

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

May 18, 1967, 2:30 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, D. L. Chappell, H. C. Lamp, M.D.,
R. C. Mills, K. L. Vine, R. W. Wilmot, R. L. Jacobs

OTHERS PRESENT:

By invitation: G. B. Yared

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by R. W. Wilmot and H. C. Lamp, M.D.

67/86 WRITERS' COUNCIL--DELEGATES

VOTED, To approve the following list of delegates to the Writers' Council to be held June 27-29 in Beirut:

M. Carol Hetzell	R. L. Fenn	H. C. Lamp, M.D.
Salam Aboujauda	Antoine Guirgoss	Minas Megurditchian
Naim Awais	Shahada Halabi	Henry Melki
H. D. Bresee	Dale Hepker	L. C. Miller
D. L. Chappell	Mrs. Dale Hepker	Mrs. J. S. Russell
Moses Elmadjian	Maurice Katrib	G. B. Yared

67/87 DIVISION COUNCIL--ADDITIONAL DELEGATES

VOTED, To add the following names to the list of delegates to the Ministerial Council and Quadrennial Session:

<u>Cyprus Section</u>	<u>Iraq Section</u>	<u>Jordan Section</u>
Dean McDaniel	**Fawzia Khalil	**Hana J. Nasr
	**Majeeda Shamoon	**Farid Sammour
<u>Iran Section</u>	**Selma Tooma	
**Anoosh Keshishzade		

**Ministerial Council only

67/88 HILAL DOSE--DIVISION COUNCIL DELEGATE FROM IRAQ

VOTED, That the name of Hilal Dose be listed as a delegate to the Division Council from Iraq rather than from Egypt.

67/89 HAROLD JOHNSON--CALL

VOTED, To pass on to the Overseas Committee the call of the Iran Section for Harold S. Johnson to serve as pastor and teacher in the Iran Academy.

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67/90 JOHNNY MINASSIAN--ADVANCED STUDY PLANS

VOTED, To approve the recommendation of the Iran Section that Johnny Minassian begin his studies in Andrews University in September instead of June, 1967 (MED 66/203).

67/91 SHAHADA HALABI--SERVICE REQUEST

VOTED, To pass on to the Lebanon Section the request of the Jordan Section for the services of Shahada Halabi to assist in a Five-Day Plan in El Kerak, June 11-15, 1967; expenses, other than salary, to be paid by the Jordan Section.

67/92 EVANGELISM BUDGET REQUESTS

In answer to the requests of the Egypt and Iran Sections, it was

VOTED, To grant appropriations from the Evangelism Reserve Fund as follows:

Cairo Center, Egypt	Effort conducted by Chafic Srour	LEg.	750.000
Armenian Center, Tehran	Effort conducted by Andrew Fearing	Rls.	40,000.00

67/93 IRAN SECTION MEETINGS--DATE MODIFICATION

On recommendation of the Iran Section, it was

VOTED, To set August 10-19, 1967, as the date for their camp meeting and biennial session. This supersedes action MED 67/49.

67/94 ARAM AGHASSIAN--VACATION TO LEBANON

On request of the Iran Section, it was

VOTED, To approve the plan for Aram Aghassian and family to visit Lebanon for 30 days in connection with the Ministerial Council. They will be granted a 30-day round-trip excursion plane ticket for each member of the family, and on return to Iran will begin a new term of service. The expense will be borne as follows:

Iran Section	75%
Middle East Division	25%

67/95 VARTO, TURKEY--ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In view of the needs for new school buildings occasioned by last year's earthquake in the Varto area of Eastern Turkey, it was

VOTED, To join with the Turkish Department of Education in building a two-room elementary school, making available an appropriation of TqL 53,879.68, to be financed as follows:

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General Conference	TqL 31,497.34
Northern European Division	14,043.40
MED Famine Relief	2,866.00
Emergency Funds	<u>5,472.94</u>
Total	TqL 53,879.68

67/96 DIVISION PROPERTY--SALE TO HOSPITAL

Dr. Mitri Bitar is constructing a small hospital on land adjacent to the Division office compound. Lot No. 1126, which is part of the Division property, extends in front of his property, arriving at a point at the lower end of his land, providing him no frontage on the highway. The doctor desires to purchase Lot No. 1126. Since the major portion of this lot cannot be used by us due to its location and dimensions, it was

VOTED, To approve the sale of 170 square meters of land needed by the Bitar Hospital for an entrance for LL 10,000.00 and to donate to them the remainder of the point that extends in front of the hospital.

67/97 KOREAN NURSES--CALL

On May 23, 1966, (MED 66/151) a call was lodged with the General Conference for four nurses, with the suggestion that two of these be Filipino and two from the United States. At that time no Filipino nurses were available and instead two from Korea were appointed. Since more nurses will be required as the hospital is moved into the new building, it was

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the call of the Benghazi Hospital for two additional nurses from the Far Eastern Division. It is understood that these nurses come under the policy applying to Filipino nurses.

67/98 MIDDLE EAST PRESS--REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

On request of the Middle East Press, it was

VOTED, To approve the reallocation of balances in the Galley Cabinet and the Telephone Installation reserves which were funds previously appropriated by the Middle East Division for these purposes, as follows:

Sewer Project	LL 500.00
Mailing Room Project	<u>500.00</u>
Total	LL 1,000.00

67/99 BENHAZI HOSPITAL--CALL FOR SECRETARY

In order to fill an urgent need at the Benghazi Hospital, it was

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference and the Far Eastern Division a call for an office secretary for the Benghazi Hospital.

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67/100 ITINERARIES

VOTED, To approve the following itineraries:

F. C. Webster	May 23-28	Egypt
D. L. Chappell	June 29-July 9	Iran
	July 10-12	Iraq
	August 2-10	Jordan

67/101 QUADRENNIAL SESSION--SERVICE COMMITTEES

VOTED, To name the following service committees to serve in connection with the Quadrennial Session to be held July 25-29, 1967:

Music

James Stephan
Boutros Ghazal
Mary Ghazal
Dorothy Webster

Translation

D. L. Chappell
Naim Awais
Ignatius Yacoub

Platform

L. C. Miller
Salim Japas
Chafic Srour

Transportation & Housing

R. C. Mills
Widad Faimann
George Ghazal
Dale Hepker
El Rita Mills
Betty Vine

Program

R. L. Jacobs
Manoug Nazirian
K. L. Vine
F. C. Webster

Ushering & Distribution of Materials

R. W. Wilmot
R. E. Anderson
Cleo Johnson
H. C. Lamp, M.D.

67/102 B. L. GILLEROTH FURLOUGH--MODIFICATION OF DATE

The Swedish Union has requested that Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Gilleroth attend the closing days of their Quadrennial Session, and since it is felt that such a visit would be beneficial to the Middle East College and the Division mission program, it was

VOTED, To request B. L. Gilleroth to take his furlough from June 15 to September 15, 1967, instead of at the time indicated in our action MED 67/64.

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67/103 IRAN ACADEMY--CANCEL CALL FOR TEACHER

The pending call of the Iran Academy for an English teacher has now been filled locally. It was, therefore

VOTED, To rescind our action MED 66/311 and cancel our call to the General Conference for a couple to teach English in the Iran Academy.

Adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Closing prayer by K. L. Vine.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary