

## MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

June 6, 1968 2:00 P. M.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, Maurice Katrib, George Khoury, L. C. Miller, R. C. Mills, Manoug Nazirian, Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, R. L. Jacobs.

Prayer was offered by Chafic Srour.

68/135 MIDDLE EAST PRESS - REASSIGNMENT FUNDS FOR CALCULATOR

In harmony with the request of the Middle East Press, it was

VOTED, That LL 1,000, appropriated to Middle East Press for a Building Improvement Fund in the 1968 Specials, be reassigned for use in the purchase of a recording calculator.

RCM

68/136 WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS - 1968

VOTED, To authorize the publication of 1,250 adult Week of Prayer Readings for 1969 in Arabic, the cost at LL 1.50 each, to be borne as follows:

Middle East Division	50%
Local Sections	25%
Local Churches	25%

Distribution to the local sections will be made by Middle East Press in proportion to the Arabic-speaking membership of each field.

RCM

68/137 WRITERS' CONTEST

VOTED, To approve the plan to conduct a Writers' Contest during the period from July 1 to December 31, 1968 based on the following provisions, it being understood that the plan be restudied at the time of the year-end committee meetings:

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION WRITERS' CONTEST

Purpose: The purpose of this contest is to obtain articles that can be used in our various Seventh-day Adventist publications by encouraging workers and members of the Middle East Division to do creative writing. Such publications can be: Call to Health, Hope Magazine, Middle East Messenger, Ministerial Advance, Review and Herald, Listen, Sabbath School Worker, Missions Quarterly, etc.

Who May Enter: This contest is open to any Seventh-day Adventist who would like to take part. Each item submitted must be signed by the author, stating that he or she is the originator of the article. Lay members should give the name of their district pastor. Any number of items may be submitted in Arabic or English.

Duration of the Contest: Contests will be held twice a year: January 1 to June 30 and July 1 to December 31. Manuscripts must reach the Middle East Division office on or before June 30 and December 31, in order to be included in the previous six-months' contest.

Categories, Awards, and Payments: If in the opinion of the judges, no manuscripts in a given category are worthy of an award, awards will not be given.

<u>Category A</u> -- True to fact stories or inspirational articles, suitable for periodicals, religious tracts, brochures, or booklets.	First Award	25.00 LL
	Second Award	15.00 LL

Required length: 500 word minimum.

<u>Category B</u> -- Short meditations or poems. Unspecified length.	First Award	15.00 LL
	Second Award	10.00 LL

Category C -- News stories of church activities.

Required length: 300 word minimum.

Category C items may be submitted at any time in English only. A 5.00 LL award will be paid for any entry published in any denominational publication. All entries are eligible for the grand award in each six-month period.

GRAND AWARD -- A Grand Award of 50.00 LL may be awarded to the best entry chosen from all categories during the six-month contest period, if in the opinion of the judges, a manuscript is worthy of such an award.

Coordinator of Articles: Articles to be submitted should be addressed to R. L. Jacobs, of the Middle East Division, who will act as coordinator. He, in turn, will submit the articles to the following panel of judges:

<u>English</u>	<u>Arabic</u>
R. C. Darnell, Chairman	Naim Awais, Chairman
Dale Hepker	Ignatius Yacoub
H. C. Lamp	George Khoury

1. All manuscripts submitted will be considered the property of the Middle East Division.
2. The portrayal of mission advance should be clearly indicated as Middle East Division.
3. Permission to publish these articles in any denominational periodical is automatically granted by the author's participation in the contest.
4. Any additional awards granted by denominational periodicals will be sent to the author of the article.
5. Photographs accompanying articles are highly desirable.
6. Articles should have a title page with the author's name on it. Author's name should not appear on any other page, so that articles will be anonymous to the judges.

Note: It is suggested that items in categories A or B that are given an award, be paid for by the department concerned with that type of article. For example: an article that would be printed in Ministerial Advance would be paid for by the Ministerial Department; an article for Call to Health, by the Middle East Press; an article for Listen by the Temperance Department. General news articles would be paid for by the Public Relations Department.

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68/138 VIRGINIA LAMB - CREDENTIAL

VOTED, To grant a Missionary License to Virginia Lamb, dietitian in the Benghazi Hospital.

RLJ

68/139 NASSIM KHOURY - CANCEL CALL

Since Nassim Khoury has expressed his desire to continue his work in the Mouseitbeh school, it was

VOTED, To cancel the call of Middle East College for him to serve as teacher in the Middle East Secondary School.

RLJ

68/140 L. H. COWLES - REQUEST FOR PART-TIME SERVICE

VOTED, To approve the request of the Lebanon Section that L. H. Cowles teach part-time in the Mouseitbeh School during the 1968-1969 school year, it being understood that details be worked out with the principal of the Beirut Overseas School.

RLJ

68/141 SHAHADA HALABI --VACATION AND TRAVEL OUTSIDE DIVISION

Shahada Halabi, worker in the Lebanon Section, has requested permission to travel to the United States to visit his aged grandfather whom he has never seen. On recommendation of the Lebanon Section, it was

VOTED, To grant permission for Shahada Halabi to travel to the United States at his own expense during the summer of 1968, and to approve the plan that he be granted one week in addition to his vacation time for visiting denominational headquarters and institutions and that he be permitted to take another week to be charged against his 1969 annual vacation, making a total of four weeks.

RLJ

68/142 RUBY WILLIAMS - RECONSIDERATION OF CALL

Middle East College placed a call for Ruby Williams, teacher in the Mouseitbeh School, to serve as dean of girls. The Lebanon Section has requested reconsideration, in view of their own needs. It was

VOTED, To reaffirm our action No. 68/56 and request the Lebanon Section to pass on to Ruby Williams the call of Middle East College for her to serve as dean of women.

RLJ

68/143 ANOOSH KESHISHZADE - ADVANCED STUDY

Anoosh Keshishzade has requested authorization to study for a Master's Degree in Andrews University. Since it is desirable that she continue her present work as principal of the Tehran Elementary School as it is moved into the new location this fall, it was

VOTED, To recommend to the Iran Section that Anoosh Keshishzade be approved for study in Andrews University for her Master's Degree, under the provisions of the Advanced Study by Workers Policy (MED WP 116 - 118 - A), for 14 months beginning July 1, 1969.

RLJ

68/144 GEORGE UNGER - HESHBON ARCHEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION

In harmony with the request of George Unger, it was

VOTED, That George Unger be permitted to join the Andrews University Archeological Expedition in Heshbon, Jordan during the summer of 1968, and that the Division pay \$100 toward the tuition expense charged by the University.

RCM

68/145 JUDITH NOLIN - PERMANENT RETURN

Lloyd Nolin has requested that his daughter Judy be granted a permanent return so that she can attend one of our academies in the United States. It also seems desirable that his wife accompany Judith and remain during the coming school year. It was

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference a request that Judy Nolin, daughter of Brother and Sister Lloyd Nolin, be granted a permanent return to Gaston, Oregon, effective August 15, and further

To grant permission for Mrs. Lloyd Nolin to accompany her daughter to the United States and to remain there during the 1968 -1969 school year.

RLJ

68/146 DEAN MCDANIEL - ASSIST IN GREEK MV CAMPS

Dean McDaniel has progressed in his study of Greek to the place where he could benefit from association with Greek-speaking children and young people in a camp situation. The Greek Mission has offered to use Brother McDaniel as counselor and instructor in their camps.

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It was

VOTED, To authorize Dean McDaniel to attend the summer camps to be held in Greece July 15 - August 20, 1968, it being understood that the travel expense to Greece and return will be paid by the Middle East Division and that the entertainment expense will be cared for by the Greek Mission.

RLJ

68/147 TRAVEL OUTSIDE DIVISION

VOTED, To grant permission for travel outside the Division as follows:

Mrs. R. L. Jacobs	Europe	June 18 - July 4, 1968
Elder and Mrs. Harold Gray	Europe	September, 1968
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson	Europe	July 10 - 30, 1968

RLJ

68/148 MANOUG NAZIRIAN - MV CAMP IN TURKEY

VOTED, That Manoug Nazirian be authorized to attend the Turkey MV Camp and visit in Turkey, August 1 - 18, instead of assisting with the Lebanon camps as formerly voted.

RLJ

68/149 EVANGELISM TRAINING COURSE - MODIFICATION OF DATE

VOTED, That the Intensive Evangelism Training Course, formerly scheduled for July 3 - 9, 1968 be held August 13 - 20, 1968.

RLJ

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

## MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

June 26, 1968 10:15 A. M.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, Salim Japas, R. C. Mills, Manoug Nazirian, Chafic Srour, George Yared, R. L. Jacobs.

By Invitation: Ignatius Yacoub

Prayer was offered by George Yared.

68/150 IGNATIUS YACOUB - INVITATION TO COMMITTEE

VOTED, To invite Ignatius Yacoub to represent Middle East College on the Division Executive Committee during the absence of K. L. Vine on furlough.

RLJ

68/151 CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES

VOTED, To grant the following credentials and licenses:

Benthazi Hospital:

Ministerial Credential:

Jon Green

Ministerial License:

J. A. Sines

Missionary Credential:

Antar Yacoub

Missionary License:

Mrs. J. A. Sines  
Soon Cha Chang (Phyllis)  
Chung Cha Cho (Helga)  
Mrs. Jon Green

Middle East Division

Missionary License

Kamli Gharib

RLJ

68/152 LABORATORY TECHNICIAN - CALL FROM FAR EASTERN DIVISION

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the call of the Benghazi Hospital for a laboratory technician from the Far Eastern Division. RLJ

68/153 CYPRUS -- TREASURER AND BOOK AND PERIODICAL HOUSE MANAGER

VOTED, To appoint J. S. Jones Acting Secretary-Treasurer of the Cyprus Section in the absence of Moses Elmadjian who is on study leave to Middle East College, and recommend that he also act as Secretary of the Book and Bible House, Public Affairs, Publishing, Temperance, and Missionary Volunteer departments. RLJ

68/154 DANAI CASSELLA - APPROVE EMPLOYMENT

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

VOTED, To approve the employment of Danai Cassella as Bible Instructor and Voice of Prophecy worker, it being understood that she will not be eligible to sustentation benefits. RLJ

68/155 SAMI BISHAI - FURLOUGH

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

VOTED, That Sami Bishai be granted a furlough to his homeland in Egypt, July 1 - 31, 1968, in harmony with the policy after two years of service. RLJ

68/156 DAVID LAMP - PERMANENT RETURN

In harmony with the request of H. C. Lamp, M.D., it was

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference that David Lamp, son of H. C. Lamp, M.D., be granted a permanent return, effective July 2, 1968, inasmuch as he plans to continue his studies in Blue Mountain Academy. RLJ

68/157 WRITER'S CONTEST - PAYMENT FOR NEWS STORIES

VOTED, To delete Category C from the Division Writers' Contest recorded in our Minutes 68/137. RLJ



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68/158 TRAVEL OUTSIDE DIVISION - PERMISSION

VOTED, That permission be granted to Mr. & Mrs. Michael Katrib, employees of the Lebanon Section, to take their vacation in Europe during the summer of 1968. RLJ

68/159 FUNERAL EXPENSE - FUAD YOUSSEF

Nicola Youssef, Division gateman, had an expense of LL 375.00 in connection with the funeral of his son Fuad. It was

VOTED, To grant to Nicola Youssef a special assistance of LL 187.50. RCM

68/160 GEORGE KHOURY - AUTOMOBILE DEPRECIATION ADVANCE

VOTED, To approve a two-year automobile depreciation advance for George Khoury for the purchase of a new car. RCM

68/161 WAIL HADDADIN - SPONSORSHIP BY DIVISION

On April 18, 1968 action was taken approving the recommendation of the Jordan Section that a loan be granted to Wail Haddadin, Jordanian student studying in Spicer Memorial College, to aid him in his senior year. Due to the financial crisis in Jordan, the Section finds itself unable to finance this sponsorship, or assure his employment after completion of his studies. Since other fields are in need of teachers, it was

VOTED, That the Division assume the financial obligations of the loan to Wail Haddadin as stipulated in our action, Minutes 68/68, and that the question of the field to which he will be assigned and reimbursement of the loan be studied at a future time. RCM

68/162 LEBANON SECTION - CALL FOR MRS. HARLEY BRESEE

VOTED, To approve the request of the Lebanon Section to employ Mrs. Harley Bresee as part-time assistant in the Beirut Center. RLJ

68/163 RENT CEILING - ZAHLE, LEBANON

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

VOTED, To set a temporary rent ceiling for Zahle, Lebanon of 40%. RLJ

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68/164 MERCY HOME BUILDING RESERVE - REASSIGNMENT

VOTED, To approve the reassignment of LEg 175 from the Mercy Home Building Reserve Fund for the purchase of a house to serve as meeting place in Ashrouba (near Minia), Egypt, in harmony with the request of the Egypt Section.

RCM

68/165 ITINERARIES

VOTED, To approve the following itinerary for George Khoury in place of that voted in Minutes 68/129:

June 18 - July 2	Iran
July 5 - July 13	Jordan
July 14 - July 22	Syria
July 25 - Aug. 7	Vacation
Sept. 1 - Sept. 24	Egypt
Oct. - December	Turkey

RLJ

Adjourned at 11:30. Closing prayer by Salim Japas.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary