

OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon

March 6, 1972

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

Prayer was offered by Ray L. Jacobs.

PATHFINDER CLUB - VAN FOR STORAGE

AGREED, To acquiesce in the request of the College Park Pathfinder Club to place a moving van behind the lower garage for storage of supplies, it being understood that this has been cleared with the administration of the Beirut Overseas School, and that when the van is no longer required for the purpose indicated, the College Park Church will be responsible for removing it from the Division compound.

CHAFIC SROUR - LETTER OF GUARANTEE

AGREED, To authorize the secretary to write the necessary letter of guarantee required by the United States consul, in order for Elder and Mrs. Chafic Srouer to be granted tourist visas to make it possible for them to attend the graduation of their son, Sami, from Loma Linda University.

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL ON MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE CAMPUS

AGREED, To recommend to the Division committee that assistance be granted to one worker from each union whom they may choose to attend the Loma Linda University Summer School to be held in Beirut, June 15 - August 14, 1972, suggesting that the expense be shared equally by the worker, the local field, the union, and the Division.

LOCAL FIELDS - FINANCIAL POSITION

AGREED, To request the Division Treasurer to write to the officers of the local fields and unions indicating that we view with great concern the downward trend in the operating capital position of many of the fields, and reminding them that in no case should new workers be employed without adequate budgetary provisions and the approval of the next higher organization.

TOBACCO FARMING - EAST AFRICAN UNION REQUEST FOR COUNSEL

AGREED, To recommend to the Afro-Mideast Division committee that the East African Union be counselled to hold before our people our basic health principles regarding coffee, tea, tobacco, etc., and that while the growing of these crops is not a test of fellowship to keep in mind the counsel given in Selected Messages, Vol. 2, page 338, and recommend that our members find other crops which they can conscientiously cultivate with the blessing of God.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary pro tem

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March 7, 1972

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

By invitation: R. C. Darnell

MAURICE KATRIB - WORK PERMIT

WHEREAS, A copy of a letter written by Maurice Katrib to George Nehme indicates the refusal of the former to permit a work permit to be secured for him, it was

AGREED, To inform Maurice Katrib that a committee has been appointed that decides in counsel with the employing organization concerned whether ministers are required to have work permits or not, and that this committee is therefore solely responsible for decisions pertaining to work permits, with George Nehme working on its behalf in executing its decisions, and further

That if any worker feels that he should be permitted to work without a permit, he should direct himself directly to C. E. Schmidt, chairman of the Work Permit Committee, who can arrange for the presentation of the request in the proper way.

Meeting held March 8, 1972 with the following present:

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

Prayer was offered by D. K. Bazarra.

D. K. BAZARRA - MODIFICATION OF ITINERARY

AGREED, That D. K. Bazarra may accept the insistent request of the East African Union for him to attend a workers' meeting April 17 - 26, but in case he makes this trip, the scheduled campmeeting appointments August 9 - 31, will necessarily be cancelled.

M. E. LIND - MODIFICATION OF EGYPT ITINERARY

AGREED, To recommend to the Division committee that upon the request of the Middle East Union, M. E. Lind be authorized to travel to Egypt for binding off the Cairo effort April 14 - 22, 1972 instead of May 24 - 30, as formerly scheduled.

ADMINISTRATOR EZMH

AGREED, To inform the Ethiopian Union that we look with favor on the suggestion that T. H. Scoggins be appointed administrator of the EZMH, but that action should not be taken before the midyear committee meeting when full representation will be present.

R. H. HENNING - INGATHERING IN DAR-ES-SALAAM

AGREED, To pass on to R. H. Henning the urgent request of the Tanzania Union that he rearrange his itinerary so as to assist in the Ingathering campaign in Dar-Es-Salaam June 1-10, as was originally voted.

ARNO HENSEL - CALL HELD IN ABEYANCE

AGREED, That we do not see light in authorizing Arno Hensel to take the course in tropical medicine recommended by the Tanzania Union since uncertainty exists regarding the possibility of securing permission to open the clinic in Mwanza.

A. H. BRANDT - CANCEL PR COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

AGREED, To recommend to A. H. Brandt that he cancel the plan to attend the PR council in Vienna since it conflicts with the dates for the Division committee.

D. R. SYME - HOMELAND ALLOWANCE TO ENGLAND

AGREED, To approve the request of D. R. Syme to have his homeland allowance sent to England (at the Australian rate) since he will be requiring these funds for his study program in Newbold College.

Meeting held March 10, 1972 at 8:00 A.M. with same members present.

Prayer by D. K. Bazarra.

RADIO EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

AGREED, To assure R. H. Henning that he need no further approval for the purchase of the radio equipment within the budget, and in harmony with officers' action (OM 71-98).

TEMPERANCE SECRETARY - R. W. TAYLOR

WHEREAS, It is felt that the duties of Dr. A. P. Bokovoy in medical lines, considering his responsibilities toward the hospitals, and the shortage of physicians, and since it is the desire of the General Conference Temperance department to have a division secretary who can devote a fair share of his time to the promotion of the plans of the department, it was

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference that R. W. Taylor be appointed Temperance Secretary of the Division.

MRS. H. L. SCHAFFER - EMERGENCY SURGERY

WHEREAS, A cable has been received as follows:

Mrs. Schaffer Bugema needs emergency major surgery request permission purchase tickets family go home immediately stop Schaffer remain until furlough due June advise cable (Signed) Henri

it was,

VOTED, To authorize the family of H. L. Schaffer to return home immediately subject to Dr. Buckley's advice indicating that the surgery should not be performed in Nairobi or Addis Ababa.

MEETING held March 12, 1972, at 9:05 A.M. - same members present.

By invitation: H. N. Sheffield.

Prayer by R. L. Jacobs.

Dr. Sheffield reported on Kenneth Oster's successful meetings in Tehran and the encouraging 5-Day Plan in which he participated with Jack Bohannon in Shiraz where 400 packed the hall provided by the medical school; medical students gave out announcements, and 42 minutes were given on TV. L. F. Greer in the Physical Therapy Clinic in Tehran is dependent on one orthopedic doctor so has an average of only four patients a day.

A run-down of the coverage of medical institutions showed the following:

Kendu--Dr. Kraft is having to dedicate much time to building, but the Torres are ably carrying on the medical practice.

Ishaka--Fully covered with Drs. Biraro and Llaguno

Gimbi--Request to explore possibility of securing Dr. Oliphant to assist Dr. Friend, if the Ethiopian Union feels that the budget can be assured.

Heri-- Dr. Mtango is doing his best, but a doctor is urgently needed. Suggest writing to Elder Robinson to see if they can accept a non-flying physician if a pilot/doctor cannot be found.

Nairobi--Hope was expressed that Dr. Watts might still be available.

EZMH -- AGREED, To ask the FED to secure an experienced general practitioner to replace Dr. Griffin.

Nairobi Dentist -- Since an experienced dentist is required, the appointment of Ronald Fritz should be cancelled, and the name of Friedrich Starke of Germany suggested.

KILIMANJARO CHRISTIAN MEDICAL CENTER - CANCEL COMMITMENTS

AGREED, To inform the administration of the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center that since the control of the hospital has been altered so that it cannot fulfill our expectations for the training of medical personnel, the Afro-Mideast Division will not be able to continue the former plan of maintaining a second doctor in the institution.

Meeting held March 14, 1972, at 8:00 A.M. Same members present.

C. E. Schmidt offered prayer.

J. N. KYALE - SPONSORSHIP AND TRAVEL PLANS

J. N. Kyale of the East African Union is studying in Philippine Union College toward an M. A. degree. He has requested an increase of allowances and stop-over privileges in connection with his return home this summer.

AGREED, That J. N. Kyale be authorized to return to East Africa by the most economical means, according to policy, and further

That the Treasurer secure information as to allowances granted by other divisions sending students to Philippine Union College, with the view of adjusting our grants if found necessary.

HANA NASR - SUSTENTATION

Miss Hana Nasr was placed on sustentation in 1964 (MED 64-159), but later she continued to work and alleges that three years were to be added to her service record of 34 years. The Middle East Union suggests two years additional.

AGREED, To add two years to the service record of Miss Hana Nasr, giving a total of 36 years, and further

That since she is a resident of Lebanon where she now resides on a permanent basis, to grant her pay at the Lebanese rate.

DIANA HATEM - TERMINAL SETTLEMENT

AGREED, To recommend to the Middle East Union that they acquiesce in the request of Diana Hatem of Jordan for final settlement, since this was promised in writing by the then-president of the Jordan Section.

FINAL SETTLEMENTS - POLICY

AGREED, To list for study the matter of final settlements for workers in Lebanon for the Midyear Policy Committee.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE STOREKEEPER

AGREED, To recommend to the Middle East College administration that the non-Adventist storekeeper be discontinued in his work, since his attitudes turn customers away, and continued employment increases the problems of settlement.

EAST AFRICAN UNION - AUTOMOBILE LOAN CEILING

VOTED, That the Automobile Loan ceiling for the East African Union formerly set at Shs. 40,000 be increased to Shs. 55,000.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary pro tem

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Prayer was offered by D. K. Bazarra.

FRANZ PETROV - SURGERY IN ENGLAND

VOTED, To approve the recommendation of the East African Union that Franz Petrov be authorized to travel to England for surgery which cannot be performed in Ethiopia due to a heart condition, and report the travel expense on his medical report.

Meeting held March 21, 1972 with the same members present.

Prayer was offered by M. E. Lind.

ABONZA HEADQUARTERS

AGREED, To approve, in principle, the request of the Ethiopian Union to purchase a property (3,000 m²) on the shore of Lake Awasa with two three-bedroom houses with extra guest rooms, for Eth\$55,000.00 to be used as headquarters for the South Ethiopia Field and vacation facility for workers, it being understood that due to the shortage in operating capital in both the Union and the South Ethiopian Field, funds for the purchase be taken from reserves and reallocation of specials.

JON GREEN

AGREED, To advise Jon Green that we view with grave concern the charges made by A. E. Anderson, having to do with alleged duplicity in arrangements for the Cessna 185 during his absence, and request a suitable explanation.

DR. WILLIAM OLIPHANT

AGREED, To request the General Conference to appoint Dr. Oliphant to the Afro-Mideast Division with the idea that the exact location be negotiated, since Nairobi, EZMH, Gimbie, Heri are all open at present.

SAMI SROUR

AGREED, To inform the General Conference that the Afro-Mideast Division has invested \$8,300.00 in Sami Srour, and that he has signed a contract to return for service in the Division. It is our understanding that on completion of his internship he should return to the Division to begin the amortization of his loan.

Meeting held March 23, 1972 with same members present.

Invited: Bekele Heye (for first item).

Prayer was offered by D. K. Bazarra.

ERIK CHRISTENSEN - FURLOUGH

The Erik Christensen case was studied again in view of the report given by Elder Bekele Heye who just returned from Ethiopia. H. W. Palm had also written explaining the attitude of the members of the Ethiopian Union committee. Since it was apparent that practically all the members of the union committee representing senior national and expatriate workers felt that Brother Christensen should return to the EZMH, it was

AGREED, To recommend to the Division committee that Erik Christensen be granted a furlough.

HUGH COWLES - CALL TO MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

AGREED, To recommend to the Division committee that Hugh Cowles be called as Dean of Men at Middle East College.

Meeting held March 27, 1972 with same members present.

Invited: Bekele Heye

Prayer was offered by C. E. Schmidt.

GEBRE FELEMA - EXCHANGE VISITOR VISA SPONSORSHIP

AGREED, To request the General Conference to grant an exchange visitor visa sponsorship for Gebre Felema, in order to facilitate his work program, in harmony with a cable received from W. L. Pascoe.

WILTON CLARKE - FURLOUGH STUDY AUTHORIZATION

The Trans-Africa Division has requested permission to pass through a call for Wilton Clarke. Since it was assumed that such a call would be forthcoming, no plan was made for a study program for Wilton Clarke when he left on furlough. The call has not materialized, and Brother Clarke is in need of assistance in his study program. In harmony with counsel cabled by R. F. Williams, it was

AGREED, To authorize assistance for Wilton Clarke in his study program in harmony with the provisions of the General Conference Working Policy, p. 200, it being understood that this assistance will be borne by the calling Division should he receive a call to labor elsewhere.

ETHIOPIAN ADVENTIST COLLEGE - ENGLISH TEACHER STUDY PROGRAM

The General Conference has sent a cable indicating that they have a good prospect to fill our call for an English teacher for the Ethiopian Adventist College, and request authorization for her to take a special class at Andrews University and also to attend the Missions Institute.

VOTED, To authorize the prospective English teacher under appointment for Ethiopian Adventist College to take a special course in teaching English as a foreign subject and to attend the summer Missions Institute at Andrews University.

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY - CHARGE FOR SUPPLIES SENT TO BENGHAZI HOSPITAL

The Loma Linda University School of Dentistry sent a shipment of supplies ordered by the Benghazi Hospital administration, which arrived after nationalization of the institution. When the bill came to the newly formed Afro-Mideast Division it was placed along with other obligations to be paid by the anticipated compensation. Inasmuch as the compensation still has not been received, and the bill should be paid, it was

AGREED, To authorize the Treasury to pay the outstanding bill for supplies sent by the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry.

WAGE INCREASE - REQUEST TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

AGREED, To request the Treasury to advise the General Conference of the urgency of wage increases in the various countries of the Division where the cost of living has greatly increased, but where due to the dollar devaluation no wage increases have been given.

Meeting held March 28, 1972, with same members present.

Invited: Bekele Heye, Franz Petrov, Ignatius Yacoub.

ETHIOPIAN ADVENTIST COLLEGE - RIOT

A report was given of a riot at Kuyera College on Saturday night, March 25, 1972 sparked off by a program presented by the 12th grade given in Ahmaric instead of English as previously agreed upon. The program was stopped by one of the teachers. That night four cars were overturned and seriously damaged, two motorcycles were burned, and damage done to overseas families who escaped and remained hidden during the night. Practically all secondary students participated. Law enforcement officers were called and school was temporarily suspended.

AWASA LAKE PROPERTY

AGREED, To inform the Ethiopian Union by cable that purchase of the Awasa property, proposed as headquarters for the South Ethiopian Field be held in abeyance, since information has been received indicating that its location near a hotel is unbearable and that senior Ethiopian workers are not in favor of the purchase.

Meeting held at 2:45 P.M. with same members present, but without the invited persons.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE PARTICIPATION IN OPERA AND COMPETITIVE SPORTS

AGREED, To inform the College administration that we look with increasing concern to the participation of college teachers and students in operatic performances and in competitive sports which are not in harmony with Adventist principles, and to request that definite steps be taken to disassociate the college staff and students from such activities.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary pro tem

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INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR WORKERS

AGREED, To approve accident insurance coverage for workers as approved by controlling committees and in harmony with the following schedule:

Workers whose work requires them to --

Travel extensively	\$30,000
Travel less extensively	15,000
Limited travel	10,000
Local travel	5,000

monthly by plane
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Meeting held March 29, 1972 at 8:15, with same members present.

Invited: O. C. Bjerkan, Bekele Heye

Prayer was offered by Bekele Heye.

ETHIOPIAN ADVENTIST ACADEMY - EMERGENCY SITUATION

Further study was given to the emergency situation that has arisen in Ethiopian Adventist Academy and it was

AGREED, To send a cable to the Ethiopian Union as follows:

EARNESTLY HOPE KUYERA REOPEN AFTER EASTER, and further

To recommend (1) That H. A. Larsen be counseled regarding attitudes taken that have been offensive, such as comparisons between Ethiopia and other places, and a lack of proper attention to the feelings of others. (2) That every effort be made to reopen the school by the end of the Easter vacation. (3) That overseas teachers be retained at their posts if possible.

Meeting held March 29, 1972 at 3:00 P.M. with same members present.

Invited: R. H. Henning

Prayer was offered by M. E. Lind

RADIO COORDINATING COMMITTEE

AGREED, To recommend to the Division committee that a committee be appointed to coordinate the production of radio programs in the Division.

STUDENT COLPORTEUR POLICIES - COMMITTEE

AGREED, To invite each of the organizations in Lebanon to appoint two or three members to a special committee for the purpose of giving study to plans and policies relating to student colporteurs. Meeting scheduled for April 5, 1972 at 3:00 P.M. at the Division.

Meeting held April 4, 1972.

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

Prayer was offered by R..L. Jacobs.

A. P. BOKOVOY, M.D. - MIDYEAR COMMITTEE

VOTED, To invite Dr. A. P. Bokovoy, who has been appointed Medical Secretary of the Division, to attend the midyear committee meeting of the Division even though Dr. Sheffield is still in the field.

R. W. TAYLOR - AFGHANISTAN TEMPERANCE CONGRESS

VOTED, That in view of the further dollar declines, we recommend that R. W. Taylor not attend the Temperance Council to be held in Afghanistan.

R. W. TAYLOR - ATTENDANCE FIVE-DAY PLAN

VOTED, To authorize R. W. Taylor to attend a Five-Day Plan meeting to be conducted by Dr. Sheffield.

DIVISION APARTMENTS - ASSIGNMENTS

VOTED, To make the following changes in apartment assignments:

- (a) Apartment presently occupied by the Cowles family -
R. H. Henning
- (b) Apartment presently occupied by the Henning family -
Thomas Staples

ETHEL TWING - VISIT BEIRUT

VOTED, To authorize Mrs. Ethel Twing to travel via Beirut on her way home to the United States.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

E. J. Gregg, Secretary