settlement with Serpouhie Maksoudian in harmony with the MED policy.
CES

OFFICER CAUCUS HELD SEPTEMBER 25, 1970

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt, D. K. Bazarra

PRAYER: M. E. Lind

WATER HEATERS

AGREED, To authorize the purchase of two gas water heaters.

D. K. BAZARRA - OFFICE

AGREED, That on a temporary basis D. K. Bazarra occupy the office formerly used by H. N. Sheffield.

MRS. JACK BOHANNON - TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT

AGREED, To employ Mrs. Jack Bohannon on a temporary hourly basis as secretary. Salary 75% of maximum hourly rate. See 70-17

MRS. C. E. SCHMIDT - EMPLOYMENT

AGREED, To employ Mrs. C. E. Schmidt on an hourly basis, as accountant. Salary 100% of maximum hourly rate.

MRS. J. A. AIKMAN

AGREED, To employ Mrs. J. A. Aikman on a temporary hourly basis as secretary. Salary 100% of maximum hourly rate.

OFFICERS' CAUCUS, SEPTEMBER 21, 1970

8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt, D. K. Bazarra.

SYRIA SECTION - MEMBERS CASH ASSISTANCE

AGREED, To authorize the treasurer to provide up to LL 500.00 assistance to families in need due to their husbands being imprisoned.

OVERSEAS SCHOOL - TEACHING PERSONNEL

AGREED, To request the principal of Beirut Overseas School to prepare a schedule of teacher class loads indicating the number of students for each teacher, and an indication of the system of alternating classes to be used.

TANZANIA GENERAL FIELD - PRESIDENT

AGREED, To pass on to the General Conference the insistence of the Tanzania Union that Elder Brian Ellingworth be called to fill the post of Tanzania General Field president in view of the fact that he already is acquainted with the field and knows the language.

PRESIDENT - WEST ETHIOPIA FIELD

AGREED, To send a cable to the Ethiopia Union indicating that the officers do not recommend Elder Darbe for the post of president of the West Ethiopia Field, but recommend Jon Green if the Ethiopian Union is able to rearrange their budget for an overseas worker.

R. D. SPEAR - VACATION

AGREED, In principle that R. D. Spear be permitted to take his vacation for 1970 and 1971 in order to travel to the United States at his own expense due to special circumstances having to do with his son, subject to the recommendation of the Tanzania Union.

M. E. LIND AND R. L. JACOBS - TRAVEL TO EGYPT

AGREED, To authorize M. E. Lind and R. L. Jacobs to travel to Egypt as may be arranged.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE - RENEWED CALL FOR PAUL HORTON

AGREED, To renew the call for Paul E. Horton to come to M.E.C. as teacher of Applied Theology and to serve as pastor of the College Church.

OFFICERS'S MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 1970

8:30 A.M.

SALIM MAJEED - REQUEST TO TRAVEL TO IRAQ

AGREED, That if Salim Majeed desires to return to Iraq, the Division will pay bus fare and the cost of the exit visa.

RLJ

HAROLD GRAY - RENT CEILING

AGREED, To authorize the payment of the rent on the house occupied by Harold Gray until such time as the matter of rent ceilings can be restudied.

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J. BJORNAR STORFJELL - DEPRECIATION ADVANCE

AGREED, To authorize an advance to J. Bjornar Storfjell amounting to up to two years' depreciation allowance on a semi-authorized car.

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CYPRUS - REQUEST TO PURCHASE AIRCONDITIONERS

AGREED, To advise the Cyprus Section that at the present time the Afro-Mideast East Division is not in a position to authorize the purchase of the airconditioners requested, nor the expense of any major improvement.

CES

LIEF HANSEN - REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE FOR VISIT TO SWEDEN

AGREED, To advise the Ethiopia Union that, in harmony with the action of the Northern European Division, freight and travel allowances for Lief Hansen will only be granted when and if he and his family return to their homeland within the stipulated two years' time.

CES

EQUIPMENT FOR DIVISION HOUSING

VOTED, To authorize the following purchases:

- 1 semi-automatic European-made washing machine
- 2 water heaters

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D. H. SEQUIERA - BURSARY

AGREED, To advise the General Conference that the East African Union policy for bursary students (Same as TAD) be the basis of allowances granted D. H. Sequiera in connection with his study program.

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OFFICERS' MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 1970

8:30 A.M.

RECEPTION FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS

AGREED, To the plan presented by the PR Department to invite religious leaders to meet the Afro-Mideast Division president.

PAUL E. HORTON - MOVING ALLOWANCES

AGREED, To authorize the expense of moving 7,000 pounds of personal effects for Paul E. Horton in connection with his transfer from Cyprus to Middle East College. CES

Adjourned.

OFFICERS' MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 1970

5:00 P.M.

M. E. LIND - TRAVEL TO IRAN

AGREED, That M. E. Lind be authorized to travel to Iran as may be arranged in order to care for some urgent problems.

R. H. HENNING - TANZANIA UNION REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME

AGREED, To authorize R. H. Henning to remain in the Tanzania General Field for an additional two weeks to care for urgent work and in harmony with the request of the Tanzania Union.

JON GREEN - CALL TO WEST ETHIOPIA

AGREED, To pass on to Jon Green the call of the Ethiopian Union for him to serve as president of the West Ethiopia Field, in harmony with a telephone conversation with R. C. Mills (23 Sept. 70) it being understood that formal action will be taken at the next Afro-Mideast Division committee.

Adjourned.

AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

OFFICERS' MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 28, 1970

8:30 A.M.

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt, D. K. Bazarra

MRS. JACK BOHANNON - SALARY RATE

AGREED, To amend our action OM 70-12 and set the salary for Mrs. Jack Bohannon at 100% of the maximum hourly rate.

ISLAMIC RESEARCH PROJECT

CONSIDERATION was given to the advisability of setting up an Islamic Research Project to prepare materials and formulate methods for work for Moslems.

AGREED, To continue with the program originally planned for Kenneth Oster to go to Iran for active evangelistic work.

Adjourned -- 10:00 A.M.