MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE December 24, 1968 8:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by Maurice Katrib and R. C. Mills.

68/260 WELFARE SHIPMENTS - REQUESTS

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference requests for welfare shipments, as follows:

Egypt Section Used Clothing 300 bales

CARE Food 2,000 units

Turkey Section CARE Food 2,000 units

FCW

68/261 TURKEY SECTION - ASSISTANCE FOR CAMP

Whereas, Manuk Benzatyan will be attending the Andrews Extension School during the summer of 1969, and no local help is available for the direction of the Turkey Section youth's camp, it was

VOTED, To authorize Elder L. C. Miller to travel to Turkey for the purpose of giving direction to the youth camp scheduled for the summer of 1969.

RLJ

68/262 NATHAN RATIB - ESTABLISH HOME IN JORDAN

Nathan Ratib, a credentialed colporteur from Egypt, has been doing successful colporteur work in various countries of the Middle East. The Jordan Section has requested counsel regarding his desire to establish his home in Amman and to continue to canvass in Jordan and other fields as may be arranged. It was

VOTED, To approve the plan for Nathan Ratib to extablish his home in Jordan so long as he is permitted to work, it being understood that

courtesies extended to him (house rent subsidy, medical and utility allowances, etc.) be paid by the Jordan Section and that the expense be shared by the fields in which he works in proportion to the amount of sales in each Section, and further, that the service record be maintained by the Jordan Section and that books for his work be provided by the Section in which he labors. Effective January 1, 1969.

RLJ

68/263 CLEO JOHNSON - FURLOUGH

Cleo Johnson began service in the Benghazi Hospital January 18, 1965. In harmony with his request and on recommendation of the Benghazi Hospital Board, it was

VOTED, That Cleo Johnson be granted an extended furlough from August 15, 1969 to June 30, 1970, and that during that time he work toward an MA degree in the field of business administration. RLJ

68/264 DALE HEPKER - FURLOUGH

Dale Hepker, Head of the Department of English in Middle East College, arrived in the Middle East Division September 1, 1966. It is preferable that he take his furlough during the summer of 1969. In harmony with his request and on recommendation of the Middle East College Board (MEC 68/109), it was

VOTED, To grant Dale Hepker a furlough from June 23 to September 22, 1969.

68/265 HARLEY BRESEE - FURLOUGH

Harley Bresee will complete a three-year term of service in the Lebanon Section January 24, 1969, and has requested authorization to take his furlough during the summer of 1969. It was

VOTED, To grant Harley Bresee a three-month furlough beginning June 1, 1969.

68/266 NATHAN DAWOOD - CALL TO LEBANON

VOTED, To pass on to the Iraq Section the call of the Lebanon Section for Nathan Dawood to serve as pastor/evangelist, effective July 1, 1969.

68/267 IRAN SECTION - CALL FOR PHYSICAL THERAPIST

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

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the call of the Iran Section for a physical therapist to serve in the Teheran physical therapy clinic.

68/268 BENGHAZI HOSPITAL - CALL FOR VILLARDO L. ALMONTE

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the call of the Benghazi Hospital for Villardo L. Almonte of Philippine Union College to serve in the business department. It is understood that Mr. Almonte's wife, Dr. Aldine Capobres Almonte, is a qualified OB-gyn physician and will fill our pending call for this speciality (MED 63/66). RLJ

68/269 BENGHAZI HOSPITAL - CALL FOR EXECUTIVE HOUSEKEEPER

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the call of the Benghazi Hospital for an executive housekeeper. In order to provide a budget for this worker the call for one of the two nurses requested in action 66/152 is hereby cancelled.

68/270 DIVISION MEDICAL SECRETARY

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference a call for a physician to serve as medical secretary for the Middle East Division. RLJ

68/271 BENGHAZI HOSPITAL - CALL FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONER

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

68/272 VACATION TIME - HUGH COWLES, MAURICE KATRIB, AND GEORGE YARED

VOTED, To approve the request of Hugh Cowles, Maurice Katrib, and George Yared to take one week of their 1968 vacation in the year 1969.

68/273 NAJIB AYOUB - FINAL SETTLEMENT

Najib Ayoub has served as cashier of the Jordan Section and upon his own request has discontinued his work in order to pursue a study program in the United States. It was

WOTED, To approve the request of the Jordan Section to grant Najib Ayoub a final settlement allowance of JD 62.000. RCM

68/274 HELMY BARBAWY - EMPLOYMENT

Helmy Barbawy and his wife have been living separately for a number of years. During the summer of 1968, Mrs. Barbawy and her three children (one son was already at Middle East College) came to Lebanon where she was employed by the Lebanon Section as a teacher. Mr. Barbawy alleges that since his wife has been employed, the Egypt Section is obligated to offer him employment. Counsel has been requested by the Egypt Section. It was

AGREED, To advise the Egypt Section that we do not consider that the employment of Mrs. Barbawy by the Lebanon Section in any way obligates the Egypt Section to employ Mr. Barbawy, neither does it prohibit such employment, but that the subject of his employment rests entirely on its own merits.

68/275 AUTOMOBILE DEPRECIATION ADVANCES

VOTED, To grant a two-year advance on automobile depreciation to the following workers to assist them in the purchase of automobiles:

Robert Nickell Dale Perry Leroy Sauder

RCM

68/276 MARLENE GILLEROTH - PIANO LESSONS

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

VOTED, That Marlene Gilleroth be authorized to continue taking piano lessons with Miss Z. Sarkissian in Beirut during the 1968/69 school year.

68/277 BENGHAZI HOSPITAL - REASSIGNMENT OF FUNDS

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

VOTED, To reassign the 1967 Special Appropriation for Benghazi Hospital Housing of LL 108,000.00 (Lif 12,500.000) to Purchase of Equipment for the new hospital.

68/278 ANDREWS EXTENSION SCHOOL - FINANCIAL PLAN

VOTED, That the cost of room and board for Andrews Extension School attendants be supplied and that the cost of books and study materials be a personal expense which may be reported by the workers on the regular Equipment and Book Allowance Policy for 1969.

68/279 FURLOUGH AND MISSIONARY APPOINTEES RESERVES - OVERDRAFT

VOTED, To charge the deficit in the 1968 Furlough and Missionary Appointees Reserves to the Emergency Reserve. RCM

68/280 JOHN STRAIN - EMPLOYMENT

Mr. and Mrs. John Strain came to Libya without receiving a regular call processed by the General Conference. They had planned only to come for a short visit to Mrs. Strain's parents, the Russell Nolins. When the administration of the Benghazi Hospital learned that Mr. Strain would be willing to work in the maintenance department and she to teach in the overseas school, it advised the General Conference to suspend the call for a teacher and to assist this couple in securing a work permit for Libya and in making the move to Benghazi. Mr. Strain left his work and spent time in preparing an ambulance for the hospital and in driving it to the East coast for shipment. The Strains have filled a definite need in Benghazi and have been surprised to learn that they were not on a regular missionary basis. They are willing to continue to serve in Benghazi, where he can be of service during the time Russell Nolin is on furlough.

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

VOTED, To approve the employment of John Strain on location and that he be granted the regular allowances for workers in the field until the end of 1969. The salary rate for Mr. and Mrs. John Strain for 1968-1969 will be 90% and 65% respectively.

68/281 NICOLAS YOUSSEF - SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

Nicolas Youssef has incurred extraordinary expense connected with the sickness and decease of his son above and beyond the assistance given by policy, and also due to cost of education of his family, is deeply involved in debt. It was

VOTED, To grant to Nicolas Youssef a special aid of LL 250.00 and an advance of LL 500.00 to be returned at the rate of LL 50.00 per month, and further

To request the Lebanon Section to extend an aid of LL 250.00 for Brother Youssef. RCM

68/282 GEORGE SAAD - SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

George Saad has been required to pay customs taxes of more than LL 1,200 in connection with his move to Lebanon a number of years ago. It was

VOTED, To grant to George Saad a special aid of LL 250.00, and an advance of LL 500.00 to be returned at the rate of LL 50.00 per month.

RCM

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

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