

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

February 1, 1968, 4:30 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, H. C. Lamp, R. C. Mills, Manoug Nazirian, Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, R. W. Wilmot, George Yared, R. L. Jacobs

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by Manoug Nazirian.

68/11 IRAQ SECTION--REQUEST FOR USED CLOTHING

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of the Iraq Section for 100 bales of used clothing for free distribution on condition that a permit can be secured for importation without duty. FCW

68/12 EGYPT SECTION--REQUEST FOR RELIEF CLOTHING

On January 7, 1968, a minority committee consisting of F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, Salim Japas, R. C. Mills, Chafic Srour, R. W. Wilmot, and R. L. Jacobs met in the Beirut airport and took the following action:

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of the Egypt Section for 300 bales of used clothing and 2,000 CARE packages on condition that a permit can be secured for duty-free importation.

It was,

VOTED, To approve the action of the minority committee taken on January 7, 1968. FCW

68/13 EGYPT SUMMER SCHOOL--REQUEST

WHEREAS, The Egypt Academy does not offer the official course leading to a valid certificate that can be accepted by Middle East College, and

WHEREAS, There are at least twelve students who have finished the academy course offered and whose value as workers could be increased if they could receive further preparation, it was

VOTED, To pass on to Middle East College the request of the Egypt Section that plans be made for conducting an extension school in Egypt every summer, with the understanding that Middle East College provide the teachers with their salaries and that all other expenses including housing and daily allowance will be paid by the Egypt Section. RLJ

68/14 JOSEPH KHOURY--REQUEST FOR SERVICES

VOTED, To pass on to Middle East College the request of the Lebanon Section for Dr. Joseph Khoury to assist in a Five-Day Plan to be conducted in Ras Beirut March 3-7, 1968. RLJ

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68/15 NICK GERMANIS--REQUEST FOR SERVICES

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division the request of the Cyprus Section for Nick Germanis to hold evangelistic meetings in Cyprus March 15-31, 1968, it being understood that travel expenses will be paid by the Cyprus Section. RLJ

68/16 M. T. OLIVERIO--ADVANCED STUDY

A study program in Tulane University was formerly approved for M. T. Oliverio in connection with his furlough. He has now found that it will be possible to pursue his studies in Loma Linda University, and in harmony with his request and the recommendation of the Benghazi Hospital, it was

VOTED, To grant M. T. Oliverio, M.D., an extended furlough of fifteen months beginning in the summer of 1968 for study in Loma Linda University for a degree in Public Health and special work in Radiology and Cardiology. It is understood that one stop is authorized in the Philippines en route either way, and authorization is also granted for Mrs. Oliverio to take studies leading to a Medical Records degree. The provisions of the Advanced Study Policy will apply. This supersedes our action 66/264. RLJ

68/17 SABRY AZER--CALL CANCELED

In harmony with the recommendation of the Egypt Section, it was

VOTED, To rescind Middle East Division action 67/332 passing on a call for Sabry Azer to serve as pastor-evangelist in the Iraq Section. RLJ

68/18 JERUSALEM EVANGELIST--CALL CANCELED

Due to the present political situation making it impossible for us to carry on work in Jerusalem, it was

VOTED, To cancel our call (MED 65/336) for an evangelistic worker to be located in Jerusalem. RLJ

68/19 IRAN SECTION--CALL FOR PASTOR-EVANGELIST

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the call of the Iran Section for a Pastor-Evangelist, suggesting the name of R. R. Nickell, presently employed in the Idaho Conference, and further,

To Recommend to the General Conference that this appointee be authorized to pursue an intensive study course in the Farsi language for up to three months in a specialized language school in the United States before coming to his new field. RLJ

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68/20 BENGHAZI HOSPITAL--CALL FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHER

WHEREAS, A second teacher is required to care for the needs of the Benghazi Overseas School, it was

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the call of the Benghazi Hospital for an elementary teacher to teach in the Benghazi Overseas School.

RLJ

68/21 RUTH CHUNG--CALL

Ruth Chung is a Chinese nurse graduated from our Chung King Sanitarium and was employed for approximately ten years as staff nurse, head nurse, supervisor, and finally as assistant director of nursing service in the Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital. She is now employed by the Libyan Government in the Derna Government Hospital and has expressed her desire to work in Benghazi Adventist Hospital (See MED 67/62). A work permit is being secured to enable her to work in the Benghazi Hospital, but difficulty has been encountered in securing permission for her to remain in Libya without first returning to Taiwan, as stated in her contract with the Libyan Government. Since it would also appear to be advantageous to her to be called from her homeland on the basis of a regular worker called from the Far Eastern Division, it was

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference and the Far Eastern Division the call of the Benghazi Hospital Board for Ruth Chung of Taiwan to serve as staff nurse, on the basis of present arrangements for Filipino workers in Benghazi.

RLJ

68/22 HANNA MALAKA--CALL TO JORDAN

VOTED, To pass on to the Egypt Section the call of the Jordan Section for Hanna Malaka to serve as principal of the Amman school.

RLJ

68/23 HANNA ABDEL-MALEK--CALL

VOTED, To pass on to the Egypt Section the call of the Benghazi Hospital for Hanna Abdel-Malek to serve as assistant in the maintenance department.

RLJ

68/24 R. D. HYDE--FURLOUGH

In harmony with the recommendation of the Iran Section, it was

VOTED, To grant R. D. Hyde a three-month furlough beginning June 1, 1968.

RLJ

68/25 AARON DENNIS--FURLOUGH AND STUDY PLANS

In harmony with his request and on the recommendation of the Benghazi Hospital Board, it was

VOTED, To approve an extended furlough of fifteen months for Aaron Dennis, beginning May 15, 1968, and further

To authorize Brother Dennis to study in Andrews University in the field of education.

RLJ

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68/26 FUAD ASHKAR--WORKER IN-SERVICE TRAINING

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

VOTED, That Fuad Ashkar be approved for study in Middle East College under the provisions of the Worker In-Service Training Policy (MED WP 112-115) for the 1967-68 school year. Further, that in application of the policy the 75 per cent salary be applied to his own salary rate rather than the ordained minister's maximum rate.

RLJ

68/27 MOTORCYCLE--DEPRECIATION AND MILEAGE RATE

VOTED, That where workers are authorized to use motor scooters or motorcycles, the depreciation and kilometer rates be set by the Section committee at approximately one-fifth the automobile rates in the country concerned, it being understood that liability insurance be carried and paid for by the employing organization in harmony with the policy for automobiles.

RCM

68/28 JORDAN SECTION--INCOME TAX POLICY

VOTED, To authorize the application of the provisions of the Income Tax Policy (MED WP 97) in the Jordan Section.

RCM

68/29 SOCIAL SECURITY ALLOWANCES--LEBANESE WORKERS

November 14, 1967, the committee to study the Social Security regulations in Lebanon as related to wage scale and allowances granted to employees, was reactivated. (MED 67/268) It was

VOTED, To adopt the report of the subcommittee on Lebanese Social Security, as follows:

Policies concerning Social Security service termination, family allowances and denominational sustentation as they pertain to workers employed by SDA organizations and institutions in Lebanon:

1. That where family allowances are paid according to the Social Security Law, child allowances according to the present policy be canceled.
2. That workers who are not eligible to collect family allowances under the Social Security Law, receive an amount equal to what they would receive from the Social Security Fund if eligible.
3. That workers registered under the Social Security Law be assured sustentation eligibility as any other regular worker under the provision of the sustentation policy and, if found eligible for sustentation, amounts received from the Social Security Fund will be considered pre-payments of sustentation benefits.
4. That a worker eligible for sustentation and receiving Social Security benefits who chooses to:

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a. receive his Social Security benefits in a lump sum, will be eligible for full sustentation as soon as his monthly credits from the sustentation fund exceed the lump sum payment received from Social Security.

b. receive his Social Security benefits in a lump sum and in turn pays it to the Middle East Division, if he is eligible for sustentation benefits, may receive sustentation payments according to the sustentation policy. In case the worker passes away before he receives from sustentation an amount equal to that paid in from Social Security benefits, the unused balance will be paid to a beneficiary pre-named by the worker.

c. receive his Social Security benefits on a monthly basis will receive from the sustentation fund an amount that when added to the Social Security benefits equals the amount of full sustentation for which he is eligible.

5. That a worker who chooses to receive full benefits from both the Social Security fund and the sustentation fund, may deposit with his employing organization a sum equal to the amount the employing organization is required to pay to the Social Security Fund. It is understood that at retirement or termination of service the worker may elect to collect the amount thus deposited by him and, if eligible, receive only the benefits of the sustentation policy.

RCM

68/30 HOUSING SUBSIDY EVALUATION COMMITTEE--REPORT

In harmony with the request of the Lebanon Section Committee and the Middle East Press Board, it was

VOTED, To appoint the following committee to assess the rental value of homes in Lebanon owned by denominational employees and rented to persons receiving subsidies under the provisions of the rent policies:

R. C. Mills
George Ghazal
Boutros Ghazal
Minas Megurditchian
R. W. Wilmot

RCM

68/31 ITINERARIES AND APPOINTMENTS

VOTED, To approve the following itineraries and dates:

F. C. Webster	February	15 - 21	Iran
	"	22 - 24	Kuwait
	"	25-Mar 3	Iraq
	March	14 - 18	Cyprus
	"	28-Apr 26	Evang. Campaign Beirut
	April	1 - 4	Cairo
	June	11 - 17	Egypt
	"	27-July 3	Iran

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R. L. Jacobs	February 16 - 18	Egypt
"	27-Mar 3	Iraq

Herbert White, Associate Publishing Secretary of the General Conference	June 7 - 10	Middle East College
"	11 - 13	Iran Academy

Biennial Sessions:

March 1, 1968	Iraq
April 26, 1968	Jordan

Camp meeting:

June 20-29, 1968	Iran
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Adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Closing prayer by R. W. Wilmot.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

February 5, 1968, 3:00 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, H. C. Lamp, R. C. Mills, Chafic Srour,
K. L. Vine, R. W. Wilmot, George Yared, R. L. Jacobs

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by R. W. Wilmot.

68/32 J. E. EDWARDS--MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE WEEK OF PRAYER

VOTED, To approve the request of Middle East College that
J. E. Edwards conduct the spring Week of Prayer, May 3-11, 1968.

RLJ

68/33 LAY ACTIVITIES COUNCIL

VOTED, That a Lay Activities Council be held in Beirut, May 13 and
14, 1968, and that Section Lay Activities secretaries and presidents be
invited to attend.

FCW

68/34 SALARY RATES--MODIFICATION OF BASE

A careful cost of living survey has been conducted by the Treasury
Department throughout the Middle East Division. A modification of the
100 per cent base rate is indicated, and in harmony with the action of the
Audit Committee taken at the time of the 1967 Annual Committee, it was

VOTED, That the following 100 per cent base salary rates be
approved, effective January 1, 1968:

Cyprus	Cyf	88.360
Egypt	£Eg	68.840
Iran	Rials	21,439.00
Iraq	ID	90.750
Jordan	JD	70.350
Lebanon	LL	663.50
Libya	Lif	98.150
Syria	SyL	670.00
Turkey	TqL	2,150.00

RCM

Adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

February 5, 1968, 7:00 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. C. Mills, Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, R. L. Jacobs

By Invitation: Joseph Khoury, Ignatius Yacoub

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by Ignatius Yacoub.

68/35 TEACHERS' WAGE SCALE--REVISED

A special committee gave study to a revised teachers' wage scale which would take into consideration a) Teaching efficiency, b) Years of experience, c) Professional growth, and d) Cooperation. This scale is within the limits of the General Conference wage scale for Overseas Divisions. It was

VOTED, To authorize the Lebanon Section to apply the teachers' wage scale as presented on an experimental basis, effective January 1, 1968. RCM

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

February 14, 1968, 3:15 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, R. C. Mills, Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, R. W. Wilmot, George Yared, R. L. Jacobs

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by K. L. Vine.

68/36 MRS. J. A. SINES--LICENSE

VOTED, To grant a Missionary License to Mrs. J. A. Sines. RLJ

68/37 BENGHAZI HOSPITAL--RENT CEILING SUSPENDED

In harmony with the recommendation of the Benghazi Hospital (BAH 68/26) it was

VOTED, To suspend the application of the rent ceiling as it affects Benghazi until suitable housing can be provided for the staff. RCM

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68/38 BENHAZI HOSPITAL--CALL FOR PHYSIOTHERAPIST

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the call of the Benghazi Hospital for a physiotherapist. RLJ

68/39 LEIF JENSEN--PERMANENT RETURN

Leif Jensen has served in the Middle East Division since January 3, 1958. In spite of his diligent work and excellent public relations, conditions seemingly beyond our control have made it impossible to build up a satisfactory clientele for the Beirut physiotherapy clinic. In view of these facts it seems inadvisable to continue operation of the clinic. Brother Jensen is in complete agreement with this position and in harmony with his request, it was

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference a request for the permanent return of Leif Jensen to Denmark, effective June 15, 1968, and further

To express to Brother Jensen appreciation for more than ten years of devoted service in the Middle East Division. RLJ

68/40 BENHAZI HOSPITAL--CALL FOR LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

In harmony with the request of the Benghazi Hospital (BAH 68/20), it was

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the call of the Benghazi Hospital for a medical technician. RLJ

68/41 ELISEO OLIVERIO--FURLOUGH

In harmony with the recommendation of the Benghazi Hospital Board, it was

VOTED, That Eliseo Oliverio be granted an extended furlough of twelve months, beginning with the summer of 1968, for the purpose of study at the Central Philippine University toward a B.S. degree. It is understood that he will receive financial assistance for his study program equivalent to that granted workers by the Worker In-Service Training Policy (MED WP 114) and that he will return to the Benghazi Adventist Hospital for another term of service. RLJ

68/42 D. C. LUDINGTON--TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Dr. D. C. Ludington had been accepted for a residency program beginning early this summer. Due to our inability to secure a replacement for him, he has consented to remain in Benghazi until January 1969. Dr. Ludington is asking that he be granted a two-month trip to the United States to arrange certain personal matters and to secure a postponement of his residency arrangements. It was

VOTED, To authorize D. C. Ludington, M.D. and family travel expenses for a two-month trip to his home in the United States during the summer of 1968. RLJ

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68/43 JON GREEN--FUTURE

On November 10, 1966 (MED 66/301) a call was placed for Jon Green to serve as pastor of the Baghdad Church and as health educator. He accepted the call and his goods were sent to New York for shipment. Political problems delayed travel and when a visa could not be secured, the Texas Conference gave him employment on a temporary basis. Although the visa still has not been granted for Iraq, it is considered advisable that Brother Green and family come to the Middle East to serve in another field until such time as he can proceed to Iraq. It was

VOTED, To assign Jon Green temporarily to the Benghazi Adventist Hospital for health education work. RCM

68/44 SYRIA SECTION--BIENNIAL SESSION

In harmony with the recommendation of the Syria Section, it was

VOTED, That the Syria Section Biennial Session be held in Damascus on April 12, 1968. RLJ

68/45 H. C. LAMP--ITINERARY

VOTED, To include in the itinerary of H. C. Lamp the following appointment:

Five-Day Plan March 24-28, 1968 Tripoli, Libya RLJ

Adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Closing prayer by Chafic Srour.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary