

M I N U T E S

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

January 5 - 22, 1951

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MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COUNCIL

The first meeting of the Division Council was held Friday evening, at 7:30 at the Middle East College. Elder G. J. Appel, president, in his opening address, sounded the keynote of the Council in a call to new consecration as we undertake the great task of heralding the Third Angel's Message to those sitting in darkness in this far flung Division territory.

Sabbath morning, January 6, found the college chapel filled to capacity as the members in the Beirut and North Lebanon areas assembled for Sabbath School at 9:30. Elder Arthur Keough and his assistants lead the school into a very interesting and profitable Sabbath School program. At the eleven o'clock hour, Elder E. D. Dick spoke to over three hundred assembled believers. His message on "Loving His Appearing" brought to our attention in a new and forceful manner the truth that in the measure we love Him (Christ), will be measured our zeal in getting ready and helping others to get ready for that great event.

The first Devotional service was opened at 8:15 A. M., January 7, by singing the hymn entitled, "Wholly Thine," following which Brethren Krick and Ramesis Mina offered prayer. Brother W. H. Williams, under-treasurer of the General Conference, lead out in the Bible Study, using as his text, Romans 1:14-16. He drew many helpful lessons from the statements of Paul, "I am debtor," "I Am Ready," and "I Am Not Ashamed." The service closed by singing, "Oh Let Me Walk With Thee, My God," and benediction was offered by Elder George Keough.

NOTE: Devotional meetings and evening service meetings are mentioned at the end of the business session minutes.

COUNCIL SESSION

The Council was called to order at 9:15, and all joined in singing, "He Leadeth Me." Prayer was offered by Brother Kenneth Oster.

ATTENDANCE

The following delegates were in regular attendance at the business session: Geo. J. Appel, E. D. Dick, W. H. Williams, Ramesis Mina, Gordon Zytoskee, Kenneth Oster, Eldon Green, N. C. Wilson, Melvin Jacobson, Camille Nowfel, Arthur Keough, G. M. Krick, George Keough, R. H. Hartwell, A. B. King, Wadie Farag, S. Nogeimie, and C. C. Morris.

DAILY PROGRAM

VOTED, To adopt the following daily program:

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- 7:30 - - Breakfast
- 8:15 - 9:15 - Devotional
- 9:30 - 12:00 - Council
- 12:30 - - Dinner
- 2:00 - 4:00 - Committees
- 4:00 - 5:15 - Council
- 5:45 - - Supper
- 6:30 - - Evening Meeting

SABBATH MEETINGS

- 9:30 - - Sabbath School
- 11:00 - - Sermon
- 2:00 - 4:00 - Educ. & Y.P.M.V. Rally - Jan. 6
- 2:00 - 4:00 - Evangelistic Rally - Jan. 13

STANDING
COMMITTEES

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VOTED, That the following standing committees be appointed for the Session:

Budget:

C. C. Morris
W. H. Williams
Geo. J. Appel
E. D. Dick
G. D. Keough

Credentials & Licenses:

Neal C. Wilson
George Keough
R. H. Hartwell
K. S. Oster
G. M. Krick

Plans:

R. H. Hartwell
E. D. Dick
Arthur Keough
George Keough
S. Nogeimie
K. S. Oster
Ramsees Mina
Camille Nowfel
N. C. Wilson
Wadie Farag
A. G. Zytkoskee
C. C. Morris
Geo. J. Appel

Entertainment:

R. H. Hartwell
C. C. Morris
Mrs. Arthur Keough
Mrs. King
Mrs. Hartwell

Platform & Music:

A. G. Zytkoskee
K. S. Oster
Mrs. Robert Hasso

Finance:

W. H. Williams
C. C. Morris
A. B. King
Eldon Green
Melvin Jacobson
J. S. Gabriel
E. D. Dick
Geo. J. Appel
G. M. Krick
Treasurer - Nile Union

Distribution of Labor:

Geo. J. Appel
R. H. Hartwell
N. C. Wilson
Melvin Jacobson
G. M. Krick
Wadie Farag
K. S. Oster
C. C. Morris

CHAIRMAN'S
REMARKS

The chairman expressed appreciation for the opportunity of association with the workers in this section of the world field. Our membership, he stated, is small, but we have a vast territory and a vast population to warn. Let us lay plans for quickly opening up the vast territories of our Division where no work is being done. We see many evidences of loyalty on the part of those who want to step out and keep His commandments. There are many more ready to be gathered in. The emphasis of this council should be laid on evangelism, and we should lay plans for building up a strong national working force, who will be qualified to take major positions of responsibility in the development of the work in this Division territory. Let us develop our schools and the College in this work of training for leadership. We should place emphasis on using the national languages as the medium of instruction in our schools, except as English may be taught as a subject.

The Voice of Prophecy is making a real contribution to the progress of the work. We hope to have our publishing work established in the near future.

Our missionary recruits should make the study of the language of first importance on arrival in the field.

We should not think of establishing more institutions and larger institutions, but rather place our emphasis on evangelism.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

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The chairman called for a report from the treasurer, and the audited statement for 1949 was read.

VOTED, To accept the statement as submitted.

At this juncture an assignment was made of various agenda items to enable sub-committees to begin work.

DIVISION
TRANSP. AGENT

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VOTED, That C. C. Morris be requested to serve as transportation agent for the Division.

MIDDLE EAST
COLLEGE STATUS

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VOTED, That the Middle East College be a Division institution.

DAR EL SALAAM
HOSPITAL STATUS

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VOTED, That the Dar El Salaam Hospital be a Division institution.

PUBLISHING HOUSE

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VOTED, That the proposed new publishing house be a Division institution. It is recognized that in some instances printing may have to be done by outside publishers, in cases where customs regulations prohibit importation of literature.

ADJOURN

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman
C. C. Morris, Secretary

The council session reassembled at 3:00 P. M., Jan. 7, and was lead in prayer by Brother S. Nogeimie.

DIVISION NAME

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Considerable time was taken in consideration of a name for this Division territory. It was pointed out that the term "Middle East" is commonly understood to take in a larger territory than would the term "East Mediterranean," and it was felt that in view of this we should reconsider the Division name.

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference that the name of this Division be the "Middle East Division."

SEGREGATION
OF BUDGETS

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In consideration of this item, reference was made to a General Conference Committee action taken at San Francisco, July 23, 1950, under a sub-heading entitled, SECTION I AND SECTION II DIVISION COMMITTEES. By this action of the General Conference Committee provision has been made whereby division fields may request such a plan of organization. In view of the uncertainty of world affairs, and while a number of changes are being made as the new Division organization is set up, it seems that now would be the logical time to make such a segregation, therefore

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference that an overseas workers committee be named for this Division, and that the budget appropriations be segregated as between Section I and Section II. Further,

VOTED, That we refer to the Division Council the nomination of a Division Committee and an Overseas Workers Committee, same to be ratified by the General Conference Committee.

NOMINATING
COMMITTEE
PARTIAL REPORT

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The Nominating Committee rendered a partial report, which was adopted as follows:

East Mediterranean Union Treasurer - A. B. King
Nile Union Treasurer - Arthur Klein
That Elder M. C. Grin's work be referred to the
Division for consideration

That, in the event Elder Wickman is making a tour to this section of the world field in 1951, we request the General Conference for his services in the Middle East Division territory for about one month.

IRAN MISSION
DETACHED FIELD

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Careful study was given to the work in Iran. After prolonged discussion, it was

VOTED, That the Iran Mission be set apart as a detached mission under the direct supervision of the Middle East Division.

NILE UNION
TERRITORY

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VOTED, That the Nile Union territory comprise the following:

Egypt and Anglo-Egyptian Sudan north of the 15th Parallel, Lybia, Yeman, the portion of Arabia bordering on the Red Sea, and Aden Protectorate.

EAST
MEDITERRANEAN
UNION TERRITORY

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VOTED, That the East Mediterranean Union territory comprise the following:

Lebanon-Syria, Iraq, Kuwait, Cyprus, Jordania, Turkey, and the portion of Arabia bordering on the Persian Gulf, including Oman.

VOICE OF PROPHECY AND BIBLE SCHOOL SUB-COMMITTEE VOTED, That George Keough, N. C. Wilson, R. H. Hartwell, Kenneth Oster, and Wadie Farag be a committee to bring in recommendations on the Voice of Prophecy and Bible School work.

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GROVER WINSLOW VOTED, That Grover Winslow's return to the homeland remain on a permanent basis, as previously worked out with the General Conference.

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ADJOURN VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman
C. C. Morris, Secretary

Those regularly in attendance at the Council assembled at 9:30, January 8, and were lead in prayer by Elder Zytkoskee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The chairman introduced the item of the location of the Middle East Press, mentioning a number of sites which had been investigated in the Beirut area. Points in favor of these prospective sites were mentioned, and mention was also made of the land owned in Cairo as a possibility for a place to establish our publishing work. After due consideration of all these various locations, it was

LOCATION FOR MIDDLE EAST PRESS VOTED, That we favor the location of the Middle East Press at Museitba, adjacent to the Arabic Church, providing that building regulations will permit of a press being located on that site. Further,

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PURCHASE LAND FOR PRESS VOTED, That we authorize the purchase of additional land adjoining our property at the Arabic Church to provide sufficient space for building and perhaps space for national workers' quarters.

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SALARY AUDITS VOTED, That the revised wage scale recently adopted by the General Conference for Overseas Divisions, be the basis of our auditing salaries for 1951, and further

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VOTED, That the Division officers be requested to study the costs of living in the various parts of the Middle East Division and tabulate their findings, same to form a basis for further study of salary audits at our next Division Council.

ADJOURN VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman
C. C. Morris, Secretary

The Council reassembled at 2:30 P. M., January 8, and were lead in prayer by C. Nowfel.

COMMITTEE ON
NOMINATIONS
FURTHER PARTIAL
REPORT

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The Committee on Nominations rendered a further partial report, which was adopted as follows:

Acting President of the Iran Mission	-	K. S. Oster
Secretary-Treasurer " "	-	Eldon Green
President of the Turkey Mission	-	Benjamin Mondics
President - E. Mediterranean Union	-	R. H. Hartwell
President of the Nile Union	-	Neal C. Wilson
President of the Egypt Mission	-	Gordon Zytkoskee
Secretary-Treasurer - Egypt Mission	-	Arthur Klein
Acting Middle East Division Sabbath School, Home Missionary and Ministerial Department Secretary	-	Geo. J. Appel
Acting Middle East Division Educational and Missionary Volunteer Department Secretary	-	C. C. Morris
Acting Middle East Division Publishing Department Secretary	-	George Keough
Middle East Division Executive Committee - SECTION I	-	Geo. J. Appel C. C. Morris R. H. Hartwell Neal C. Wilson Division Departmental Secretaries K. S. Oster Benjamin Mondics George Keough G. M. Krick Medical Director of the Dar El Salaam Hospital Ramsees Mina S. Nogeimie

ADDITIONAL
STANDING
COMMITTEES

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VOTED, That the following standing committees be appointed for the present session:

Auditing Committee for Section I	-	Geo. J. Appel C. C. Morris E. D. Dick W. H. Williams R. H. Hartwell Neal C. Wilson K. S. Oster Ramsees Mina S. Nogeimie
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This Committee is to set the maximum and minimum salary rate for ordained ministers.

Auditing Committee for Section II - Geo. J. Appel
 C. C. Morris
 E. D. Dick
 W. H. Williams
 R. H. Hartwell
 Neal C. Wilson
 K. S. Oster

This committee is to set the maximum and minimum salary rate for ordained ministers.

WAGE SCALE

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VOTED, That we adopt in principle the wage scale as recommended by the General Conference for Overseas divisions.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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VOTED, That monthly financial statements be required from every mission, union and institutional organization, copies of which must be filed monthly with the next higher organization.

DR. MAHER BISHI

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VOTED, That the request for financial assistance for Dr. Bishi be referred to the Nile Union for consideration.

ADJOURN

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman
 C. C. Morris, Secretary

The 9:30 Session, January 9, opened by singing, "Oh Let Me Walk With Thee, My God." Prayer was offered by Brother Arthur Keough.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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VOTED, To approve the minutes of January 8, as read.

ASSIGNMENT OF AGENDA ITEMS

Following the reading of the minutes, assignment of additional agenda items was made.

DAR EL SALAAM HOSPITAL

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VOTED, That the Dar El Salaam Hospital be authorized to accept a new class of nurses for training.

ADJOURN

Following the calling of various sub-committees, it was

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman
 C. C. Morris, Secretary

The morning session, January 10, was opened at 9:30 by singing, "Shall We Gather At The River ?" Prayer was offered by W. H. Williams.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

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VOTED, That the minutes of meeting of January 9 be approved as read.

SALARY AUDIT

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The auditing committee submitted a report through its secretary, Elder Neal Wilson, which upon reading was adopted as follows:

VOTED, That all salaries for the first four months of 1951 remain as they were in 1950, and that a special commission make an investigation of the cost of living in each country before May 1, in connection with which an audit be made in these various countries on the basis of the findings of the commission. Appropriations beginning January 1 will be made on the basis of 1950 budgets, with the understanding that any and all necessary adjustments be made in the budgets after the audits are completed. Further,

VOTED, That the personnel of the commission be: the Division officers, officers of the organization where the audit is being conducted, plus one or two other individuals as may be arranged. Further,

VOTED, That the above provision constitute the basis of auditing both Section I and Section II classes of workers.

POWER OF
ATTORNEY
IRAN

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VOTED, That a cable be sent to the General Conference asking that the power of attorney be sent forward for:

- (a) Holding land in Iran in the name of J. S. Gabriel.
- (b) Banking in Iran in the name of Eldon J. Green and C. C. Morris.

NILE UNION
HEADQUARTERS

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VOTED, That the Nile Union headquarters be located in the Cairo area.

MIDDLE EAST
DIVISION
YOUTH'S CONGRESS

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VOTED, That we look with favor on holding a Youth's Congress for the Middle East Division, September 23-28, 1952, and that we request the General Conference to provide help at our Youth's Congress from the M. V. Department.

ADJOURN

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman

C. C. Morris, Secretary

Council Session - 9:30 A. M. - Jan. 12

(Thursday, January 11, was given over to sub-committee work)

PRAYER

Elder Appel lead in prayer.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

VOTED, That the minutes of January 10 be approved.

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VOICE OF PROPHECY
CORRESPONDENCE
SCHOOLS

A sub-committee appointed to study this agenda item referred it back to the Council, and it was opened up for discussion. After careful consideration, it was

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VOTED, That branch offices of the correspondence school be set up in Egypt and Turkey, and that the one already operating in Iran be continued, all under the auspices of the home office at Beirut, and that the supervision of the branches be by local committees. Further,

VOTED, That the question of finance for these branches be referred to the Budget Committee.

COMMITTEE ON
PLANS REPORT

33

The chairman called for a report from committees, and Elder R. H. Hartwell, chairman of the Plans Committee indicated they were ready to give their report. He called upon the secretary of the committee, Elder Arthur Keough, to read the report. Upon motion, it was

VOTED, To accept the report on first reading, as follows:

WORKING POLICY OF THE DAR EL SALAAM HOSPITAL

ARTICLE I -- NAME

The name under which we operate shall be the Dar El Salaam Hospital of Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE II -- OBJECT

The purpose and objectives of this institution shall be to advance through medical missionary work the cause and kingdom of Jesus Christ, the Great Physician; to further, by all proper and legitimate agencies and means, a better knowledge of the laws of life and true hygiene, the relief of suffering, and the prevention and cure of disease; to foster the circulation of health literature dealing with disease, hygiene, and kindred subjects; to educate and train nurses; to furnish lecturers and teachers to instruct the people regarding the laws of life; to foster the sale of health foods and such other goods and wares as will promote the objects and purposes of the organization; to do all manner of benevolent, charitable, philanthropic, and Christian help work for the good of humanity and the uplift of our fellowmen; to receive for the advancement of this work gifts, legacies, and donations from any source

whatsoever; and to make gifts and appropriations as may best further its purposes and objects from any and all of its resources from time to time through the Executive Committee of the Middle East Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. No dividends or profits shall ever be declared to any of the members of this organization or to any of its working force.

ARTICLE III - CONSTITUENCY

1. The constituency of this institution shall be:
 - a. Members of the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists who may be present at any constituency meeting.
 - b. Members of the Executive Committee of the Middle East Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.
 - c. All representatives of union missions or institutions who may be invited to attend any biennial council of the Middle East Division.
 - d. The physicians, general manager, assistant managers, superintendent of nurses, chaplain and the head nurse of the Dar El Salaam Hospital.
2. This constituency shall hold sessions once every two years in connection with the regular biennial council of the Executive Committee of the Middle East Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; such meetings to be held at such time and place as the Executive Committee of the Middle East Division of Seventh-day Adventists may direct.
3. The constituency shall outline and shape the policy controlling this institution and elect biennially a board of managers of not more than twenty-three members, of which board the president of the Middle East Division shall be a member and chairman. A quorum of the board shall consist of not less than seven members including its chairman or vice-chairman.
4. A quorum of the constituency shall be a majority of the members present at any regularly called meeting. The president of the Middle East Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, or someone appointed by him, shall act as chairman of all constituency meetings.

ARTICLE IV -- DUTIES OF THE BOARD

1. The Board of Managers shall, at its first meeting after election, organize itself by appointing a vice-chairman and a secretary. It shall be the duty of the board to operate the Hospital and all departments connected with the institution in harmony with the policy as outlined by the constituency.

2. The board shall have power to employ such agents and employees as will enable it properly to carry on the work of the institution.
3. The board shall elect its medical staff and assign duties to its working force to the best interests of the institution.
4. The board shall provide for the conducting of one nurses' training school in the Hospital, and make provision for such other educational work as may be deemed advisable. The number of nurses admitted for training each year shall be designated by the Board, who shall also give final approval to each candidate for graduation from said nurses' training school.
5. The board shall have regular meetings monthly, or oftener if necessary, for passing upon such business as may arise from the conduct of the institution, and to receive reports from the various departments, including a monthly financial statement of the operation of the Hospital.
6. The board shall have a complete inventory taken annually, making such depreciations as are recommended by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.
7. The financial records of the institution shall be audited annually by the auditor of the Middle East Division; it shall also submit to the constituency complete financial reports for the previous year, and shall prepare and adopt an annual budget of its estimated income and expense for the ensuing year. It shall be the constant aim of the board to cover through operating profits the total cost of operating the institution.
8. All vacancies occurring in the board shall be filled by appointment through the Middle East Division Committee.
9. The board shall elect the faculty and the heads of all departments.
10. The board shall appoint a House Committee which shall function for the Dar El Salaam Hospital, and shall meet at least once a week for passing upon requisitions for ordinary supplies and questions relating to the detailed operation of this institution.
11. The House Committee shall arrange for the employment or discharge of the non-professional help needed in the institution and shall arrange the hours of service.
12. The House Committee shall be authorized to arrange for the purchase of all regular supplies and for small items of furnishings, equipment etc. The board shall pass on the purchase of all new equipment involving an expenditure exceeding the equivalent of ID 50.000, and for improvements, extensive repairs, etc.

ARTICLE V -- ADMISSION OF QUALIFIED PHYSICIANS
TO COURTESY STAFF

Recognized, respectable, well-qualified physicians who are sympathetic with the ideals and objectives of the Hospital may on recommendation of the medical staff and vote of the board, be admitted to the courtesy staff and allowed to bring their patients to the Hospital and have the privileges of the facilities of the institution, there being in each case a satisfactory business arrangement for the requisite deposit and payment of all hospital bills at regular fee schedules.

ARTICLE VI -- AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This operating policy may be amended or changed by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regularly called constituency meeting.

CALLING THE ADVENT PEOPLE TO A CONCERTED
ACTION AND THE FINISHING OF THE WORK

Preamble

The hour is late. World conditions testify that the close of probation looms ahead. Multitudes have perished without the saving knowledge of the gospel, and additional millions will not hear God's last message of mercy unless the remnant church in concerted action quickly lightens the earth.

It is made clear to us by the Lord's messenger that if the Advent people fulfill certain conditions they will arrest the attention of a world plunging blindly on to doom. We read:

"If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world." --Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 221.

To us it is clear that the "one Power" is the Holy Spirit. "The accomplishment of one purpose" can mean nothing less than the finishing of God's work on earth. To "act" in concert, and move forward as one" is a clarion call to all God's workers. This call challenges conference and mission administrators, evangelists, pastors, departmental secretaries, Bible instructors, medical workers, teachers, colporteurs, institutional workers, adult church members, youth, and children everywhere to mobilize and coordinate now their resources, talents and efforts in a concerted, unparalleled and world-wide evangelistic campaign. To our supreme objective we subordinate every other interest.

In view of the lateness of the hour, and this call from Heaven for united and coordinated action under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and recognizing that the outpouring of the latter rain cannot be given in its fullness until all sin is put away, and in harmony with action of the General Conference in session in San Francisco,

We Recommend:

1. That a revival effort of one week to ten days' duration be held in each church, school, and institution in our Division as soon as possible, and further, That the Sabbath services, the prayer meetings, workers' meetings, the Missionary Volunteer week, the fall Week of Prayer, and the camp meeting be recognized as appropriate seasons for these special revival services.
 - a. That the purpose of these meetings be to call our ministry and our people to a complete renunciation of sin and a full re-consecration of our hearts and lives to God.
 - b. That in order to reach all our churches as quickly as possible, division, union, institutional and local administrators personally take the lead in preaching and visiting; and also arrange for ministers, departmental secretaries, office workers, and capable laymen to join in this revival.
 - c. That the burden of instruction given at these meetings be:
 1. Confessing and forsaking of all sin.
 2. Walking in the full light of all revealed truth.
 3. Maintaining victory over sin's power through Jesus Christ.
 4. Receiving the Holy Spirit by faith.
 5. Rejoicing in the peace and power of fellowship with Jesus.
 6. Dedicating our all now, that God may finish His work through us.
2. That we unitedly work toward the immediate objective of doubling our membership.
 - a. That in the large cities of the Middle East evangelistic teams conduct representative evangelistic campaigns.
 - b. That district leaders and ministers conduct evangelistic campaigns in all parts of the area assigned as their field of labor.
 - c. That capable laymen be called upon to unite their efforts with the ministers and church officers in these evangelistic endeavors.
 - d. That our churches be helped to recognize that the minister's urgent task is the gathering in of the lost, and that church officers assume greater responsibility in the effective operation of the church, and further that trained laymen be directed in neighborhood evangelism.
 - e. That special efforts be made to reach the unentered and unworked sections of all our fields, and that these endeavors, wherever possible, be preceded by well-planned Bible correspondence course campaigns, radio evangelism, young people's "Share Your Faith" activities, literature distribution, home visitation, branch Sabbath schools, colporteur evangelism, health evangelism, the conducting of cooking schools and home nursing classes, and the holding of outdoor meetings.

- f. That the division, union and local conference, and mission field committees take the lead in planning their budgets so as to provide operating funds for evangelism.
3. That the various departments--Ministerial, Home Missionary, Sabbath School, Missionary Volunteer, Medical, Educational, Publishing, Voice of Prophecy--along with the schools, hospitals, and publishing house, give special study to synchronizing their efforts, literature, and equipment to this united soul-winning advance.
4. That we appeal to our people to speed this forward evangelistic move by a faithful stewardship of the means which God has placed in their hands, and that our ministers educate our people in the payment of an accurate tithe, so that God's cause may have ample means to implement this soul-winning program.

CAMP AND COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULES

That the annual camp and committee meetings be held according to the following schedules:

Egypt	July 26 - Aug. 5	-	Camp Meeting
Iran	July 6 - 15		" "
Lebanon-Syria	June 15 - 17		" "
E.Mediterranean Un.	Jan. 18 - 19	-	Committee Meeting
Nile Union	Aug. 6 - 7		" "
Iran Mission	July 16 - 17		" "

INTRODUCTORY SPIRIT OF PROPHECY LIBRARY

That we go on record as approving the Introductory Spirit of Prophecy Library, consisting of:

Steps to Christ
 Christian Experience and Teachings of E. G. White
 The Story of Redemption
 Testimony Treasures, Vol. 1
 Testimony Treasures, Vol. 2
 Testimony Treasures, Vol. 3
 Gospel Workers
 Your Home and Health
 Messages to Young People
 Education
 Christian Service
 Early Writings

and that in 1951 we endeavor to complete the translation into Arabic of:

Story of Redemption
 Christian Experience and Teachings of E. G. White

We also recommend that Messages to Young People be given high priority in the order of translation, and that the translation of Home and Health be completed by Mr. Camille Nowfel as early in this year as possible.

READING COMMITTEES

That Reading Committees be appointed for the Arabic and Armenian languages.

ARMENIAN MANUSCRIPT OF IMPENDING CONFLICT

That we refer to the Armenian Reading Committee the Armenian Manuscript of the translation by Manouk Nazirian, of the book "Impending Conflict" by E. G. White, and that if approval is secured, the book be published immediately, the cost of publishing to be referred to the Budget Committee.

ITINERARY FOR ELDER COSSENTINE

That the arrangements for the itinerary of Elder Cossentine, April 6 to June 1, be referred to the Division Officers and Union Presidents.

MEDICAL CADET TRAINING

That we ask the College Board to make arrangements for giving Medical Cadet Training at Middle East College if possible this year, and that an appropriate certificate be granted upon completion of the course.

ADOPTION OF POLICIES

The adoption of the policies of the General Conference for divisions and also the detailed policies of the former Middle East Union in so far as they apply to a division; and that the officers of the Division, together with the Union Presidents, work out adaptations to this policy to be considered at the next Division Council.

RESOLUTION ON GRATITUDE

Recognizing with profound gratitude the many blessings of God which He has so bountifully bestowed upon His workers and people in the Middle East in past years, and especially during 1950, in granting us peace and liberty and sparing the lives of our workers,

RESOLVED, That we rededicate ourselves to Him for whole-hearted sacrificial service, and, that being filled with the power of God through the latter rain we may be used of Him in the way and place He may indicate, for the finishing of the Gospel, throughout our Division, in this generation.

LAY INSTITUTES

With a deep conviction of the task assigned to every church in finishing the Work and the responsibility upon every church member to be active in this task, we RECOMMEND, That in every church throughout the various fields in the Middle East Division, one Sabbath each quarter be devoted to promotion of lay

evangelism and that careful consideration and suitable arrangements be made to hold at least one lay-evangelist institute each year to train selected laymen to engage in actual promulgation of the Gospel. And that the Division Home Missionary Department supply the promotion and other material necessary for making this plan a success.

COLPORTEUR WORK AND INSTITUTE

That the leaders of each mission seek out and encourage suitable persons to enter the service of God as colporteurs.

That a colporteur institute be held at the College early in April, 1951.

That we request the Division to designate appropriate help for this institute.

INGATHERING GOALS

That the Ingathering Goals for the various missions be set as follows:

Turkey	LT	250.
Egypt	LEg	600.
Iran	Rials	65,000.
Iraq	ID	100.
Lebanon-Syria:		
Mission	LL	2,100.
Middle East College	LL	4,000.
Jordania	JD	50.

LAY EVANGELISM

WHEREAS, The call for concerted action in finishing the work has been sounded, and this hour summons every member of the church to share his faith by giving God's last warning message to all men; and

WHEREAS, The soul-winning methods of the Saviour, "Whose work was largely made up of personal interviews," (Christ's Object Lessons, 229) are to be emulated by every Christian, for the giving "of the third angel's message . . . must be largely accomplished by persevering, individual effort: by visiting the people at their homes," (Historical Sketches, 150); and

WHEREAS, The denominational program of visitation evangelism carried forward in the world field during the mid-century year has opened doors and hearts to the message of truth and has been instrumental in winning many to Christ,

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That two Sabbaths each year, one in the spring and one in the autumn, be set apart for a visitation crusade sponsored co-operatively by the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Departments.

2. That each department advance this crusade under its own designated title, using its own methods of promotion and follow-up, and that in this concerted home visitation crusade the departments encourage the adults and youth to utilize the literature and the approach in visitation contact agreed upon for that particular Sabbath.

3. That in this evangelistic effort supreme emphasis be laid upon personal visitation of neighbours "by bringing the truth into their houses, praying with them, and opening to them the Scriptures". (Ellen G. White, Review & Herald, December 8, 1885.)

4. That a meeting of each church for the recounting of experiences be conducted following the visitation endeavor.

5. That new tracts in colour, striking in design and challenging in their message, be prepared by the publishing houses in co-operation with the two departments.

6. That in connection with house-to-house visitation program, efforts be made to secure enrollments in one of our denomination correspondence schools.

7. That we encourage the continuation of the visitation program at other times during the year, making such visitation a part of Missionary Volunteer and missionary institutes, thus endeavoring to reach every home.

CHURCH CALENDAR 1951

<u>Date</u>	<u>Special Days</u>	<u>Special Offerings</u>
Jan. 6	Home Missions	
" 27	Religious Liberty	
Feb. 3	Christian Home	
" 10	Literature	Free Church Literature
" 17	Home Missions	S. S. Expense Offering
March 3	Christian Education	Local Training School
" 10 - 17	M. V. Week of Prayer	
" 24 - April 7	"Blessed Hope" Campaign	
April 7	Colporteur Rally	
May 5	Medical Missions	
June 2	Home Missions	
" 23	S. S. Rally	S. S. Expense Offering
July 7	Home Missions	
" 28	Christian Education	Middle East College
Aug. 4	Home Missions	
" 18	Tithe	
Sept. 8	Mission Extension	
Oct. 13 - 20	Voice of Prophecy Campaign	Voice of Prophecy
Sept. 22 - Nov. 3	Ingathering	
Nov. 3	Home Missions	
" 17 - 24	Week of Prayer & Sacrifice	Annual Week of Sacrifice
Dec. 1	Home Missions	

EVANGELISTIC TRACTS

That we ask the Middle East Press to arrange for the translation into Arabic and printing of a series of 24 numbers of Present Truth to be used as evangelistic tracts.

INGATHERING PAPER - FARSEE

That Iran Mission prepare its own Ingathering paper in Farsee.

INGATHERING PAPER - ARABIC

That the Middle East Press prepare the Arabic Ingathering paper.

ORDER FOR CHRISTIAN HOME CALENDARS

That orders for Christian Home Calendars be placed as follows:

1. Iran	500
2. Egypt	150
3. Lebanon-Syria	400
4. Jordania	50
5. Turkey	200
6. Iraq	100

ORDERS FOR INGATHERING SUPPLIES

That the orders for Ingathering Supplies for the 1951 campaign be as follows:

	<u>Iran</u>	<u>Iraq</u>	<u>Jordania</u>	<u>Lebanon-Syria</u>	<u>Turkey</u>	<u>Africa</u>	<u>Egypt</u>
English	500	100	25				50
American	300		50	250	100		250
French	10			200			100
German							25
Arabic	50	750	200	1,500		350	1,000
Russian	100						
Greek			100	25			50
Singing Band	500						

FINANCE COMMITTEE
FINAL REPORT

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Brother W. H. Williams, chairman of the Finance Committee, indicated his committee was ready to report, and called upon Brother A. B. King, secretary of the committee, to read the report.

VOTED, To accept the report on one reading, as follows:

EXCHANGE RATES - FOREIGN

That the following be our fixed rates of exchange in U. S. dollars values for the year 1951, as approved by the General Conference Committee:

<u>State</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Cyprus	Pound	\$ 2.85
Egypt & Egyptian Sudan	Egyptian Pound	2.95
Iran	Rial	.02
Iraq	Dinar	2.85
Jordania	Dinar	2.85
Lebanon-Syria	Lebanese Lira	.34

That we recommend to the General Conference that the rate for Turkey be \$.34.

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OVERFLOW PROJECTS

That the following be the projects to receive the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow offering from the 2nd quarter of 1952:

Administration Building - Middle East College	\$ 22,500.00
New work in Libya	10,000.00
Iran Training School	12,500.00

AUTHORIZATION OF VEHICLES

The authorization of the following vehicles for use in mission or institutional work:

Lebanon-Syria Mission:	Chafic Srour	- Automobile
	Mousa Ghazal	- Motorcycle
	Salim Nogeimie	- Motorcycle
	A. E. Ashod	- Bicycle
	A. N. Barlas	- Bicycle

EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCE

That the student aid policy for children of workers remain the same for the present (1950-1951) school year. That the Minority Committee in co-operation with the College Board shall study the policy and make recommendation for the new school year.

ADVANCE OF FUNDS TO WORKERS

That the treasurers of all organizations be authorized to advance no more cash or credit to any worker than the worker will be able to settle by the end of the current month. In case of any real emergency the request should be presented to the executive committee for consideration.

DEBT CONTROL AND LIQUIDATION

In case a worker has an indebtedness to the mission or institution, the treasurer shall withhold at least ten per cent of that worker's salary each month to apply on the indebtedness.

INGATHERING, PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING FUNDS

The adoption of the following policy:

All Ingathering funds shall be sent by the regular channels to the Division Treasurer. The Division Treasurer shall report the total fund to the General Conference which appropriates by reversion to the Division the entire amount. From this, the Division Treasurer shall deduct the cost of supplies or materials used in the Ingathering campaign and return to each union one-half of the net amount raised by that union. The other half of the Ingathering Fund is to be appropriated by direction of the Division Committee at the first Division Council following the campaign.

SALARY OF WIFE OF WORKER TO CEASE WHEN WORK CEASES

The salary of the wife of a worker in our employ shall cease at the time that her work terminates.

ORDERING SUPPLIES FROM OVERSEAS

That all orders for supplies from overseas be sent to the Division Treasurer for approval if they are to be charged to the mission, institution or individual.

PROPERTY HOLDING

That we refer the question of property holding by the local missions or organizations to the General Conference for counsel.

"BLESSED HOPE" MAGAZINE BUDGET

That a budget be set up for a subsidy for the "Blessed Hope" magazine.

IRAN SCHOOL BUILDING

That the Iran School Building project receive \$ 12,500.00 from the Thirteenth Sabbath overflow offering from the second quarter of 1952. That for the time being they continue to operate on the present financial basis.

HILMY BARBAWY ALLOWANCE

In view of the fact that Brother Hilmy Barbawy sent in a report by Elder Neal C. Wilson indicating that the total cost (including LEg 8.780 customs) of moving him and his family from Beirut to his home in Egypt amounted to LEg 53.584, and the Union Committee has previously granted him one allowance of LEg 35.000 for this move, that the balance of LEg 18.584 now be allowed him and credited to his account with the Dar El Salaam Hospital

SINGLE WORKERS SALARY PAYMENT VOTED, That single workers (teachers) be paid on a twelve month basis rather than ten months.

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CALL FOR A.L.HAM HELP VOTED, That a call be placed with the General Conference for the services of Elder A. L. Ham to attend meetings in the Middle East Division during the months of June, July and August of this year.

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SUB-COMMITTEE ON DEBT LIQUIDATION VOTED, That Brethren Morris, Williams, Appel, Oster, King, Wilson, Krick, Jacobson and Dick be a committee to study and make recommendation on a solution to the current mission and institutional indebtedness, and further

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VOTED, That the same committee deal with the division of assets and liabilities of the East Mediterranean Union as of December 31, 1950.

NILE UNION MEDICAL WORK VOTED, To refer this item to Division Officers and the Nile Union for study on the ground at an early date.

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ADJOURN VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman
C. C. Morris, Secretary

To open the 9:30 session, January 14, we sang, "Oh Let Me Walk With Thee, My God." Prayer was offered by Eldon Green.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of Friday, January 12, were read and approved.

GENERAL CONF. EXCHANGE POLICY The revised General Conference Exchange Policy, passed at the San Francisco Session in 1950, was read and discussed, following which it was

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VOTED, That we adopt the Exchange Policy of the General Conference, which reads as follows:

"Exchange Policy of the General Conference as passed at the San Francisco Session, 1950"

"We recommend, The following revision of the Exchange Policy, to become effective August 1, 1950:

"1. Division, union and local fields, including institutions therein, shall prepare annual operating budgets providing for all needs including salaries, travel, local and general expense, equipment and supplies in local currency.

"2. As nearly all the currencies of the world are in use by our overseas fields, it is necessary for the General Conference dealing with these fields from the standpoint of appropriations and otherwise to use some unit of currency as a basis for handling such business. United States currency is used for this purpose. The budgets prepared and submitted by our overseas fields in local currency are converted by totals to United States currency at fixed rates of exchange established reasonably close to the prevailing current rates of exchange. The budgets thus summarized in United States currency are submitted to our annual Autumn Council for consideration and, while the budget as summarized and finally voted by the Council is tabulated in United States currency, the regular appropriations are in reality granted in local currency on the basis outlined in succeeding sections of this policy.

"3. In order to provide a fixed amount of local currency to the various countries of the world field receiving appropriations from the General Conference, a fixed rate of exchange for each of the currencies used is set at the time of the Autumn Council; and this rate of exchange is used by the General Conference, the divisions, and other organizations in the transaction of business to the extent outlined in this policy. Should substantial changes in prevailing current rates of exchange occur between councils, the General Conference Committee in consultation with division officers shall make such adjustments in fixed rates of exchange as may be deemed advisable.

"4. In the event that local currency accumulates in certain subsidiary organizations of the General Conference in excess of appropriations and other credits granted to such organizations, the General Conference treasurer may arrange, after consultation with the division concerned, to transfer such excess funds to other parts of the world field at current rates of exchange.

"5. The net exchange gain or loss resulting from applying the current and fixed rates of exchange as hereinafter specified, shall be reported monthly to the General Conference, with an itemized statement as to how the amount is made up.

"6. Divisions shall make remittances to their respective union and local fields in the currency of the country in which such fields are operating unless it is found advantageous to exchange funds locally, in which case any difference between the current and fixed rates of exchange shall be reported to the next higher organization.

"7. The fixed rates of exchange shall apply to the following transactions only:

- a. Regular appropriations, including church extension funds.
- b. Tithes, offerings, sustentation and exchange items.
- c. Salaries and expense of workers under appointment, on furlough, or permanently returned to their homelands.
- d. Statistical reports.
- e. Transfer of funds for workers to the extent outlined in succeeding paragraphs of this policy.

"8. The current rate of exchange shall apply to special appropriations voted by the General Conference Committee.

"9. All other transactions of business, such as the sale or purchase of foreign currency, and the payment of supplies and equipment for all mission organizations shall be made at the current rates of exchange. The difference resulting from applying the current and fixed rates on such items shall be entered in a General Conference Exchange account in the division books and be reported monthly by the divisions to the General Conference. The current rate of exchange is understood to be the rate at which local currency is purchased by the division treasurer or his agents in exchange for United States or other foreign currency.

"10. The General Conference will appropriate monthly by reversion to the various divisions concerned two-thirds of the net gain in exchange or will charge them for two-thirds of the net loss in exchange as reported by each division field. In all transactions handled at fixed rates of exchange in behalf of workers, the difference between the current and fixed rate values shall be credited to the General Conference Exchange account in the division's books and be charged against the division's two-thirds portion of the net exchange gains.

"11. The General Conference shall enter in an Exchange Reserve account the one-third remaining of the net exchange gains or losses reported by the overseas divisions. Any net gain thus accrued may be used to meet emergency conditions resulting from unusual exchange fluctuations, or for such purposes as may be determined by the General Conference Committee in Autumn Council.

"12. Transfers of personal funds shall be restricted to transfer of money earned in denominational service while in the mission fields.

"13. A foreign missionary, who is a worker located by the denomination outside his home country, may be allowed the fixed rate of exchange as of the date of the transfer, in the transfer of funds to his home country, on an amount not to exceed 25 per cent of the worker's salary in the field, exclusive of other allowances, cumulative for the period of service between furloughs. This privilege may include school accounts incurred in the education of the worker's children, assistance to dependent relatives, books and periodicals for personal use only, and personal salary savings. Imported equipment and supplies, including automobiles, are to be handled at the current rate of exchange in the case of all workers. Transfers under these provisions may be made only by credit through the regular channels. Transfers in excess of these provisions shall be as authorized by the division committee, and shall be handled at the current rate of exchange.

"14. A foreign missionary, whose homeland is in a country other than the United States of America, may be allowed the provisions of paragraph 13 for expenses incurred in United States currency in connection with the education of his children and the importing of necessary supplies and equipment for personal use.

"15. A foreign missionary proceeding on furlough or permanently returned to his homeland may, upon the approval of his division committee, be allowed the fixed rate of exchange in the transfer of additional funds beyond the 25 per cent transfer privilege not to exceed 20 per cent of his salary in denominational work during the time he has been in the mission field,

provided he has not previously benefited from this provision. Such transfers may be made only by credit through the regular channels, and the fixed rate shall be that prevailing at the time the funds are deposited with request for transfer. These funds may include receipts from the sale of personal effects and salary savings.

"16. When a foreign missionary is granted furlough by the General Conference and division committees in a country other than his homeland, he may be allowed the fixed rate of exchange on such amount of personal funds as may be authorized by the division committee, not to exceed the limits outlined in paragraphs 13 and 15 and for the purposes and under the conditions therein specified.

"17. If a foreign missionary has unusual school or other necessary expenses overseas, he may be allowed the fixed rate of exchange in the transfer of additional funds above the 25 per cent provision through the regular channel upon consideration and action by the division committee on the merits of each individual case.

"18. Foreign missionaries located in countries in which salaries in local currency have a low value in the currency of the home country, may be given special assistance in the transfer of funds on the merits of each case by action of the division or General Conference Committee.

"19. A worker transferred from a country in which salaries in local currency have a low value in the currency of the country to which he is transferred, and who faces financial embarrassment because of these or related conditions, may be given special assistance in the transfer of funds on the merits of each case by action of the division or General Conference Committee.

"20. National workers may be allowed the fixed rate of exchange in securing for personal use only, periodicals and books regularly listed by our denominational publishing houses.

"21. When, upon recommendation and approval of the division committee, a national leaves his home division to attend one of our own schools, he may be allowed the fixed rate of exchange to meet the expense involved on the following conditions:

- a. The student is a dependent of a worker, or
- b. The student is sent on a denominational educational plan involving financial assistance.

"22. National workers or their dependents who desire to take courses of study in the Home Study Institute may, upon the approval of their division, be allowed the fixed rate of exchange in the transfer of sufficient funds to cover the cost of such courses, including necessary textbooks.

"23. In order to reduce the amount of clerical work and to eliminate many small items, adjustments of exchange between the fixed and current rates in amounts of fifty cents or less in United States currency or its equivalent in local currency may be disregarded, it being understood that this does not apply to Book and Bible House business which is handled at the current rate.

"24. The provisions of this exchange policy, as pertaining to the transfer of funds in behalf of workers, are not intended to contravene the exchange laws or regulations of countries where our mission workers are located.

"25. The divisions concerned shall keep an auxiliary account for each worker benefiting from the provisions of this Exchange Policy under the percentage transfer plan, giving a record of each transaction involved, with voucher numbers, etc., thus making it possible to determine how the worker's account stands with respect to this arrangement and these individual records should be available for reference at the time the records are audited.

"26. Detached Unions shall apply the provisions of this Exchange Policy in behalf of workers connected with their fields.

"27. All workers traveling outside of the countries in which they reside shall be charged or credited at the current rates of exchange for cash drawn or deposited, whether at their home or other office, and travel expenses shall be reported in detail in the local currency in which the expense is incurred, the total expense in each currency being converted into the worker's home office currency at the same rates of exchange at which the money was drawn or purchased. This plan results in neither gain nor loss in exchange to the worker or organization concerned.

"The provisions of paragraph 27 apply to workers connected with the General Conference and its subsidiary organizations throughout the world."

ADJOURN

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman
C. C. Morris, Secretary

The 9:30, January 15, Council Session was opened with prayer by Eldon Green.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Minutes of the session held January 14 were read and approved.

CREDENTIALS AND
LICENSES

The committee on credentials and licenses rendered its report, which was adopted, as follows:

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Ministerial Credentials:

M. S. Beitzakhar - Iran	B. J. Mondics
Basta Bishai - Egypt	Shukrey Nowfel
P. C. Boynton - Iran	J. S. Russell
R. S. Greaves - Honorary	Haik Salakhian
M. C. Grin	Neal C. Wilson
M. V. Jacobson	A. G. Zytkoskee
G. A. Keough	W. E. Olson
G. D. Keough	R. H. Hartwell
G. M. Krick	G. J. Appel
D. V. Kubrock	C. C. Morris
Kenneth Oster	Y. O. Sangarloo

Missionary Credentials:

Miss Euphemia Bryne
 Miss Edith Davis
 J. S. Gabriel
 A. B. King
 A. E. Klein
 Mrs. E. Krueger

Camille Nowfel
 Miss Shahin Ouzunian
 Dr. Yussif Saaty
 Alger Jones
 Arthur Fund

Ministerial Licenses:

Samuel Farag
 Wadie Farag
 R. K. Hasso
 O. Keshishzade
 Gaspar Manaserian

R. L. Mole
 Manouk Nazirian
 Eldon J. Green
 Peter E. M. Beach

Missionary Licenses:

Miss Najla Mansour Abu Jawda
 Mrs. G. J. Appel
 Miss Nora Atkins
 Ayoub Azar
 Mrs. Peter Beach
 Mrs. P. C. Boynton
 Zakia Fargo
 Mrs. Arthur Fund
 Mrs. R. S. Greaves
 Mrs. E. J. Green
 Mrs. M. C. Grin
 Mrs. R. H. Hartwell
 Mrs. Robert Hasso
 Louis Rice
 Mrs. J. S. Russell
 Mrs. J. Saaty
 Miss Ruth Tobiassen
 Mrs. M. V. Jacobson
 Mrs. Alger Jones

Mrs. G. A. Keough
 Mrs. G. D. Keough
 Mrs. G. M. Krick
 Mrs. A. B. King
 Mrs. A. E. Klein
 Mrs. D. V. Kubrock
 Mrs. R. L. Mole
 Mrs. B. J. Mondics
 M. H. Morovati
 Mrs. C. C. Morris
 Mrs. C. Nowfel
 Mrs. Kenneth Oster
 Mrs. W. E. Olson
 Philip Srour
 Mrs. Shirvanian
 Mrs. Neal C. Wilson
 Miss Clara Voskanian
 Evangeline Voth
 Mrs. A. G. Zytkoskee

Bible Instructor Credentials:

Miss Emily Levy
 Miss Nanajan Badal
 Miss Ruby Williams

Teachers Credentials:

Melcon Gasparian
 Miss Sella Nazirian
 Ibrahim N. Swaidan

Teachers Licenses:

Sabah Hasso
 Hanna Watson -- 6 months
 Serob Ayvazian
 H. Grigorian

Karapet Hakobian
 Mrs. Mina Shirvanian
 Miss Sato Mack
 I. Ofcheroff

COMMITTEE ON
NOMINATIONS

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Report of the Committee on Nominations was read by
Brother Krick, and it was

VOTED, To accept the report as follows:

Overseas Workers Personnel Committee:

Geo. J. Appel
C. C. Morris
Neal C. Wilson
R. H. Hartwell
President Middle East College
President Iran Mission
George Keough
Division Departmental Secretaries

East Mediterranean Union Committee:

R. H. Hartwell
A. B. King
President of Iraq Mission
President of Jordania Mission
President of Syria-Lebanon Mission
G. Arthur Keough
S. Nogeimie
Bashir Hasso
Benjamin Mondics

Iran Mission Committee:

K. S. Oster
Eldon Green
J. S. Gabriel
Principal of Iran Training School
D. V. Kubrock
M. Gasparian
Yoash Sangarloo

Turkey Mission Committee:

East Mediterranean Union Committee to act
as the Mission Committee.

Building Plans Committee

C. C. Morris
Geo. J. Appel
R. H. Hartwell
President of Middle East College
M. V. Jacobson
C. Dinning
S. Nogeimie

Nile Union Committee:

Neal C. Wilson
 Arthur Klein
 A. G. Zytkoskee
 Nashed Yacoub
 Ramsees Mina
 President of Libya Mission

Egypt Mission Committee:

A. G. Zytkoskee
 Arthur Klein
 Hakin Abadeer
 Farag Assad
 Yacoub Nashed

Wadie Saaty:

Voted, to refer work for Wadie Saaty to College Board.

Special Correspondent - Review and Herald:

Voted, To refer the nominating of a special correspondent for the "Review and Herald" to the Division Executive Committee.

Middle East College Board:

Geo. J. Appel
 President of Middle East College
 C. C. Morris
 Division Educational Secretary
 Neal C. Wilson
 R. H. Hartwell
 Head of Bible Department
 Treasurer
 R. Hasso
 East Mediterranean Union Educational Secretary
 Nile Union Educational Secretary
 President of Iran Mission
 Camille Nowfel

Dar El Salaam Hospital Board:

Geo. J. Appel
 C. C. Morris
 Neal C. Wilson
 R. H. Hartwell
 Medical Director
 Business Manager
 Superintendent of Nurses
 Nasif Hasso
 Bashir Hasso
 Second Doctor
 President of Iraq Mission
 Division Educational Secretary

Calls for New Workers:

It is recommended that calls be placed with the General Conference for:

1. Publishing and Home Missionary Department secretary for the Division.
2. President for Jordania Mission.
3. Lady cook with a knowledge of dietetics for Dar El Salaam Hospital--preferably from Northern Europe.
4. Renewing the call for a doctor for the Sultanabad Hospital--suggesting the name of Dr. W. Lesovsky.
5. President for Iran Mission--suggesting the name of Pastor C. C. Crider.
6. School man to head up the Iran Training School--suggesting the name of Cecil L. Gemmell.
7. T. S. Geraty as president of Middle East College.

Abraham Poorhadi:

Abraham Poorhadi to connect with the Iran Training School.

Pastor J. S. Russell:

To pass on a call by the Nile Union to the College Board for Pastor J. S. Russell to become pastor of the Alexandria Church.

Dar El Salaam Association Changes:

To recommend to the Dar El Salaam Association to accept the resignations of R. Hasso and S. Cubley, and add the names of Geo. J. Appel, C. C. Morris and Adeeb Fargo.

Committee on Mission Pictures:

Division Officers

Armenian Reading Committee:

Geo. J. Appel
A. E. Ashod
Manoug Nozerian
Shahin Ouzounian

Arabic Reading Committee:

George Keough
Wadie Farag
Hilal Doss
Camille Nowfel
Ibrahim Swaidan

ADJOURN

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman
C. C. Morris, Secretary

At 4:30 P. M., January 15, the Council reassembled and was lead in prayer by Pastor Zytkoskee.

SUSTENTATION
WORKERS RATES

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VOTED, That the sustentation workers rates, including child allowance, remain the same until after the commission serves and audits salary rates, and any necessary adjustments be made in connection with the audit.

MRS. MAZLUM
SUSTENTATION

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VOTED, To discontinue sustentation to Mrs. Mazlum, of Iran, as her children are of age.

Y. O. Sangarloo
SUSTENTATION

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VOTED, To authorize the ordination of Brother Sangarloo, of Iran, at the time of the coming camp meeting.

DR. A. B.
BUTTERFIELD
CALL FOR

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VOTED, That the name of Dr. A. B. Butterfield be referred to the General Conference as one we recommend to fill one of the two doctor calls for the Dar El Salaam Hospital.

CAIRO EVANGELIST
CALL FOR

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VOTED, That a call be placed with the General Conference for an evangelist for Cairo, Egypt, suggesting the name of Dwane Miller, of the Michigan Conference.

EVANGELIST FOR
LYBIA
CALL FOR

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VOTED, That a call be placed with the General Conference for an evangelist for Lybia, suggesting the name of Merrill Enright, of Southern California.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN
UNION EVANGELIST

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VOTED, That a call be placed with the General Conference for an evangelist for the East Mediterranean Union, suggesting the name of Forrest Zill, of Southern Missionary College.

BUDGET COMMITTEE
REPORT

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The Budget Committee rendered its report, which was adopted as follows:

Evangelistic Funds:

That the \$ 5,000.00 appropriated by the General Conference for evangelism be allocated as follows:

East Mediterranean Union	\$ 1,750.00
Nile Union	1,750.00
Iran Mission	1,000.00
Turkey Mission	500.00
	<u>5,000.00</u>

Voice of Prophecy Studio:

That we request the General Conference for \$ 6,000.00 to assist in providing the Voice of Prophecy Studio. Funds held in trust for this project by the East Mediterranean Union be drawn on for the balance needed.

1952 Budget Requests:

That all budget requests for 1952 be referred to the minority committee.

Special Appropriations:

That the \$ 21,000.00 voted to the Middle East Division for 1951 be allocated as follows:

Nile Union:

Heliopolis Land Development	\$ 5,000.00
Fayoum School	3,000.00

(With the understanding that the division of this amount be made by the Union Committee with Division representation)

Orphanage Building Repairs	750.00
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Middle East College:

Water System	5,000.00
Office Equipment	500.00
Cold Storage and Cooling System	1,000.00

Dar El Salaam Hospital:

3,000.00

Distribution of same to be referred to the Hospital Board

Iran Mission:

2,750.00

Distribution of this amount to be referred to the Iran Committee with Division representation.

 21,000.00
Church Extension Funds:

That the \$ 12,000.00 granted from Church Extension Funds by the General Conference be allocated as follows:

Istanbul Church	\$ 10,000.00
Rezaia Church	2,000.00
	<hr/> 12,000.00

1951 Mission Extension Request:

That we request the General Conference to list in its 1951 Mission Extension projects, \$ 8,000.00 for the erection of two homes at the Middle East College.

Regular Appropriations:

That appropriations be granted to union, local and institutional organizations for 1951, as follows:

Division Office Secretary	LB	4,800.00
Middle East College		54,117.42
Middle East Press		7,331.81
Middle East Union and Local Organizations in Lebanon		100,562.95
Iraq and Jordania	ID	4,586.986
Turkey	LTq	13,091.40
Dar El Salaam Hospital	ID	38,345
Iran Mission	Rials	1,336,048.
Nile Union	LEg	12,777.949

COMMITTEE ON
LIQUIDATION
OF DEBTS

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The committee appointed to give study to the matter of debt liquidation met, and Brother W. H. Williams brought a report to the Council. The plan, briefly stated, is to take the net worth of the East Mediterranean Union as of December 31, 1950, less working capital for the East Mediterranean Union based upon appropriations granted for 1951, and the same for the Nile Union, and apply the balance pro-rated on a percentage basis to the mission and institutional indebtedness as shown on the East Mediterranean Union books as of December 31, 1950.

VOTED, That we accept such a basis of procedure in principle and authorize the application of it in connection with the auditing of the books for 1950.

EXPRESSION OF
APPRECIATION

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VOTED, On motion made by Elder Dick, that a special vote of thanks be given to Sister Krick and the ladies at the Union Office building for the fine spirit and faithful way in which they entertained the men at the Division Council.

ELDER WILSON
STATEMENT

Elder Neal Wilson arose to make a statement. He expressed the sincere appreciation of all of the workers in the Middle East for the help given by the brethren of the General Conference during our meetings together, and expressed appreciation in other ways for the good spirit and cooperation that permeated all of our meetings. He moved that a record be placed on the minutes of appreciation of the delegates for the good session that they have been privileged to attend.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

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VOTED, That all unfinished business be referred to the executive committee.

THE COUNCIL
DEVOTIONAL
MEETINGS

Elder E. D. Dick, secretary of the General Conference, conducted the morning devotional services during the Council Session. He gave some very practical talks on the topic, "Righteousness By Faith," applying his messages to the needs of a group of workers laboring in Moslem lands. His studies were greatly appreciated by the workers as they listened morning by morning, and we were all lead to realize the adequate provisions of the Plan of Salvation for individual needs and for the needs of our work in these lands. We are in the land of the enemy, and the clear presentation of the subject, "Righteousness By Faith," is the greatest means within our reach to break the power of Satan and direct men to Christ.

EVENING REPORTS

The evening hours were spent in listening to reports from various sections of our territory in the Middle East. Most encouraging and inspiring reports were rendered evening by evening, beginning with the College and going on through the various missions and institutions, each leader from the fields and institutions having time to give a clear presentation of the work that has been done during the past year. These reports brought courage to the hearts of all, and we are confident that with the blessing of the Lord greater things are to be accomplished in days to come as we unitedly work together for the completion of our task.

The chairman then spoke of his appreciation for the spirit of cooperation that has been manifest all through the council, and for the loyal way in which every delegate has stayed by in the performance of the work which we set out to do. He then called upon Brother W. H. Williams to offer a closing prayer, following which it was

ADJOURN

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VOTED, To adjourn the council session sine die.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman

C. C. Morris, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MINUTESBeirut, Lebanon Jan. 17, 1951 8:30 P. M.MEMBERS PRESENT:

The available members of the Committee and members of the Council assembled in the president's office for a short committee meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 17 were read and approved.

DAR EL SALAAM HOSPITAL

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In view of Brother Cubley's having left for South America, it was

VOTED, That the signature of C. C. Morris be authorized in connection with the bank account of the Dar El Salaam Hospital in place of E. S. Cubley.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE BOARD SECRETARY

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VOTED, That the president of the College serve as secretary of the College Board.

ARTHUR FUND CALL FOR

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VOTED, To place a call with the East Mediterranean Union for the services of Arthur Fund to connect with the Dar El Salaam Hospital during the absence of Brother Jacobson on furlough.

ADJOURN

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman

C. C. Morris, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Beirut, Lebanon Jan. 22, 1951 4:00 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Geo. J. Appel, S. Nogeimie, G. M. Krick, George Keough, R. H. Hartwell and C. C. Morris.

PRAYER Prayer by Brother Nogeimie.

MIDDLE EAST PRESS LAND During the recent Division Council, it was recommended that the Press be located on our property adjacent to the Arabic Church at Mousseitbe, and it was also recommended that additional land be secured adjoining our property. Investigations have been made regarding the purchase of a lot on the northeast corner, and also one adjoining us on the south side above the church property. After due consideration of both of these lots, it was

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VOTED, That we authorize the purchase of the corner lot northeast of the church building.

HOME MISSIONARY REPORT BLANKS

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VOTED, To authorize the acting secretary of the Home Missionary Department to prepare Home Missionary report blanks.

MIDDLE EAST DIV. YOUTH'S CONGRESS

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The chairman received a letter from Elder Rudy, in which he raised the question as to the advisability of our having a Youth's Congress for the Middle East following the 1951 Paris Congress. At the time of the Division Council, consideration was given to our having a Youth's Congress in 1952, just preceding the opening of the College. After reviewing the matter, it was

VOTED, To authorize the chairman to reply to Elder Rudy, stating that in our opinion it would be more advisable for us to plan on our Youth's Congress in 1952.

DIVISION OFFICE NATIONAL SECRETARY

60

VOTED, That a call be placed with the East Mediterranean Union for the services of Brother Anees Hadad, as national secretary in the Division offices.

S. S. QUARTERLIES AND SUPPLIES

61

VOTED, To request Elder Hartwell to counsel with Yousif Barbawy and ascertain whether or not he could continue the work of translating the Sabbath School Quarterlies and supplies into Arabic in addition to his work as Union Home Missionary Secretary, and report back.

UNION COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP

62

VOTED, That we recommend the maximum of eleven members to serve on union committees. However, due to the fact that in the East Mediterranean Union several local leaders are not as yet in their fields, it be understood that thirteen be the maximum in the East Mediterranean Union until such time as the vacancies are filled, after which eleven become the maximum.

DR. SAATY'S WIFE
RETURN

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In harmony with a request from Dr. Saaty, it was VOTED, That in case a new doctor for the Dar El Salaam Hospital does not come forward soon, we authorize the return of Mrs. Saaty from America to Baghdad.

VOICE OF PROPHECY
AND BIBLE SCHOOL
POLICIES

64

VOTED, That the working policy used in the China Division for the Voice of Prophecy and Bible School serve in the Middle East Division until the time of our next annual council, when one of our own can be adopted.

WEEK OF PRAYER
READINGS - ARABIC
TRANSLATION

65

VOTED, To request Brother Naim Aweis, of the Arabic school, to translate the Week of Prayer Readings during the summer vacation, at Division expense.

INGATHERING
PAPERS AND
MATERIALS

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VOTED, That the East Mediterranean Union Home Missionary Department sponsor the preparation of the Ingathering papers and materials in collaboration with the Division Home Missionary secretary and the Middle East Press.

VOICE OF PROPHECY
REPRESENTATIVE TO
KUWAIT AND
ADJACENT AREAS

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VOTED, That authorization be given for a representative from the Beirut Voice of Prophecy office to visit Kuwait and adjacent areas in the interests of securing enrollments.

ADJOURN

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman

C. C. Morris, Secretary