

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

February 16, 1967, 2:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, W. J. Clemons, R. C. Mills,
K. L. Vine, R. W. Wilmot, R. L. Jacobs

BY INVITATION:

George Yared

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by W. J. Clemons

67/15 WELCOME TO STAFF MEMBERS

Word was just received from the General Conference indicating that Manoug Nazirian has been appointed Lay Activities Department secretary and L. C. Miller secretary of the Ministerial Association and Radio-TV Department. It was,

VOTED, To welcome these men to the Division staff and to wish them much success as they assume their new duties.

67/16 "HOW TO STOP SMOKING IN FIVE DAYS"--POCKET EDITION

VOTED, To approve the request of the Literature Planning and Reading Committee for H. C. Lamp, M.D. to prepare a pocket-sized booklet entitled "How to Stop Smoking in Five Days", and further,

To request the Middle East Press to make a preliminary study regarding the preparation and distribution of this booklet and report at the forthcoming Division Council.

67/17 HEALTH CORRESPONDENCE COURSE--REVISION

VOTED, To approve the recommendation of the Literature Planning and Reading Committee and request H. C. Lamp, M.D. to revise the present Health Correspondence Course and expand it to 25 lessons.

67/18 NICOSIA, CYPRUS PROPERTY--MORTGAGE

VOTED, To authorize the Division treasurer to obtain from the "Seventh-day Adventists in Cyprus, Ltd." a suitable mortgage in favor of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists to make the recently purchased property in Nicosia secure to the denomination.

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67/19 AUTOMOBILE DEPRECIATION POLICY REVISION--COMMITTEE

VOTED, To appoint the following a committee to bring to the forthcoming Division Council a recommendation for revising the Division Automobile Depreciation Policy:

R. C. Mills
 Sabah Esber
 R. W. Wilmot
 G. B. Yared

67/20 EVANGELISM BUDGET SUBSIDIES

VOTED, To grant subsidies for evangelistic efforts as follows:

Cyprus	CyL	250.000	LL 2,198.00
Egypt	LEg	4,500.000	31,792.50
Iran	Rials	80,000.00	3,349.38
Jordan	JD	342.500	3,011.26
Lebanon	LL	23,970.00	<u>23,970.00</u>
			LL 64,321.14

67/21 SURVEY BLANKS--PRINTING

VOTED, To authorize the printing of 3,000 blanks to be used in securing information regarding interest, decision, and growth of church members in the Division territory.

67/22 SHAHADA HALABI--REQUEST FOR SERVICES

VOTED, To pass on to the Lebanon Section a request for the services of Shahada Halabi to assist in Five-Day Plans as follows:

Jerusalem	March 31-April 7
Damascus	April 21-28

Travel, lodging, and per diem expenses are to be paid by the requesting Section.

67/23 MAROUN KHOURY--FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

VOTED, That Maroun Khoury be granted a special assistance of LL 600.00 to aid him with expenses connected with his entrance into the church, and that the regular rent subsidy policy apply on the basis of a rent of LL 2,300.00 per year until May 1967.

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67/24 CAROL HETZELL--ITINERARY

VOTED, To approve the following itinerary for Carol Hetzell:

June 24-26	Tehran, Iran	Writers' Institute
June 27-29	Beirut, Lebanon	Writers' Institute
June 30-July 2	Benghazi, Libya	

67/25 EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

Requests have been received requiring the granting of special emergency subsidies.

The Egypt Section is required to pay a share of a social security lump payment to the widow of William Gayed. They are also obligated to make payments on social security taxes not included in the original budget.

The Cairo Mercy Home has been required by the government to accept more orphans than was contemplated in the budget.

Furniture used in the Cyprus Section was rented with the former office, and must now be replaced in the new building.

It was, therefore

VOTED, To grant emergency appropriations as follows:

Social Security payment to Mrs. William Gayed	LEg 728.260	LL 5,145.16 (Sustentation Fund)
1967 Social Security tax payments	LEg 4,802.495	LL 33,929.63 (Sustentation Fund)
Mercy Home Operating	LEg 1,500.000	LL 10,597.50 (Emergency Fund)
Cyprus Office Furniture	CyL 1,000.000	LL 8,792.00 (Emergency Fund)

67/26 GEORGE NEHME--WORKER STATUS

VOTED, To employ George Nehme as a regular worker as of March 1, 1967, and to set his salary at 83 per cent. His rent subsidy is to be based on his present house arrangement, and the medical policy is to apply to the recent illness of his daughter.

67/27 MRS. NAJEEBA FARGO, MRS. ALICE MAJEED--SICK LEAVE

On August 22, 1966, Mrs. Najeeba Fargo, teacher in the Baghdad Academy, was required to remain in bed due to a back ailment. Not until February 8, 1967, was she able to resume her work. August 25, 1966, Mrs. Alice Majeed, who also teaches in the same school, suffered a severe car accident which confined her until November 23, 1966. The Iraq Section Committee has requested counsel regarding payment of salary to these workers during their absence from their duties. It was, therefore

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VOTED, To recommend to the Iraq Section that Mrs. Alice Majeed and Mrs. Najeeba Fargo receive full salary for the first three months of their confinement and half salary for the remaining time up to a maximum of three months.

67/28 PHILIP SAATY--AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

VOTED, To authorize Philip Saaty, student in La Sierra College, to report 75 per cent of the premium for full-coverage automobile insurance.

67/29 QUADRENNIAL SESSION--DATES

Word has been received that R. H. Pierson can visit the Middle East Division July 26-29. It was, therefore

VOTED, To amend our action number 66/249 and fix the following dates for the Ministerial Institute and Division Council:

Ministerial Institute	July 19-25, 1967
Quadrennial Session	July 25-29, 1967

67/30 ANDREW FEARING--ITINERARY

VOTED, To approve the following itinerary for Andrew Fearing:

June 15-July 1	Tehran	Evangelistic effort (Armenian Center)
July 2-18	Beirut	Evangelistic effort (Bourj Hammoud)
July 19-31	Beirut	Ministerial Institute & Division Council

67/31 ITINERARIES

VOTED, To approve the following itineraries:

F. C. Webster	February 9-13	Cairo
	March 5-8	Cairo
	March 8-12	Benghazi
	April 2-8	Iraq
	April 9-16	Iran
	April 24-30	Turkey
	May 6-13	Middle East College (Week of Prayer)
	May 19-24	Jordan
	June 1-5	Cyprus
	R. C. Mills	February 24-28

Adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Closing prayer by F. C. Webster.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary