

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEETINGBeirut, LebanonAugust 18, 19662:00 P. M.PRESENT

F. C. Webster, R. L. Jacobs, D. L. Chappell, R. C. Darnell, George Khoury, K. L. Vine.

By invitation: Boutros Ghazal, R. W. Wilmot.

OPENING

Prayer was offered by George Khoury.

MINISTERIAL &
DIVISION COUNCIL
POSTPONEMENT
66/167VOTED, To postpone the Ministerial Institute and Division Quadrennial Council originally scheduled for November 1966 (MED Minutes, action 66/71), the date to be set at the time of the Annual Committee meeting.ANNUAL COMMITTEE
DATES
66/168VOTED, That the Division Annual Committee meeting be held November 4-10, 1966.DEPARTMENTAL
RESPONSIBILITIES
READJUSTMENT
66/169VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference the following readjustment of departmental responsibilities:

D. L. Chappell	Sabbath School
R. L. Jacobs	Education
F. C. Webster	Lay Activities

ITINERARIES
66/170VOTED, To approve the following itineraries:

F. C. Webster	August 21-24	Jordan
	" 25-28	Egypt
	" 29-30	Libya
R. C. Darnell	August 21-24	Jordan
R. W. Wilmot	August 24-28	Egypt
R. L. Jacobs	August 21-24	Jordan
	" 25-28	Egypt
	" 29-30	Libya

D. L. CHAPPELL
R. W. WILMOT
VACATION
66/171VOTED, That D. L. Chappell and R. W. Wilmot be authorized to take one week of their 1966 vacation in 1967.R. L. FENN
ELLEN MELKI TRAVEL
AUTHORIZATION
66/172VOTED, To authorize the following workers to travel in the U.S.A. as indicated:

Ellen Melki Date as may be arranged by the administration of Benghazi Hospital.

R. L. Fenn August 17 - September 6, 1966.

C. D. BROOKS
CAIRO CENTER
66/173VOTED, To reaffirm our action #66/99, passing on to the General Conference and the Columbia Union Conference an invitation for C. D. Brooks to hold a series of meetings in the Cairo Center and that this effort be for a period of four months beginning January 1, 1967. It is understood that if Mrs. Brooks accompanies her husband the Division will pay for her travel expense.

A. N. BARLAS
TRAVEL EXPENSE
66/174

VOTED, To grant a special aid to A. N. Barlas of CyE 34.295 which represents one half of his travel expense for a trip to England. This is paid in lieu of a moving allowance and with the understanding that he will reside permanently in Cyprus.

SALIM JAPPAS
CALL AS DIVISION
EVANGELIST
66/175

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference and the South American Division a call for Salim Jappas to serve as a second Division evangelist.

BALDUR PFEIFFER
ASSISTANCE
66/176

VOTED, To extend the assistance granted to Baldur Pfeiffer for advanced study in Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany (MED Minutes, 64/344) to July 31, 1967.

A. N. BARLAS
SUSTENTATION RATE
ADJUSTMENT
66/177

VOTED, To adjust the sustentation rate for A. N. Barlas in harmony with the Division policy (Working Policy, p. 139; MED Minutes, 66/11) and set his rate at 60 per cent, retroactive to July 1, 1966. This is based on a service record of over forty years.

BICYCLES FOR
COLPORTEURS
66/178

VOTED, To approve the plan for the purchase of bicycles by colporteurs presented by the Publishing Department. The details of this plan are filed in the office of the Publishing secretary.

MEC SPECIAL
APPROPRIATION
ADVANCE
66/179

For some time the sewerage system of the Middle East College has been entirely inadequate. Overflow from the septic tanks and other outlets in the area has been considered as the breeding place for mosquitoes, giving rise to many complaints against the school. After numerous warnings the government set a deadline of fifteen days within which time the college was ordered to correct the situation or pay a heavy fine. This time limit was extended until the board members could return from the General Conference session but it was clear that further delay would bring serious consequences. In view of this emergency situation, it was

VOTED, To grant the Middle East College an advance of LE 25,000.00 to be charged against their 1967 special appropriations. This amount would complete the first step in the over-all plan and represents approximately one half of the amount required for bringing the sewer system into harmony with the master plan adopted for the college.

ADJOURNMENT

Before adjournment the chairman asked for the reading of a letter written by the General Conference president, R. H. Pierson, calling for workers and members to enter into a new spiritual experience to the end that the work of God might be quickly finished in our time. After appropriate comments all joined in a season of prayer. Adjournment at 4:30 p.m.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary