

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

December 11, 1967, 3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, H. C. Lamp, L. C. Miller, R. C. Mills,
Manoug Nazirian, K. L. Vine, R. W. Wilmot, G. B. Yared, R. L. Jacobs

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by R. W. Wilmot.

67/322 DOROTHY E. WALTER--FURLOUGH

In harmony with her request, it was

VOTED, To grant Dorothy E. Walter a regular nine-month furlough
beginning December 17, 1967. RLJ

67/323 ARTHUR EWERT--PERMANENT RETURN, MODIFICATION OF DATE

In harmony with his request, a recommendation was passed on to the
General Conference that Arthur Ewert be granted a permanent return to the
United States, effective May 1, 1968 (MED 67/172) with the understanding
that if possible he be placed on deferred appointment to the Middle East
Division to return to Libya at the end of his study program.

In order to realize his plans, Dr. Ewert has found it necessary
to leave at an earlier date. It was

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference that the permanent
return of Arthur Ewert, D.D.S., be effective December 8, 1967. RLJ

67/324 DISASTER AND FAMINE RELIEF--REQUEST FOR TURKEY

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of the
Turkey Section for 2,000 CARE food packages. FCW

67/325 CYPRUS SECTION COMMITTEE

On April 28, 1965, the Division committee took action (MED 65/81)
on behalf of the Cyprus Section session appointing the Section Committee.
Since it still does not appear feasible for them to hold a constituency
meeting, it was

VOTED, To name the following committee for the Cyprus Section
for the 1968-69 biennium:

J. Sherwood Jones
Moses Elmadjian
Stella Dracoudes
Nicolas Ioannou
Dean O. McDaniel

RLJ

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67/326 MRS. R. C. MILLS--BENGHAZI SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

In harmony with the request of the Benghazi Hospital Board,

VOTED, To approve the travel expense of Mrs. R. C. Mills to Benghazi, Libya, to hold a Sabbath School Workshop, February 27 to March 3, 1968.

RCM

67/327 VACATIONS--HELD OVER TO 1968

VOTED, To authorize George Yared and Salim Japas to hold over one week of their 1967 vacations to be taken in 1968.

RCM

67/328 CARLOS JAPAS--PERMANENT RETURN

In harmony with his request, it was

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference that Carlos Japas, son of Salim Japas, be granted a permanent return to Argentina where he has been called for military service.

RLJ

67/329 BAGHDAD HOSPITAL PROJECT

In harmony with the request of the Iraq Section, it was

VOTED, To appoint the following committee to study the advisability of re-establishing medical work in Baghdad:

H. C. Lamp
Adeeb Fargo
Basim Fargo
Ghanim Fargo
R. L. Jacobs
Cleo Johnson
Salim Majeed
R. C. Mills
F. C. Webster

RLJ

67/330 ARAM AGHASSIAN--REQUEST FOR SERVICES

VOTED, To pass on to the Lebanon Section the request of the Iraq Section for the services of Aram Aghassian to assist Manoug Nazirian in the Basra effort, February 15-March 30. It is understood that the Lebanon Section will continue his salary and that the Iraq Section will pay travel and entertainment expenses.

RLJ

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67/331 HOVIK SARRAFIAN--REQUEST FOR SERVICES

VOTED, To pass on to the Iran Section the request of the Iraq Section for Hovik Sarrafian to hold an evangelistic effort in Baghdad in 1969.

RLJ

67/332 SABRY AZER--CALL TO IRAQ

VOTED, To pass on to the Egypt Section the call of the Iraq Section for Sabry Azer to serve as pastor of the Kirkuk district.

RLJ

67/333 ARSEN ARZOO, M.D.--MINISTERIAL LICENSE

In harmony with the recommendation of the Iran Section

VOTED, To recommend to the Iran Section that they grant a Ministerial License to Arsen Arzoo, M.D.

RLJ

67/334 SERPOUHI MAKSOUDIAN--FINAL SETTLEMENT

Serpouhi Maksoudian was studying nursing in the Dar El Salaam Hospital when it was closed. She finished her course in the Benghazi Hospital, but since this institution was not recognized, her credits have not been valid either for work or for admittance in other institutions. Inasmuch as we have no medical institution in the Division territory where she can secure a work permit, she is requesting a final settlement. Due to these special circumstances, it was

VOTED, To grant service credit to Serpouhi Maksoudian for the three years she was studying nursing in Baghdad and Benghazi, which, added to the time she served in the Lebanon Section, makes a total of six and one-half years, and

To recommend that the Lebanon Section make final settlement with Miss Maksoudian on this basis, it being understood that the Middle East Division will pay the indemnity on the three years of study and share equally with the Lebanon Section on the remaining portion.

RCM

67/335 ADVANCED STUDY POLICY--APPLICATION RETROACTIVE

The policy "Advanced Study by Workers of Middle East Division" (MED WP 116-118) was adopted while Jad Katrib and M. H. Morovati were studying for advanced degrees in the United States. Payment of travel expense for their families was made for the return trip to their places of labor but not for the trip to the United States. Considering that this has worked undue hardship on these families, it was

VOTED, To apply the provisions of the Advanced Study by Workers Policy to Jad Katrib and M. H. Morovati insofar as they apply to the payment of the travel expense of the wife and dependent children from the place of labor to the University and return, as specified in the Middle East Division Working Policy, page 117, section 6, a.

RCM

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67/336 BENGHAZI HOSPITAL--ASSISTANT DIETITIAN

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the call of the Benghazi Hospital for Lydia Caballero of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital to serve as assistant dietitian.

RLJ

67/337 NAJLA MACKOBSY, R.N.--BENGHAZI HOSPITAL STAFF NURSE

VOTED, To pass on to Najla Mackobsy of Syria, not currently denominationally employed, a call from the Benghazi Hospital for her to serve as a staff nurse.

RLJ

67/338 BENGHAZI HOSPITAL--CALLS FOR PHYSICIANS

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of the Benghazi Hospital for two physicians, one a qualified surgeon and the other an internist.

RLJ

67/339 BENGHAZI HOSPITAL--PUBLIC RELATIONS LEAFLET

VOTED, To grant to Benghazi Hospital 75 per cent of the cost of 15,000 Ingathering brochures to be used in connection with the Tripoli International Fair, two thirds of this assistance to be provided from Ingathering funds of 1968 and the remainder from Public Relations Department Expense.

RCM

67/340 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE--1968

VOTED, To approve the following holidays for the Middle East Division office in 1968:

January 1	New Year's Day
April 15	Easter
May 1	Labor Day
May 6	Martyr's Day
To be arranged	Picnic Day
November 22	Independence Day (½ day)
December 25, 26, 27	Christmas (2½ days)

Adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Closing prayer by Manoug Nazirian.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

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