

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MINUTESMiddle East College OfficeJuly 8, 19521:30 P.M.PRESENT

Geo. J. Appel, R. R. Figuhr, Adlai Esteb, N. C. Wilson,
Dr. K. H. Pihl, K. S. Oster, W. Farag, G. D. Keough,
T. S. Geraty, R. H. Hartwell, A. R. Mazat, C. C. Morris.

OPENING

Prayer was offered by Elder Esteb.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTED, That the minutes of meeting held June 26 be approved as read.

R. C. DINNING
RETURN HOME

416

Our brethren and sisters in the Middle East Division have been deeply grieved at the serious illness which has stricken the two little boys of Brother and Sister Dinning. Much study and consideration has been given to their condition during recent days, and all realize that immediate care and treatment, which cannot be obtained locally, is necessary for these children. Brother Dinning has placed a request with the Committee in writing, asking for permission to take his wife and children to the States by air travel, leaving as soon as medical clearance to travel is secured.

The whole question of Brother Dinning's return and his future work was given careful consideration. There is a great element of uncertainty as to the time required for after treatment of the children's attack of Polio and Encephalitis. Our printing work here in the Middle East Press is at a very critical stage, and in view of the need for immediate help in installation of machinery and getting production under way, the following actions were taken:

- VOTED, a. That in harmony with Brother and Sister Dinning's request, and the doctor's recommendation, they be authorized to return to the States by air travel for immediate care and treatment of the children.
- b. That in view of the uncertainty of the time element required for medical care, and for other reasons, Brother Dinning's return be on a permanent basis.
- c. That a call be placed immediately with the General Conference for another manager for the Middle East Press.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman

C. C. Morris, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MINUTESMiddle East College July 9, 1952 1:30 P. M.PRESENTGeo. J. Appel, N. C. Wilson, G. D. Keough, Wadie Farag,
R. H. Hartwell, K. S. Oster, A. R. Mazat, C. C. Morris.OPENING

Prayer was offered by R. H. Hartwell.

MIDDLE EAST PRESS
TEMPORARY
PROVISIONS

417

Our action of July 8, relative to Brother Dinning's permanent return to the States was conveyed to him, and while it was a keen disappointment, yet he and his wife have taken it with good grace and feel that it is for the best. Since Brother Dinning's departure will leave the press work without a responsible leader, the following actions were taken, providing for temporary help and supervision:

- VOTED, a. That Miss Nora Atkins be requested to serve as acting treasurer of the Middle East Press.
- b. That Miss Latifa Farag's work be under the supervision of Miss Atkins and C. C. Morris.
- c. That A. J. Jones be requested to assist in taking delivery of press equipment already ordered and being shipped to Beirut, and that he supervise the delivery of said equipment to the Middle East Press building.
- d. That Edmond Haddad continue his work with the Press.
- e. That A. R. Mazat be requested to assist with printing jobs in process.
- f. That the East Mediterranean Union be requested to continue present arrangements of housing the Press stock in their building for another few months.

ELDER SHUKRI NOWFEL
WORKERS MEETING

418

VOTED, That since Elder Nowfel is now free from outside teaching responsibility, he be invited to attend the Workers Meeting.

G. J. APPEL
ITINERARY

419

VOTED, That G. J. Appel be authorized to accompany R. R. Figuhr on a trip through the field following the Workers Meeting.

ADJOURNMENTVOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman

C. C. Morris, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MINUTESBeirut, Lebanon July 16, 1952 10:40 A. M.PRESENT

Geo. J. Appel, R. R. Figuhr, A. R. Mazat, R. H. Hartwell, Dr. K. H. Pihl, T. S. Geraty, G. D. Keough, N. C. Wilson, Wadie Farag, S. Nogeimie, C. C. Morris.

OPENING

Prayer by N. C. Wilson and R. R. Figuhr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTESVOTED, That the minutes of July 8 and 9 be approved as read.RELIEF CLOTHING

420

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference a request for 25 bales of relief clothing, to be sent out through United Nations for use in the East Mediterranean Union, with the understanding that transportation and provision for exemption from duty be made by the United Nations Relief Organization.A. R. MAZAT
VISIT NILE UNION

421

VOTED, That A. R. Mazat be authorized to make a trip to the Nile Union the first two weeks of November.CAR AUTHORIZATION
WADIE FARAG

422

VOTED, That Wadie Farag be authorized to operate a small car, with the usual allowances.HILAL DOSS
FURLOUGH STATUS

423

VOTED, That the furlough status of Brother Hilal Doss not be affected through his transfer from Baghdad to Middle East College.VACATION PERIOD
BASRAH AREA

424

VOTED, That the vacation period for national workers stationed at Basrah be four weeks per year.IRAN MISSION REQUEST
FOR A. R. MAZAT

425

The Iran Mission has requested the services of A. R. Mazat for two weeks.

VOTED, To authorize his trip to Iran for the last half of August.PLACING "FAITH OF
OUR FATHERS" IN
PUBLIC LIBRARIES

426

VOTED, That five sets of "Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers" be ordered to be placed in public libraries, the list of selected libraries to be submitted later.IRAN MISSION
DR. PIHL VISIT

427

VOTED, To authorize Dr. Pihl to make a trip to Iran and the Sultanabad Hospital some time in October.

ITINERARY - BRETHREN
DICKSON AND ROENFELT

428

VOTED, That Brethren Dickson and Roenfelt be invited to visit our mission centers in Iraq, Iran and Egypt between October 27 and November 8.

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION
BIENNIAL COUNCIL
ATTENDANCE

429

VOTED, That in addition to the regular Division Committee members, the Union treasurers, institutional treasurers, Iran Mission treasurer, and two national workers, one from each union, to be appointed by this committee, attend the October Meeting.

DIVISION PROPERTIES
INSURANCE

430

VOTED, That the Division treasurer be requested to investigate insurance coverage for our Division properties, both locally and through the General Conference Insurance Service, and report back.

INGATHERING CALENDAR
AND SUPPLY SUB-
COMMITTEE REPORT

431

A committee previously appointed to consider the Ingathering Calendar and supplies, rendered its report, which was adopted as follows:

1. VOTED, To recommend to the Middle East Division Committee that we use the Arabic Receipt books now on hand, with the understanding that they should be numbered as well as stamped with local mission seal.
2. VOTED, To confer with Nile Union representatives in finalizing on an appropriate Ingathering receipt to be used in their field.
3. VOTED, To recommend to the Middle East Division Committee, a three page Ingathering Calendar with a manila back. Each page to contain four pictures of our work and four months of the calendar year. The manila page to display the Voice of Prophecy ad, together with an enrollment blank in the form of a postcard.

REVISED PRICE OF
BIBLE READINGS

432

VOTED, That the price of the present supply of Bible Readings be reduced to LE 3.00 when supplied to Voice of Prophecy students, and LE 5.00 for other sales; and that the price in other countries of the Middle East be 300 and 500 units for the two classifications above.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman

C. C. Morris, Secretary

After lunch, the Committee reassembled at 2:00 P. M., and were lead in prayer by S. Nogeimie.

REEDIT ARMENIAN
"STEPS TO CHRIST"
433

VOTED, To request Mr. N. Ouzounian to reedit the Armenian "Steps To Christ" during the summer vacation, if possible.

TURKISH
"STEPS TO CHRIST"
434

VOTED, To request the East Mediterranean Union and the Turkey Mission to loan four hundred copies of the Armenian "Steps To Christ" from the Turkey Mission inventory, with the understanding that a like number of copies will be returned to the Turkey Mission as soon as the new edition is off the press.

CORRECTION OF
PRINTED PRICE
H. & L. AND
CIGARETTE BOOK
435

VOTED, That a "chop" be provided, and the printed price of L. 1.50 for H. and L. be stamped L. 5.00.

A. R. MAZAT VISIT
CYPRUS AND ISTANBUL
436

VOTED, That A. R. Mazat be authorized to make a trip to Cyprus and Istanbul in the interests of his departmental work.

WADIE FARAG
CYPRUS
437

VOTED, That Wadie Farag be authorized to make a trip to Cyprus in the interest of radio work.

EDITING
"OUR CHILDREN"
AND PRINTING
438

VOTED, That the material comprising "Our Children" be published in two successive issues of "HOPE" and later be printed and bound in book form.

EDITING "PROPHECY
SPEAKS"
439

VOTED, That Elder G. D. Keough be requested to edit the translation of "Prophecy Speaks."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
SELECTIONS FROM THE
WRITINGS OF
ELLEN G. WHITE
440

VOTED, That two of the Middle East College teachers be requested to translate selections from the writings of Ellen G. White in Arabic and Armenian, and to submit their manuscripts to the Division Reading Committee for approval. It was specifically suggested that this material and all translations from the writings of Mrs. White be read back, and a careful comparison be made with the original.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE
ADDITIONAL FOREIGN
BUDGET
441

A number of Middle East College faculty members will be having furloughs during the next few years. The question of how to provide for adequate teaching staff and bridge over these vacancies was given consideration.

VOTED, That the matter of providing an additional foreign budget be referred to the budget committee of the coming biennial session in October.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE
SURVEY COMMISSION

442

Professor T. S. Geraty raised the question of the advisability of restudying the overall objectives of the work of the Middle East College and the courses it is offering and should offer to properly prepare students for various places of responsibility in the Middle East.

VOTED, That a survey commission consisting of T. S. Geraty, S. Nogelmie, R. H. Hartwell, G. D. Keough and G. M. Krick be appointed, and that they render a report at the time of our October Division Committee Meeting.

EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS

443

Whereas, Time is short and God is now calling upon the workers and believers in the Seventh-day Adventist church to unite in a world-wide evangelistic program, to warn the millions who are still in darkness, and

Whereas, The many who joined in the campaign of concerted evangelistic efforts held in this Division in the fall of 1951 were greatly blessed and many souls were won,

VOTED, That we urge all of our workers, including evangelists, institutional, departmental, and all other workers, together with our laity to take part in helping to conduct a general evangelistic campaign in this division beginning November 9, 1952, and running for at least ten weeks. Further,

VOTED, That whereas the small basic Bible doctrines booklet, "Survival Through Faith," has been translated into the Arabic and Armenian languages and is now ready for circulation, we have as a goal to place this booklet in every home throughout the Division on the following plan:

1. That this booklet be systematically distributed, one copy in each home in the cities or areas where evangelistic efforts are being held.
2. That in areas where there are workers and believers, but where it is not possible to conduct an effort, this booklet be systematically distributed by placing one copy in each home.
3. That in the areas where there are no workers or believers, controlling committees lay plans to carry out early the goal for placing this book in every home by men sent out under salary for this purpose.

NEW WORK - LIBYA

444

VOTED, (1) That we approve of and encourage the Nile Union to go forward with a plan to call Dr. Maher Bishai to enter Libya with our medical work, together with such other help as may be available to assist him.

(2) That a call from the Nile Union be placed with the East Mediterranean Union for the services of Pastor Chafic Srour to locate at Benghazi, Libya, and open up evangelistic work there. This call is being placed with the provision that for the remainder of 1952, Pastor Srour's salary be cared for by special appropriation from the Division.

NEW WORK
EGYPTIAN SUDAN

445

VOTED, That the Nile Union be encouraged to send a worker and his family into the Sudan at the earliest possible date.

NILE UNION
BUILDING PLANS

446

Brother N. C. Wilson submitted a set of plans for the proposed office and apartment building in Heliopolis. After careful consideration of the plans, it was

VOTED, To approve of the plans as submitted and forward same to the General Conference for their consideration and approval.

NILE UNION ADVENTIST
INSTITUTE PLANS

447

Brother N. C. Wilson submitted plans for the over all development of the Adventist Institute on a new building site, which has already been purchased. Plans for a number of buildings were studied, all of which are not now necessary, due to a limited number of students who are ready to enter school.

VOTED, That the plans submitted be approved in principle for the administration building, dormitories and faculty cottages, and that the same be forwarded to the General Conference for study and approval. It is understood that building operations will proceed only as funds are in hand.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE
CALL FOR
EDDIE KALUSTIAN
RESCINDED

448

In view of a change in circumstances,

VOTED, That a previous call for the services of Eddie Kalustian be hereby rescinded.

DISTRIBUTION OF
"SURVIVAL THROUGH
FAITH"

449

VOTED, That the edition of 25,000 Arabic copies of "Survival Through Faith" be distributed as follows:

Nile Union	11,000
East Mediterranean Union	11,000
Voice of Prophecy	3,000

That a 10,000 edition of Armenian "Survival Through Faith" be distributed as follows:

Nile Union	1,500
East Mediterranean Union	5,000
Voice of Prophecy	1,000
Iran Mission	2,500

SALARY RATES

450

VOTED, That the salary rates of several newly employed workers be set as follows:

Miss Latifa Farag	LE 190.00 per month
Miss Najwa Nabti	175.00 " "
Miss Jouhyna Abboud	175.00 " "
Butros Ghazal	200.00 " "
Mousa Kerkary	285.00 " "

TEMPERANCE
ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

451

The sub-committee previously appointed to study the proposed constitution for the Temperance Association did its work and recommended a constitution which was approved as follows:

INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

FOR

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

ARTICLE I

Name and Territory

Section 1: Name. This organization shall be known as the International Temperance Association, Middle East Division.

Section 2: Territory. This organization shall operate within the territory of the Middle East Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Section 1: Object. This organization shall be a nonprofit organization for the purpose of promoting temperance in all its phases and to enlighten the public especially concerning the evil effects of alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics.

Section 2: National Societies. To further these objectives the Association shall encourage its union organizations to form and foster a National Temperance Society in each country within its territory.

Section 3: Affiliation. This organization shall be recognized as a branch of the International Temperance Association, with headquarters in Washington, D. C. and shall foster the interests of this Association in the territory designated under Section 2 of ARTICLE 1.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1: Membership. The membership of this organization shall consist of such National Temperance Societies as may be sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist union or local conferences or mission fields within the territory of the Middle East Division.

Section 2: Membership Standards. Individual members of National Temperance Societies shall

- (a) Subscribe to the purposes for which this society is organized.
- (b) Pay the required membership fees.

Section 3: Types of Membership. The individual membership of this organization shall consist of all Junior, Senior Student, Regular, Contributing, Sustaining, and Life members of its affiliated national organizations.

Section 4: Membership Dues. Individual membership fees shall be set, in consultation with the officers of the Association, by the Board of Governors of each National Temperance Society.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Governors

Section 1: Members. There shall be a Board of Governors which shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee of the Middle East Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and the presidents and (or) Executive Secretaries of the National Temperance Societies that have been accepted into the membership of the Association.

Section 2: Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board of Governors:

- (a) To meet annually to:
 1. Receive reports from the officers of the Association.
 2. Fill any vacancies that may occur on the Executive Council.
 3. Appoint the officers of such National Societies as may be serving two or more unions.

- (b) To lay such plans as will promote the objectives of the Association throughout the Middle East Division.
- (c) To appoint an auditor whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the Association and render an annual report to the Board.
- (d) To attend to such other matters of business as may require the attention of the Board.

ARTICLE V

Officers and Their Duties

Section 1: Number. The regular officers of this organization shall be a president, an executive secretary, a treasurer, and such associate secretaries as may be needed.

Section 2: President. The president of the Middle East Division shall serve as chairman of the Board of Governors and of the Executive Council.

Section 3: Secretary.

(a) The Temperance Secretary of the Middle East Division shall serve as the executive secretary of the Association and as secretary of the Board of Governors and shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the various meetings, shall conduct the affairs of the society in harmony with the actions of the Executive Council and the Board of Governors, and shall, in the absence of the president, serve as chairman of the Executive Council.

(b) Where the territory of a union conference or mission field includes several National Temperance Societies, it shall be the duty of the Temperance Secretary of the union to assist the secretary of the Association by fostering and co-ordinating the work of these societies in harmony with the policies of the Association.

Section 4: Treasurer. The treasurer of the Middle East Division shall serve as treasurer of the Association and shall receive all funds of the Association, to disburse them in harmony with the actions of the Executive Council and Board of Governors, and to render such financial statements at regular intervals as may be desired by the Board of Governors and Executive Council.

ARTICLE VI

Executive Council

Section 1: Members. The executive Council shall consist of the officers of the Association and four other members who shall be appointed to serve between the quadrennial sessions of the General Conference, by the Board of Governors.

Section 2: Duties. It shall be the duty of the Executive Council to:

- (a) Devise ways and means of actively promoting the cause of Temperance in the Middle East Division.
- (b) Appoint such standing committees as the Executive Council may consider advisable.
- (c) Transact any business necessary to promote the cause of Temperance provided such action is in harmony with the general plans and policies outlined by the Board of Governors.

Section 3: Meetings. Meetings of the Executive Council may be called at any time by the President, or in his absence by the Executive Secretary, to transact such business as may require the action of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE VII

Finances

Section 1: Funds. The funds of the Association shall consist of:

- (a) Appropriations from the Middle East Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.
- (b) A proportion of the total funds raised by its subsidiary organizations from membership fees, Temperance Day offerings, and other sources, the proportion to be determined by mutual agreement between the responsible governing bodies and the officers of the Association.
- (c) Special gifts to the Association.

Section 2: Handling of Funds. All funds from National Temperance Societies shall be remitted through local and union conference or mission field treasuries to the treasurer of the Association, on the basis outlined in Section 1, above, for the promotion of the Temperance cause throughout the Middle East Division, as the Executive Council may direct.

Section 3: Division of Funds.

- (a) 75 % of the funds are to be retained by the National Temperance Societies.
- (b) 15 % of the above funds are to be retained by the Middle East Division.
- (c) 10 % of the membership dues, Temperance Day offerings, offerings received at annual or regional meetings, and such other contributions received by the National Temperance societies within the Middle East Division shall be remitted through the Division treasury to the International Temperance Association, Washington, D. C., for the promotion of the Temperance cause throughout the world.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

Section 1: This constitution and bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session of the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE IX

Dissolution

Section 1: In case of the dissolution of the Association, all its assets shall be transferred to the Middle East Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Further,

VOTED, That membership fees for various countries of the Middle East and any other necessary additions or revisions to the constitution be referred to the Division Biennial Council in October.

BROTHER SWAIDAN
TRANSLATION WORK
452

VOTED, That a request for the services of Brother Swaidan to work on the translation of an Arabic hymnal be referred to the Middle East College Board.

E. W. DUNBAR
YOUTH'S CONGRESS
NOVEMBER
453

Whereas, E. W. Dunbar will be attending meetings in Southern Asia the last of 1952,

VOTED, That a request be placed with the General Conference for his services to assist in a Youth's Congress Rally at Beirut early in November.

SHUBRA CHURCH
MEMORIAL
454

A memorial was presented from the Shubra Church for help on their proposed church building.

VOTED, That the same be referred to the Division officers for presentation to the Fall Council Session in the States.

IRAN MISSION VOICE
OF PROPHECY LESSONS
455

VOTED, That the request from the Iran Mission for a supply of Armenian Voice of Prophecy Lessons be filled from our Beirut Voice of Prophecy office, suggesting that a limited supply be sent on, and that a larger supply be supplied as the need may arise.

WEEK OF PRAYER
READINGS
456

VOTED, That our order for Week of Prayer Readings for 1952 be 10% more than for 1951.

ACTING
DIVISION CHAIRMAN
457

VOTED, That Elder G. D. Keough be requested to serve as chairman of the Committee during the absence of the president while attending the Autumn Council.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn.

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

Beirut, Lebanon

July 21, 1952

10:00 A. M.

PRESENT

Geo. J. Appel, R. R. Figuhr, G. D. Keough, Wadie Farag, R. H. Hartwell, N. C. Wilson, A. R. Mazat, and C. C. Morris.

OPENING

Prayer was offered by N. C. Wilson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTED, That the minutes of July 16 be approved as read and amended.

PRESS STOCK
UNION BUILDING

459

VOTED, To remove the bulk of the press stock to the new press building and rearrange the present stock room for needed office space, and that the room previously used by Brother Dinning be made available to the East Mediterranean Union.

WILLIAM GAYED
CALL FOR

460

VOTED, To pass on to the Nile Union a call from the East Mediterranean Union for the services of William Gayed to connect with the Iraq Mission as evangelist at Basrah.

MICHAEL NEBTI
CALL FOR

461

VOTED, That the call from the East Mediterranean Union for the services of Michael Nebti for work in the Union office be passed on to him.

T. S. GERATY
CYPRUS

462

The East Mediterranean Union placed a request for Brother T. S. Geraty to make a trip over to Cyprus before leaving for the States.

VOTED, That this trip be authorized providing Brother Geraty can work it into his program.

NAIM AWAIS
VACATION

463

VOTED, That Naim Awais be granted his vacation in August.

EVANGELISTIC FUNDS
DISTRIBUTION

464

The General Conference appropriated to the Middle East Division \$ 17,500.00 for evangelism for 1952. The distribution of this amount was studied, and

VOTED, 1. That the Division's portion of the cost of printing "Survival Through Faith" and Home Visitation tracts be first met out of evangelistic funds.

2. That \$ 5,000.00 be held in trust for use as expense items in several proposed special evangelistic efforts to be conducted by an evangelist that is being called for from the States.

3. That \$ 3,500.00 be made available to the Nile Union, and \$ 3,500.00 to the East Mediterranean Union, and the balance be held by the Division for later distribution.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn.

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

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MINUTESBeirut, Lebanon July 29, 1952 2:00 P. M.PRESENT

G. J. Appel, R. R. Figuhr, Geo. D. Keough, R. H. Hartwell, A. R. Mazat, and C. C. Morris.

OPENING

Prayer by A. R. Mazat.

APPROVAL OF MINUTESVOTED, That the minutes of July 21 be approved as read.SERIES OF 24 TRACTS EDITION

465

VOTED, That the first edition of the 24 tracts that are being printed be 15,000 each instead of 10,000 as previously voted.STORY OF REDEMPTION TRANSLATION

466

VOTED, To accept Miss Olivia Awaida's offer to translate the "STORY OF REDEMPTION" for the sum of LEg 100,000.APPROVAL OF MINUTESVOTED, That the minutes of this meeting be approved as read.ADJOURNMENTVOTED, To adjourn.

G. J. Appel, Chairman

C. C. Morris, Secretary