

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

(held in the parlor of the Rest Home)
Mt. Carmel Center
Waco, Texas

February 6, 1955, 1:30 P. M.

The Council was called to order. J. O. Conrad prayed for the success of the meeting, and that the right decisions would be made.

The secretary then read a letter (filed in safe) from Mrs. Florence Houteff, which called the attention of the Council to sever requests made by V. T. Houteff before his death. After some discussion it was moved by C. W. Helman and seconded by A. Quackenbush that we indorse only Requests (1) and (3) and delay the action on (2) and (4) until the next meeting, possibly to be held after V. T. Houteff's funeral.

The requests above mentioned are as follows:

- (1) That in case of V. T. Houteff's death which would automatically leave vacant the office of President, Mrs. Florence Houteff be appointed to fill the office of Vice President;
- (3) That T. O. Hermanson be appointed a member of the Executive Council.

The vote on these proposals was unanimous.

Regarding Request (2), "That someone be appointed to succeed Mrs. Florence Houteff as Secretary," it was moved by J. O. Conrad that we ask Mrs. Houteff to recommend the person whom she would prefer to serve as the Secretary of the Association. This motion was seconded by A. Quackenbush, and was carried unanimously.

A motion was then made, seconded, and carried to adjourn until 8:00 P.M., February 7, 1955. The meeting was dismissed by Brother Quackenbush.

Members present:

M. W. Wolfe

G. W. Saether

Mrs. S. Hermanson

C. W. Helman

A. Quackenbush

J.O. Conrad

M.W. Wolfe., Ass't. Chairman

G.W. Saether, Ass't. Secretary

_____ signed: J.O. Conrad, Secretary

Approved

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The chairman explained the object of the meeting that it was to ascertain from Bro. Berolinger personally what it was that he proposed to present to the people on the following Sabbath (On April 4 Bro. Berolinger came to the meeting of the field workers and students and announced that he had something to say. At that time he stated that the field workers were not accomplishing anything and that they were not equipped to do anything. He announced further that he was to have the meeting next Sabbath. Since that time he has told others what he is going to say and now the Council has met to hear what he has to say.)

Bro. Wolfe prayed for wisdom and the right spirit during this session of the Council.

Bro. Berolinger: I'll tell you all I know. A voice came to me and told me that a reformation was needed on Mt. Carmel. The voice told what the reformation was. The voice told me that the hunters were not to go out to the field.

The voice also told me to go to Sr. Houteff and tell her to have Harmon return the literature to Mt. Carmel.

The voice has come to me on many occasions in the past. When Bro. Capuzin was here and we had the uproar Bro. Deeter told me to take the meeting. The voice told me to take my notebook with me and I did that and what I had for the people was just the right thing for them. Whether you call it the Devil, or mesmerism or not, is left with you.

Bro. Wolfe came to me this week asking me questions but the spirit told me not to answer. The voice told me that they should study Micah 6:9. I don't know what it means or what the consequences will be but I answered Bro. Wolfe more than I should. He didn't have a pencil and paper and didn't write anything down and I don't think he remembers what I said.

Sr. Houteff: You've been here a long time and have been in the message for many years. How did the voice operate at the the time in Escondido when you accepted the Shepherd's Rod? Was it not your study of the Shepherd's Rod that convinced you that it was truth rather than a voice telling you to believe it?

Bro. Berolinger:

Dr. Roller and Bro. Bingham came when I was away. My wife and I decided that we would put it to the test. If they returned the next day it would mean that it was correct, if not, that it would be wrong.

They did not come back the next day, and so when they did come I put them out of the house. I was angry. The voice told me, Why don't you study the Rod?

It was pointed out to Bro. Berolinger that since it is the Office that sends the hunters out it was his duty to tell us what he has and that he should have good reasons for telling us not to send out the hunters, for we cannot follow everyone's ideas, but must have good reasons for what we do. To this he insisted that the Voice told him not to talk.

Bro. T. O. Hermanson: We want to hear what you have to say about the hunters. If you have something for us we want it and so why don't you tell us.

Bro. Saether: That kind of a voice was it? Did your wife hear the voice?

Bro. Berolinger: This was not an audible voice, it was the voice of the mind; my wife didn't hear it. Mt. Carmel has never accepted any reforms.

Bro. Saether: There have been several "reforms" on Mt. Carmel since we have lived here. There was the reform of Elder Wilson in 1938. You believe that that was a reform?

Bro. Berolinger was rather contemptuous of the '38 "revival".

Bro. Saether: Then there was another "revival" in the School that was promoted by Bro. Deeter. It was when Byron Campbell was the leader of the student body. Bro. Houteff said at the time: When any one puts on a "revival" you can make sure that the spirit which promoted it did not come from above. The Shepherd's Rod message is the true reform and the others are counterfeits.

There have been other "revivals and reformations" but I am thinking, of the one promoted by Srs. Huddleston, Juergen, Marie Smith and Denski. We all know how that was and what the results were. It was their idea that Bro. Houteff's work was finished and that an old man back in Pennsylvania was the new leader. But these ladies pulled out after they had made a start and had been given free rein to demonstrate what they had.

More was said in regards to these things and when Bro. Berolinger said, "You are going to railroad me off the hill!" Sr. Houteff said that that had not entered into the minds of the Council at all; that it just wanted to find out what he had for the people. When Bro. Berolinger later said that the voice had told him not to say any more, Bro. Berolinger was asked what he was going to say then that would, as he said, require the time of two or three Sabbath services. He had no answer to this question.

When Bro. Hermanson asked, "What is the solution?" Bro. Berolinger said, "It is hard to say. The voice said not to say and he left the room.

It was the consensus of opinion that the question was closed and the matter should be dropped.

Members present:

Mrs. Florence Houteff
M. W. Wolfe
C. W. Helman
A. Quackenbush

signed: Mrs. S. Hermanson

Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman
J. O. Conrad, Secretary
per G. W. Saether, Ass't. Sec.

J. O. Conrad
T. O. Hermanson
G. W. Saether

signed: J.O. Conrad

Approved

Dear Council Members

I have chosen this means to bring to each member the following recommendations, that each may find time to prayerfully study the Leviticus, pages 3 to 20, and the A.A. pages 190 to 199.

Now that we are but an Association of Davidian believers I believe we are to be governed, and govern, by the Constitution and By Laws, as given in the Leviticus and illuminated by the Spirit of Prophecy.

Although we can be glad that there has been harmonious action on the part of Carmelites, yet, this alone does not guarantee success. The problems confronting the church, especially the leadership demand intelligent action, and this is dependent upon understanding. For instance, the council were told that it may be necessary to borrow money, to carry on our building program. But when only the few know the financial standing of the association, how can the entire council act intelligent upon such matters? as seems best that they should.

We should not look upon all criticism as destructive or, our critics as enemies, Or for that matter should we hold our judgment superior to our brethren in the field and expressions have come from them why it is that our Association does not give a regular financial report, and have an assistant treasurer? as seems to be the admonition given in Leviticus page 17, last par. and par. 21, par. 1-2. This is not a matter of council feeling satisfied with our present set-up. If others can point out a better policy, then we should be open to adopt it.

And in this matter let us abide by the advice we give the Mother Church- "Do not ask, from whom does it come, but is it a sound policy?"

Let us ever remember that "Even the best of men, if left to themselves will err in judgment," God has spoken to us through His Word and if we are faithful in this outlined study we can with enlightened minds meet in council for recommendations that will please Him. I thank you,

Sincerely, A.Quakenbush.

Mt. Carmel Center
Waco, Texas

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
1:30 P.M. May 4, 1955

The meeting was called and J.O. Conrad prayed.

The chairman now presented the agenda for the meeting by stating that there were two important problems up for consideration but that the Council should first consider the letter which Bro. Quackenbush had written to the members of the Council. In order to get the opinion of each member the chairman asked the members what they understood in regard to this letter.

One thought that the Council ought to meet and go through the Leviticus and ascertain what it means. The author of the letter thought that the members did not have time enough to make a careful study of the points. It was evident that all members had not given as careful thought to the subject as they might have. The letter is attached.

The chairman emphasized that she had stated in the meeting of April 26 the report made was only a partial one but in the next meeting the full facts and figures would be brought in including such items as income tax so she contended that the last part of paragraph three was not well taken.

In the letter, mention was made of the need for an assistant treasurer. It was explained that both the treasurer and the vice-president are authorized to sign the checks, and it was also explained that there is a very thorough check on the funds coming in and also going out. In other words there are several assistant treasurers. And any time that any one wants to he may audit the books or the Association can hire an auditor to make the audit.

It was intimated by A. Quackenbush that if there is any question that information is being with-held from the Council that the Council should have, then a convocation of the people would be called to settle the matter.

The Council members expressed themselves as believing that with Bro. Houteff's death a decided change in the status of the Executive Council had taken place and that the Council should decide all issues and that the voice of the people should be followed.

As it was decided that this question needed further study the chairman presented the next problem, that of J. O. Campbell in Salem, South Carolina.

In communications with the office he has stated the following:

Sr. Wessel has had her home near the Rest Home up for sale. The Home with the land cost the Wessels \$12,000 but they are willing to sell it for \$8000. The house has a kitchen, living room, bath, two bedrooms and a large attic room upstairs. There is a well on the place 159 feet deep and water system which costs \$1200 to install.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
7:45 P.M. May 7, 1955

The meeting was called to order by the chairman and Bro. Quackenbush and Bro. Wolfe were asked to pray for a true meaning of the work of the Council and the Association.

The chairman then endeavored to clarify the questions which were brought in the Council meeting of May 4 by the letter of Bro. Quackenbush to the members of the Council.

In order to do this the chairman stated that we were being governed by the Leviticus with its constitution and by-laws. She then read from the Leviticus, pages 5-8 Art. IV Officers and Their Duties. Then the chairman read from Patriarchs and Prophets pages 315 - showing the failure of Aaron as the assistant of Moses to carry out the will of God as directed by Moses when he was absent from the congregation. Instead of carrying out the will of God he listened to the desire of the people and thus brought about a fearful rebellion among the people wherein the whole camp became engaged in idolatry and 3,000 lost their lives. That there is a great similarity in our work to that of Moses and Aaron should be evident. The chairman said that she did not want to follow the example of Aaron and follow the will of the people. It is a very difficult thing for one at the head of the work not to yield to the demands of the people.

The chairman is the one who knows what should be presented to the Council -and he is the one and the only one who can call the Council together according to the Constitution, Art. IV Sec. 2 & 3 and the By-laws Art. 1 Sec. 3(a).

Several-questions were asked and answers were given which seemed to meet the minds of all assembled. Speaking of Art. V Sessions, the question as asked, "In Tract 7 in the latter part of the tract (page 76) it stated that there was an open session of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists. Would that be considered one of the sessions as depicted in this Art. V?" The answer was that at that time there was no--Leviticus. Until such time as there will be a need for a regular session of Association none will be called. Up to the present time, including the time when Brother Houteff was here, there has been no need for a regular session of the Association. The only session of the Association that we know of at present will be the solemn assembly.

It was brought out that Art. VI By-laws, of the Constitution stipulated that "the Association, at any session, may enact, amend, or repeal by-laws.

It was claimed by the chairman that the vice-president has the authority to veto the decisions of the Executive Council. Quite a discussion followed:

If the vice-president was appointed by the Council how could then the vice-president over-rule the Council?

Ans. According to our Constitution, the President is Chief administrator of the Association. In his absence the Vice-president acts in his stead. For matters of any nature that the administrator wishes council on, provision is made in our By-laws for their council to be secured and legally used by the chief administrator in his work of handling the affairs of the Association. But should the Council pass something that the administrator believes is contrary to the best interest of the cause, he is morally bound to veto the council's action just as Aaron should have done when the majority demanded even at the cost of his life to give them an idol to worship. In other words, under our set-up the Council will be asked to vote on certain issues. A record of their vote is kept, and their responsibility ends there. What is done is

chargeable to the Administrator, and he must answer to God for his actions. God's church has never prospered when it was ruled by the voice of the people or by the majority vote.

Bro. Wolfe: How can you prove that the president appointed you to be Vice-president?

Ans. I cannot prove it. I have nothing in writing. But since Houteff did not appoint anyone else you are going to have to believe me when I tell you that he appointed me. Now I would like to ask you a question? How can you prove that you are a member of the Executive Council?

It developed that some of the members had received written notice that they were to serve as members of the Council for a limited time only and that time limit had expired years ago.

Ques. The Council decided not to sell Ross Green a lot or lots on the 10% down deal. Why was he afterwards sold lots on that basis?

Ans. Ross Green did not buy his lot on the same basis as the 10%ers. They were given a clear title but he was not until he should pay for the lots in full at the end of 45 days.

Ques. When Bro. Wolfe and Bro. Hermanson went down to Mr. Street's office to see about the resignation of H. Sealy as one of the trustees, Bro. Sealy's resignation was accepted by the Council. If others would resign in the same manner only one might be left to dispose of the property, what about that?

Ans. We had five trustees and three would be sufficient according to our set-up. The Council could fill the vacancies as they occurred.

Ques. The Council chose the trustees to sell the property, can the vice-president veto their decisions-their choice?

Ans. No, for this a legal matter. The trustees are recommended by the chairman and the Council would vote on them.

Ques. If the voice of the Council is final in a legal case then what is the difference in the other cases?

Ans. The work of the Council is to assist the President or the Assistant in the administration of the affairs of the Institution. An example of this is the action of the Council in appointing the President to sign checks for foreign bank accounts. To satisfy these banks as to the legal status of the President of the Davidian Association of Seventh-day Adventists the Council merely assisted the President in this transaction - a transaction which all knew to be a perfectly natural one, like signing for a notary public.

Ques. Would it not be a good plan to groom someone to take the place of the Vice-president should anything happen to that one? How would a new one be selected?

Ans. The one who would be chosen would be one who is found trust worthy to see that the aims and principles for which the Association stands are carried out. The Constitution says that the duty of the Vice-President are to assist the President in the religious phase as Aaron did, ie, by speaking the Presidents words--teach the message he brought. He is also to administer the affairs of the Association. The one who would be most likely to do this would be chosen.

It will be my plan to present more and more things to the Council than I have presented and I don't intend to veto anything but I do feel that I have a perfect right and duty to do so when I see the need of it. This is not a worldly concern or even like the government at Washington. This is God's work and it will have to

be conducted in God's way - "contrary to all human planning." In other words, the Lord's plan for His church is not that it be directed by the Voice of the people to God, but by the Voice of God to the people. On this point see Desire of Ages, p. 369, par. 2.

When the idea was presented that all make a statement as to their stand on this question it was decided that more time should be given so that each member would be clear on it.

Another question came up. Should the present Vice-president be incapacitated or die and a new Vice-president were elected would he too have the power to veto the Council's decision?

Ans. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion that that would be so because this is the work of God and that whoever would have the leadership should have the authority.

The meeting was dismissed by Bro. Conrad offering the closing prayer.

Members present:

Mrs. Florence Houteff

Mrs. Sopha Hermanson

M. W. Wolfe

A. Quackenbush

C.W. Helman

T.O. Hermanson

J.O. Conrad

G. W. Saether

Signed:

Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

J. O. Conrad, Secretary

G. W. Saether, Ass't. Secretary

Approved

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Held in the Office of the Vice-President
7:45 P.M. August 29, 1955

The meeting was called to order and Brother Saether prayed for God's presence and that each one who knows and believes the message may stand courageously and intelligently for it and do all in his power to promulgate it.

A letter was received from A. Quackenbush, August 29, 1955, in which he states that there has been much discussion at Salem, South Carolina, concerning "the letters and standing of Sister Zumstein and the question has arisen, 'Is the Council of God's delegated mouthpiece to interpret what is truth and what is error' especially on points which deal with Scriptures not touched upon by the Spirit of Prophecy.

"Has any light been given regarding the General Conference ever being able to interpret the Scriptures?' For you remember the testimony which deals with this thought reads, 'As we once thought.' My personal position is - If an interpreter was necessary to unfold the Rod Message, then it now is and always has been since the Writings of the Bible, as revealed in the study of the 'Golden Bowl.'"

Sister Houteff drafted a letter in reply quoting from Timely Greetings Vol. 2, No. 29, pp. 9, 10, the following:

"Plainly, then the keys of the kingdom are in the hands of those who have the Truth for the day. Consequently, just as plain as Heaven can make it, the Truth stands out that the keys of the kingdom of Heaven today have passed from the hands of the General Conference to the hands of the General Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists, as verily as they passed from the Sanhedrin to Peter in the days of Christ's first advent. And Truth's decree on earth today, therefore, is the decree in Heaven!

"The Council therefore is not only authorized, but duty bound to take a stand on whether a message is truth or error. Though the Association must take a stand on a message the individuals themselves must also do so. From the keys of the kingdom which the Davidian Association holds, we understand by inspired revelation of Zech. 4, that unless one who attempts to interpret unrevealed Scriptures is inspired of God to do so, his interpretations are not Truth. Moreover, since the message teaches that the Davidian Association has the keys to the Kingdom (the Truth), then any purported message that comes must be in harmony with that truth."

A letter, dated August 26, 1955 and received August 29, from Jack Knipple, Sr. to T. O. Hermanson was now read. He wrote about Sister Standart saying that Brother Walton told him that Zumstein did not have anything for her. He also wrote about Sister Lange, how she was critical of Mt. Carmel in regard to her money affairs which she admitted were all settled before Brother Houteff's death, and she is evidently headed for the Zumstein faction.

A letter, dated August 26, 1955 and received August 29, from Harmon Springer, was read to the Council. He said, "There is some hope for Brother Smith and Grubbs to get back in harmony with the truth if they will stay away from the Zummies here; I am afraid they won't though."

"Ezekiel 13:11 shows this message..... it is the figurative overflowing shower, the letters are the hailstones, and a mighty wind shall rend that wall of untempered mortar they have been building for 25 years more or less. M.J. had his hand in that wall building--- he best--- repent--- or??? We must get back

to the fundamental doctrines --- Spirit of Prophecy and there is a true foundation. The Rod of Moses never took the people in the type --- into the promised land. Joshua didn't use the rod--- He stressed the living - up - to the law and obeying the active Spirit of Prophecy in their midst, which was directed to the people through him, as the mouthpiece of the Most High. Another thing-- the power was never in the Rod but in the ONE BEHIND IT (CHRIST, THE ROCK). To give glory to the Rod is a form of idolatry--all our idols will be removed then what will happen to the Rod message? All idols fall --- ! We are not permitted to know the site of various events in Scripture etc. because it is within our make-up to be idolaters.

"I hated that deception in our midst--so it makes me happy to have you take an open standing..."

A letter from Brother Nations, dated August 31 and received September 2, 1955 was read. He wrote of the believers receiving the Zumstein letters and that he advised them to read the letters "and prove all things hold fast to that which is good, talk all you want to but don't argue, remember the controversy is between Sister Zumstein and Mt. Carmel, not the laity and Sister Zumstein, remember the reformation starts at the head not the feet."

A letter from the Office to Jemmy Rohoman, dated June 6, 1955 was read.

The discussion now centered on whether to take the Certificate from Evelyn Juergen or not. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion to let the matter rest and await further developments.

In a conversation with Fred Campbell, Brother Custer reported that Fred said that the Council members were puppets and are also liars; that since we no longer have the living Spirit of Prophecy in our midst everything we do and even our best intentions will be wrong.

Adjournment was at 10:55 P.M. and Sr. Mary Alen prayed that all would so live that we would be privileged to help finish the work.

Members present:	Mrs. Florence Houteff	Mrs. Mary Alen, alternate for J. C. Conrad
	Mrs. Sopha Hermanson	J. R. Custer, alternate for A. Quackenbush
	T. O. Hermanson	Mrs. Carol Goff, alternate for Jack Knipple, Sr.
	C. W. Helman	Geo. W. Saether

signed:

Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

Geo. W. Saether, Ass't Secretary

Mt. Carmel Center Waco, Texas

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
7:45 P.M. September 11, 1955

The meeting was called to order the chairman announced that there are to be two subjects to be submitted to the Councils:

1. To reconsider sending Willie Matthews to the West Indies.
2. Hearing reports from different sources.

C. W. Helman and J.O. Conrad asked the Lord for wisdom and discernment to make decisions to carry on the work.

The secretary's report of the meeting of September 6, 1955 was read and approved.

A letter from Faith Pruett to Evelyn Juergen was now read. This letter was copied by Betty Goodman and sent to Bonnie Smith who received it Sept. 8, 1955 and loaned it to the Office. Quoting:

"But what got me was (that) I sent him, (M. J. Bingham) letters in June and he had been getting them since November, and if he knew they were wrong why did he write back to me and say he would have to restudy them. When he said she had written him the same doctrine, I told him I never would forgive him but he told Nelda that he was not sure until he got the last 2 or 3 they were wrong. So then, he was taken with them too. That was why I could forgive him. But he acknowledged he tried hard to be David but could not.

"Then yesterday we received another letter from Z. and there was more truth in it that we could not just throw over our shoulders. So we got back on the fence then last night Perry Dale Jones came and has us clear off the fence and where we were before M.J.B. came."

A letter from W. Worrow was received by the Office September 8, 1955 and it was now read. In this letter he enclosed a letter, dated September 4, written by M. J. Bingham to him and also a copy of his reply to M. J. Bingham. In his letter, M. J. Bingham asked for a copy of a letter from the Office sent to them while in Trinidad and purporting to be confirmation of their mission to the West Indies. Brother Worrow answered that he could not find it.

M. J. Bingham accused Brother Worrow with playing politics so that he would be sent to England. In part Brother Worrow replied:

"You should be ashamed of yourself saying that I'm playing politics for a trip to England. If the Office wants me to go I'll gladly go and surrender a \$200.00 a week or more income."

"I realize you are a very sick man in need of psychiatric treatment."

Then Brother Worrow magnanimously offered to work together with M. J. Bingham in England if arrangements could be made with the Office.

A letter from Ralph Dorsett, Bahamas, dated August 1, 1955 and received September 9, was read. From the tenor of this letter he has calmed down somewhat from his previous attitude.

A letter from M. J. Bingham and dated September 5 and received September 8, 1955 was read. He read a portion of one of Bachand's letters and wanted an answer to the clipping back in time to receive it before he left Los Angeles for Phoenix, to visit the Schiaus.

A letter from David Lawter, Dated September 5, and received Sept. 8. was read. Brother Lawter declares he is taken up with Zumstein doctrine but writes that he is willing to go out and gather names. He sent in his usual monthly tithe remittance.

A letter from Sister Ruth Knudsen to Elder Wilson dated September 2 and received September 6 was read. In this letter she berates Dr. Roller. She stated that Brother Roller is driving his car, purportedly belonging to Mt. Carmel, at night in violation of his driver's license permit.

"He (Dr. Roller) was saying Wednesday that he is planning a trip to Mt. Carmel soon to find out who really holds the reigns of the work there and check up on some of the activities there for himself claiming Sr. Houteff has no legal right to sign anything until God lets it be known that He has chosen her. Some have cards signed by her, mine is one of those, but he vows that she will never sign his.

"Sister Dickson was telling me yesterday that her and Roller are studying the Zumstein letters together and can find no errors in them and feel that Brother Bingham has been unfair in fighting her claims."

A verbal report by Jack Knipple, Sr. was now given: Walton said, If that's the kind of man they send out from Mt. Carmel: half are against him and ready to join Zumstein. Brother Knipple said that he gave studies to the Spanish company Friday night, Sabbath afternoon and Sunday afternoon and also one meeting at the hall. Brother Knipple also reported that after Dr. Roller sent M. J. Bingham's, letter to the office he wrote one or two letters of apology to M. J. Bingham for sending his letter to Mt. Carmel and made a special trip up to Los Angeles to personally apologize to M. J. Bingham.

Brother Walton said he was going to resign. It was the consensus of opinion that he submit his resignation in writing.

It was decided to postpone sending Willie Matthews to the Islands.
The meeting adjourned at 11:20 P.M. and was dismissed by Brother Knipple.

Members present:

J. O. Conrad
Mrs. Florence Houteff
Geo. W. Saether
J.R. Custer, alternate for A. Quackenbush
T. O. Hermanson
Mrs. Sopha Hermanson
C. W. Helman
Jack Knipple, Sr.

signed: _____
Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

Secretary – J.O.Conrad
Alternates: Mrs. Mary Alen
Mrs. Carol Goff

This report was prepared by

Geo. W. Saether Ass't. Secretary

Approved: September 12, 1955

Mt. Carmel Center
Waco, Texas

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
7:45 P.M. September 15, 1955

The meeting was called to order and A. Quackenbush who had been away from Mt. Carmel for some time, prayed for the success of the meeting.

The secretary's report for the meeting of September 12, 1955 was read and approved.

In regard to the plot of land up for sale the following decision was made:

That the Association do not endeavor to sell the land adjoining the New Print Shop area now as it would put the public too close to our buildings.

The following motion was made by C. W. Helman: "That we sell the property from the north west corner of Bishop's property to meet Tom Joseph's property line at the bottom of Dam 4 gully and along the gully south to the little gully which runs from Mt. Carmel's entrance sign to the main gully.

"The buyer is to make the main street the same width as Mt. Carmel Drive (now Bishop's Drive) and it is to be accessible to Mt. Carmel.

"This property is to be restricted to single dwelling residences. The homes built are to have a minimum of 1400 sq. ft. of living area and have at least 2000 brick or the equivalent in stone or masonry. The price is \$2500 per acre."

This motion was seconded by A. Ouackenbush and the vote in favor of it was unanimous.

Brother Quackenbush gave a report of some of the activities at Salem and his visit with others to Horseshoe. He said that no mention of religion was made but said that Mrs. Zumstein was "quick on the trigger". He stated that Brother Nations told the people to study for themselves, and in addition to other errors in the Zumstein doctrine he mentioned two: her opposition to selling off the land and the hunting campaign.

He also reported that the present heating system at the Salem Home is very faulty and in bad condition and will need to be replaced and they are planning to do that at once.

It was reported that Elder Wilson received a letter from M. W. Wolfe and he wants to give a study to show publicly that we do not have the living Spirit of Prophecy.

Brother C. P. Waldron has asked for a hearing in which he wants to give a study to the Council. The Vice-President announced that she, had arranged for, Brother Waldron to give his study at 3:30 P.M. Sabbath.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M. and was dismissed by prayer by J.O. Conrad.

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you could teach others what you yourself do not believe. Just because we do not now have an interpreter of the Scriptures, yet God has not left His church void of His Spirit. No,

it is not left a 'free-for-all' to all Davidians. The Lord promised His Spirit to all His servants to meet the needs of their respective work. It is He, then, Who is leading from His invisible chariot, not finite beings.... (See Tract No. 1. pages 37, 38.)

"The very fact that Brother Bingham sent you some correspondence without your solicitation gives evidence that he is not trying to make loyal Davidians out of you, but Binghamites."

A letter from Jemmy Rahoman dated Sept. 16, and received Sept. 23, 1955 was read. In this letter she stated that she did not receive the \$100.00 from Mrs. Zumstein. She objected to Mrs. Zumstein's statement that the workers were so poor paid. She made a proposition about purchasing a new car.

It was the consensus of opinion that the Association would not invest any money in a new car at this time owing to the unsettled state of mind the Davidians are in over Zumstein and Bingham. Jemmy's attitude in this letter seemed to be toned down considerably.

A letter from Beulah Logie, dated Sept. 17, 1955 and received the 23rd, was read. In this letter she explains about her parents and their financial standing in addition to other matters.

A letter from Stephen Burke, dated Sept. 20, 1955 and received Sept. 26, was read.

A letter from D. S. Lawter, dated Sept. 23, 1955 and received the 26th, was read. He wrote a Letter of three pages in which he closed: "Please don't start telling me how wrong I am but the Lord says show my people." He enclosed another typewritten letter of 6 pages showing his views of Bible subjects.

A letter was on hand that was written to Bro. Haylock but it was not read. In this letter the Office asked him to take over the leadership of the Los Angeles company if his health would permit.

Members present:

Mrs. Mary Alen, alternate
T. O. Conrad
J. R. Custer, alternate
Mrs. Carol Goff, alternate
Mrs. Sopha Hermanson
T. O. Hermanson
Mrs. Florence Houteff
Jack Knipple Sr.
A. Quackenbush
C.W. Helman

signed: _____
Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chaiman

J.O. Conrad, Secretary
This report prepared by
Geo. W. Saether, Assistant Secretary

Approved: October 26, 1955

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
7:45 P.M. September 27, 1955

The meeting was called to order and Brother J. R. Custer prayed that the minds and hearts of all would be directed by God's Spirit.

A letter dated Sept. 23, 1955 and postmarked Sept. 26, at Springfield, Mo. was received the 27th. This was an airmail special delivery, registered letter (the cost of sending, incidentally was .66 cents) was from someone who signed as **THE BRANCH**. All members read the lengthy epistle (8 pages closely typewritten) but no member could tell what it was about. However, the style of writing sounded as though it might have been edited by M. J. Bingham. This letter spoke of a meeting of field workers and they had delegated the writer of the letter to be a committee of one to go to Mt. Carmel on Oct. 10 to seek to iron out all differences before the 25th. The writer too, stipulated that if no reply was forthcoming it would indicate that a go-ahead was meant.

The Council did not so determine and it was the consensus of opinion that should M. J. Bingham come he was to be treated in a Christ-like spirit and manner but that he was not to be allowed to conduct any meetings. Owing to the contemplated absence of Sr. Houteff and Bro. Hermanson, for a time, there would be no Council meetings. Bro. Knipple dismissed the meeting by a prayer.

Members present:

Mrs. Mary Alen., Alternate
C. W. Helman T.O. Hermanson
J. O. Conrad
Mrs. Carol Goff, Alternate
Mrs. Sopha Hermanson ,
G. W. Saether, Mrs. Florence Houteff
Jack Knipple, Sr.
A. Quackenbush
J. R. Custer, Alternate

signed:

Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

J.O. Conrad, Secretary

This report was prepared by : Geo. W. Saether, Ass't. Secretary

Approved: October 26, 1955

Mt. Carmel Center
Waco, Texas

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
7:45 P.M. October 2, 1955

The meeting was called to order and Sr. Mary Alen and Bro. Knipple were asked to pray for wisdom so that the Council would know what to do at this time. Sr. Houteff also prayed.

The letter which was received October 1 from "THE BRANCH", so called, was discussed at length.

Bro. Bruce La Hey was present the first part of the meeting while consideration was being given as to what reception should be given any who might come to attend a meeting that was set for October 10, 1955. Should rooms be rented to them if they are sympathetic with the whole proposition?

In order to determine the position of visitors who might come to attend this meeting and also to ascertain who is the "committee of one," it was deemed advisable to formulate a set of questions which all persons arriving on Mt. Carmel for a meeting on October 10, should be asked to answer in writing. A suggestive set of questions follows:

1. Who called this purported workers meeting mentioned on the first page of the letter sent out to believers?
2. If they were field workers why was the Office not notified before the field workers were called?
3. Who were in attendance at this meeting?
4. Who is the committee of one?

Note: Suggested fifth question. If the meeting of workers selected "THE BRANCH" as a committee of one, why is it necessary for every worker, and the laymen as well, to come to a meeting on Mt. Carmel?

It was decided to leave it to the Office to write the formal questionnaire.
The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M. and was dismissed by prayer, by Bro. Hermanson.

Approved: October 26, 1955

Members present:

C. W Helman

Mrs. Sofha Hermanson

Mrs. Mary Alen, Alternate J.O. Conrad J.R. Custer, Alternate

Mrs. Carol Goff, Alternate,

T. O. Hermanson

A. Quackenbush

Geo. W. Saether

signed: _____
Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

J. O. Conrad, Secretary

This report was prepared by Mrs. Florence Houteff

signed: Geo. W. Saether, Assistant Sec.

Mt. Carmel Center, Waco, Texas

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
7:45 P.M. October 12, 1955

The meeting was called to order and Brother Quackenbush prayed for God's Spirit to be present.

An article, designed to meet or answer the inquiries of the people in regard to the "Branch" letters was real! A copy is attached.

A letter from Mrs. N. R. Keller, dated October 6, 1955 and received October 10 was read. She had received a letter from "THE BRANCH", dated September 29 and among other comments wrote:

"It may be the Lord will raise someone to finish the work Brother Houteff started and carried on so faithfully. But when that happens I am sure the one chosen would do as Sr. White and Brother Houteff, take it to the church leaders and ask their prayerful consideration of their message. I am sure no true servant of the Lord would go about his work in an underhanded manner trying to tear down the work of previous workers in order to build up themselves. Also, the fact that they imply that some are withholding the tithe until their questions are answered. This is a cheap form of coercion. The Lord is well able to carry on His work without our tithe but we cannot afford to refuse ourselves the privilege of paying the tithe."

A letter from Dr. Roller, dated Oct. 5, and received Oct. 10, was read. Quoting: "I do know what the steps are that M.C. will take under the, direction of God. But we, with you and the Council, know that the work is God's and that it will finally be finished in His way, and that He will have the reigns in His Own hands, and I trust, telling Sr. Houteff and Council just what to do. And my prayer also is that Sr. Houteff and every member of the Council have such a living connection with God that they will ever recognize the voice as to whether or not it is from above. The work will be done by God's organization, Mt. Carmel will surely be the earthly head of such an organization, and every other place under the direction of the authority of Mt. Carmel in so far as God's directing hand may show."

The Office received word from Brother Holmes, Miami, that Brother Bingham left Miami October 11 for the Bahamas and from there he plans to go to Trinidad, Barbados and on. He said he had no idea how Brother Bingham's trip was being financed. Also Brother Holmes said that they had a meeting in Miami after Brother Lawter her arrived and made a two hour recording of the correspondence between Bingham and Zumstein. They said that day would send it to two Mt. Carmel.

A letter from John Campbell, dated October 6 and received October 10 was read in part. He wrote: "Last week Brother Nations came in and said he wanted to show me a letter he had gotten, to see what I had to think of it. He folded it back so I couldn't see who it was from but I saw a stamped on and that makes me think he received it from B.L. Cochram, from Meadows of Dan. Brother Nations was rather upset over what it contained. It said that Brother Houteff (Sr. H.) \$100,000 in cash and that he had willed everything to you and Nick Houteff. I returned and said that there was no use going out to the field as the church was now giving the message of the purification of the church. Sometime later, Brother Wolfe started another battering ram campaign. This same brother joined in the program. Then they asked Brother Houteff to subsidize them but he would not do so. Now

Stoy you were in the hunting work but you quit. Why are you now starting another battering ram campaign?

It was learned in this meeting that Brother Wolfe had asked those young people who rode in his car to Fort Worth, What about the umbrella if there is no rain?

Richard Knipple told his father, Brother Wolfe doesn't talk like a Davidian. Stoy: In that case, if Brother Wolfe talks like that I don't think the Young People should be going with him.

Sister Houteff asked this pertinent question: If it is true that Brother Wolfe cannot believe anything that Brother Houteff did not write, then what will he do when the solemn assembly is called if Brother Houteff is not here to call it? Someone has to know when to sound the alarm and blow the trumpet.

Before Stoy was dismissed, Sister Houteff told him she wanted to talk with him soon about the Davidian Youth Society and the Officers.

Jack Knipple, Jr. had asked T.O. Hermanson to officiate at his wedding. A motion was made by Jack Knipple, Sr.: "I move that the Council authorize T.O. Hermanson to officiate at their wedding."

This motion was seconded by C. W. Helman and carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 P.M. and J.R. Custer dismissed the meeting by prayer.

Members present:

J.O. Conrad

J. R. Custer, Alternate

C. W. Helman

Mrs. Sopha Hermanson

T. O. Hermanson

Mrs. Florence Houteff

Jack Knipple, Sr.

A. Quackenbush

Geo. W. Saether

signed:

Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

J.O. Conrad, Secretary

This report was prepared by

Geo. W. Saether, Assistant Secretary

Mt. Carmel Center

Waco, Texas

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
7:45 P.M. October 26, 1955

The meeting was called to order and C. W. Helman prayed for God's blessing.

The secretary's reports for the Council meetings on September 26, 27, October 2, 6 and, 12, were read and after corrections, were approved.

A letter from Jemmy Rohoman, dated October 7 and received October 14, was read, in part. Of special import to the Council was her position taken relative to Brother Bingham's case. She wrote in part, "I have not based my judgment on 'inadequate facts' concerning the dismissal of Pastor Bingham. I have not read only 'some correspondence', but I have read all the correspondence in this whole unpleasant affair from the time it started. I have read all the letters you and "the Council have written to him, and all he has written to you and the Council."

Jemmy went on to berate Sister Houteff and the Council for not divulging to her all the reasons for Brother Bingham's dismissal. She seemed altogether confident that she knew all the whole sordid story and feels that, he was very unjustly treated.

A letter, from Beulah Logie, dated October 11, 1955 and received the 18th was read. She told of the fearful devastation by hurricane Janet on St. Lucia and Grenada.

A letter from J. McDonald Williams dated October 10, 1955 and received the 17th was read. He wrote: "For the past three months we have been receiving letters of what seems to me to be spurious doctrine from one Lilyan Zumstein of Yoder, Wyoming.

"Brother H. De Carmo seems to be infatuated with these so called messages, and have decided that he would use the Sabbath group meetings to study it, as leader I have refused to let him, the result being, a rebellion, he and his followers have decided that they would not have me (to rule over them) as leader which left me with no other alternative but to tender my resignation."

A letter from P. A. Simmons at St. Lucia, dated October 10, 1955 and received October 17 was read. He stated in his letter that a general meeting of all the believers was held after allowing all to study the Zumstein letters for a month and all of them accepted the Zimstein doctrines.

A letter from Brother John Snodgrass to Elder Wilson, dated Oct. 11, 1955, was read in part: "The group here are very interested in hearing what transpired at Mt. Carmel on the 10th. If a hearing was granted and if not why etc. Brother Bingham states that he doubts that they received a hearing as he has been trying to get one himself for a long time, in fact he has asked for a hearing ten or eleven times and has always been refused. Brother Dave Lawter also says that he has been refused a hearing. It was brought out that Brother Houteff always gave one a hearing, even though at a loss of time etc, but with the new set up no one has much of a chance to receive a hearing."

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"Deal with the needy faithful workers out here on the same basis as you deal with State hunters, and no excuse offered. If you give an expense rating to U. S. workers, give the same to Island workers, no excuses offered. If you give a salary to U. S. hunters, give the same to Island workers, and no excuses offered. Whatever considerations you extend to U. S. hunters, extend the same to Island workers, and no excuses offered.

"And condition two is that you give a place in the Council to the most qualified one in these parts, that these islands and British Guiana may have proper representation in the representative body that now govern this work. This representative should sit in the same Office in which you sit and should be constantly in contact with the work but here and thus be able to represent these Islands in the deliberations of the Council."

A report was now made by Sister Houteff of a conversation that she had with a man in Waco. He asked her, "What is the trouble you are having out there? Who is the woman who wants a court order to have your husband's body exhumed? She thinks he was poisoned by arsenic."

"That is news to me!" Sister Houteff exclaimed, "was this woman's name Juergen?" He said that was the name. "Can she get such a court order?" Asked Sister Houteff. Mr. Street said that she could get such an order but the court would have a hearing on it and call in the doctors who attended him before his death. She would have to give some real evidence before they would call for a hearing.

The elder Mr. Street spoke very highly of Brother Houteff and the place. He said that Brother Houteff gave his life for this place and now these other people are trying to cash in on his efforts. As long as the place is run like Brother Houteff ran it you will be OK, he added, and he wondered that we did not have trouble before. All those who talked with Sister Juergen at the newspaper office thought she was crazy.

It was ascertained that Sister Juergen was at her mother's home in Houston. A motion was now made by C. W. Helman that "Sister Juergen's Certificate of Fellowship be withdrawn for the good of the cause. She was the one who predicted Sister Houteff's death first for September 3, 1955 and then for September 2; she brought disrepute to the Cause by going to the newspaper office to spread slanderous reports about the cause of Brother Houteff's death; it was reported to us that she told the editor that we were embezzlers, withholding mail with money in it.

There was a second to this motion by A. Quackenbush and the vote in favor of it was unanimous.

A list of (Davidians) persons holding Certificates of Fellowship who came in a body to Mt. Carmel for a showdown on October 10, October 22 and October 25 were now considered for disfellowshipment. They are

Brother and Sister Roden	Ruby Olsen
Brother and Sister Johnson	Brother Brewer
Sister Helen Rogers	Sister Myrtle Roberts

Also the names of Brother and Sister A. G. Smith were added to this list. They did not come out to Mt. Carmel with the rest listed above but they are with them.

J. O. Conrad made a motion "that we withdraw the Certificate of Fellowship from all these listed above because they took an active part in the demonstration of the "branch."

A. Quackenbush seconded this motion and the vote in favor of it was unanimous.

A question was raised about Pinions paying rent or a residence fee. No decision was reached. The Ross Greens had refused to pay any rent when Eugenia lived there.

At this point an article in Testimonies, Vol. 1, page 122, entitled "The Messenger Party" was read. Then another reference from the same volume, page 359 was read.

The case of Brother Bingham now came up for discussion. If the Certificate of Fellowship was taken away from the individuals previously acted upon why should Brother Bingham retain his Certificate of Fellowship when he has done so much more than the rest to merit his to be taken from him.

At this point two references were read; Rom. 16: 17, 18 and 1 Cor. 5:6-13. It was the consensus of opinion that the Office bring in before the Council the case against Brother Bingham which would serve as the basis of the reasons that his Certificate should be taken from him.

The Council adjourned at 11:10 P.M. and was dismissed by Brother Quackenbush's prayer.

Members present:

Mrs. Mary Alen, Alternate

J. R. Custer, Alternate

J. O. Conrad

Mrs. Carol Goff, Alternate

C. W. Helman

Mrs. Sopha Hermanson

T.O. Hermanson

Mrs. Florence Houteff

Jack Knipple, Sr.

A. Quackenbush

Geo. W. Saether

signed

Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

J.O. Conrad, Secretary

This report was prepared by

Geo. W. Saether, Assistant Secretary

Mt. Carmel Center
Waco, Texas

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
7:45 P.M. November 6, 1955

The meeting was called to order and J. R. Custer prayed that the Council would be guided and directed by the Holy Spirit so that right decisions would be made.

The chairman proposed that it should be announced that each Davidian should write in for his Certificate of Fellowship Renewal application blanks. In addition to the old set of questions some new questions were added. The new list is attached. It was now moved by C. W. Helman: "That each applicant for a renewal of his Certificate of Fellowship must send in his request for a Certificate of Fellowship Renewal application blank and that we add the following questions. (See attached.) There was a second to this motion by T. O. Hermanson and the motion was unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned and dismissal by prayer was by A. Quackenbush.

The Chairman announced that she would like all to stop at her desk to listen to two or three letters.

The members went downstairs and a letter from Gladys Gould, dated October 20, 1955, was read. This letter came while Sister Houteff was away. In her letter she wrote in part:

"Most of the believers in SR were willing to obey and follow the Spirit of Prophecy both while in the church and after becoming Davidians, but they rebelled against the rule of man and they believed God led them to do so..... You will have to admit there was remarkable unity among the people in the early days of the message when Brother Houteff was bringing the light to us.

"But a change has taken place. By our own admission we have not even a president of the Executive Council. You have been honest in not claiming a prophet or even appointed by God to be the president of the Council. Therefore, the people feel there may be someone appointed of God to fill this place to say the least."

A letter from Sister Houteff to Sister Gould, dated Nov. 4, 1955 was read. In part she wrote: (Quoting from above letter and then added:)

"Do you not think that the sentiment you have voiced here may be the same as that of ancient Israel at Sinai when the people wanted a visible representative of divine leadership? ... Today it is a demand for a man, a president, and because God has not given one, some are determined to make one just as nearly all of Israel demanded and made the golden calf.

"The Rod does not say that the work for the church is done, but it does say that this message, Jezreel message, is the church's last chance. If there is to be another prophet to rise up before the purification of the church, would you please tell us where to find that in the Scriptures? It would have to be in prophecy somewhere.

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sharpest member of the Council effectually removed from the picture, and with the stage thus set and the way thus eased for a swift and easy doctrinal coupe, the Devil moved in quick succession with his turtle teaching to trouble and unsettle you, with anti-Branch to broadside you, and with his 42-month siren-song to lure you on blissfully to doom, and with you as many others as possible."

Brother Wolfe was asked whether he was aware that Brother Bingham was thus taking unfair advantage of him and he replied that it was the first he had heard about it. He said that he could write a letter out explaining his position. "I don't think I've been against the Message or against Mt. Carmel." In reply to a question asked him by the Chairman concerning his public statements about the Mt. Carmel subdividing he said that he had thought that the Association ought not to sell off the lots at 10% and also not to lump off the lots and sell them in acreage that this was Brother Houteff's instructions, he understood. It was explained to him why it became imperative that the land be sold that way instead of subdividing it.

Brother Wolfe offered suggestions how he could seek to correct the wrongs committed by his actions: by attending church and meetings regularly and by testifying in testimony meeting. He mentioned the case of Brother Howland spoken of by Sister White and said that could be done in this case. The Council shook hands all around. One member said that he considered that this trouble was not, of a personal matter, that he did not think that personal prejudice entered into the matter.

After Brother Wolfe left after more discussion it was agreed that he should bring in to the Council a plan of what he proposed to do about counteracting the bad reports.

After Brother Wolfe had gone the Council adjourned at 10:00 P.M. and was dismissed by prayer.

Members present:

Mrs. Mary Alen, Alternate

J.O. Conrad

J. R. Custer, Alternate

C. W. Helman

Mrs. Sopha Hermanson

T.O. Hermanson

Mrs. Florence Houteff

Jack Knipple

Geo. W. Saether

signed : _____

Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

J.O. Conrad, Secretary

This report prepared by

Geo. W. Saether, Assistant Secretary

Approved: October 24, 1956
Mt. Carmel Center
Waco, Texas

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
7:00 P.M. January 30, 1956

The meeting was called to order and A. Quackenbush prayed that the Council felt the need of divine help and that the work of the meeting will be special help to God's work.

The Miami Company had made a recording in answer to the letter sent from the Office and this was now played, W. Worrow was the speaker or spokesman for the group. He said at the start that they had not accused the "Rod" with being vile. (In the "branch" letter dated October 7, 1955 it is stated. "So everyone is to flee from Sodom and not look back.")

Taking 2 Tim. 2:15 as a reference or text, he said that they had studied the "Rod" in prophecy and they had also studied the "branch" in prophecy. They had seen the rise and fall of the "Rod" in prophecy but they still loved the "Rod". Since the "Branch" came they saw the "Rod" clearer he said.

Then he read from Shepherd's Rod Vol, 1 page 116 at the bottom of the page. He read this as though Brother Houteff was actually saying it but he was merely quoting what Sister White wrote in Testimonies Vol. 6, page 17. Speaking of the mark of the beast she wrote, "Not all in regard to this matter is yet understood., nor will it be understood until the unrolling of the scroll."

Brother Worrow quoted Amos 9:3 and 1:2 to show that Mt. Carmel is going down and after quoting Eze. 21:13 said, "so much for the eventual fate of Mt. Carmel."

In the 23rd chapter he likens the Seventh-day Adventists to Samaria, or Aholah, and the Davidians to Jerusalem, or Aholibah. The point is that they should surrender to the king of Babylon, alias Ben Roden. There were other points (?) made and they were as far-fetched as the others.

It was the consensus of opinion that a last effort should be made and a letter drafted to see what could be done for the Miami group.

A letter from Sister Florence Wilson, dated January 26 and received January 30 was read. She seems to be confused about the chariot of Ezekiel 1 through 10 and whether it is still on Mt. Carmel or not.

It was decided to wait a while before granting her a Certificate of Fellowship for 1956.

Jack Knipple, Sr. upon adjournment at 9:45 P.M. prayed that the Lord would open the eyes of those who were blinded and offered thanks that we were enabled to see the truth and prayed that each member would remain firm to the truth.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Mt. Carmel Center
Waco, Texas

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
7:30 P.M. April 24, 1956

The meeting was called to order and then C. W. Helman asked the presence of God to be with the Council; that He would especially bless those who sow the seed and that he would bless Sister Greene. J. O. Conrad prayed too, that the Lord would give wisdom that the work may go forward. The secretary's reports of the meetings on March 25 at 7:30 P.M. and the one on April 22, were read. It was suggested that the report of March 25 be studied more carefully and then be brought back to the Council for adoption. The report for April 22 was approved.

A Mrs. Strange sent in an offer to buy 2 lots on Lake Ridge Circle between C. W. Helman's houses No. 2324, and the Stones' home at 1500 dollars per lot. C. W. Helman stated that his house at 2324 required considerable extra grading and top soiling which cost him several hundred dollars extra.

A. Quackenbush made a motion that we offer the two lots for \$3500 cash. Sopha Hermanson seconded the motion and the vote in favor of it was unanimous.

A card from M. J. Bingham, written in Trinidad and dated April 12, 1956 and mailed from Miami Florida, to L. T. Schultz, West Union, South Carolina, was sent in to the Office. Quoting from this card

"Brother Schultz, I've influenced a lot of people not to get too concerned about the Branch. I don't know if I did so with you, but if I did, I herewith want to say I am sorry. Since I last wrote you, we have spent many, many, prayerful hours of study on the Branch vs. the Code, and I tell you, our eyes are opening to much we could not before see. I do hope all of you there will sit down with open minds and unprejudiced hearts to a most careful investigation of the Branch. It's too late now, Brother Schultz to take any chances and have our salvation hanging on a peradventure. We must be certain."

A letter from Augustine Logie, Beulah Logie's father, dated April 11 and received April 19, 1956, and written from Trinidad where he is staying with a Brother Clarke was read. Quoting from this letter

"Ever since Brother Bingham's arrival here I was very suspicious of his movements. I once told him in the presence of Brother Francis that I suspect him to be in connection with the Branch, he denied having anything to do with it save that many in the States are of the same opinion and many other things which I saw was from natural feeling. I told him that I think it would be better for him if he would humble himself to them and that we may be one again. He made no reply. I have always warned Brother Francis to keep a keen eye on him for I believe he was up to some trick. He is very crafty and would work havoc among the weaker ones and deceive many. I understand he has declared war against the Rod at his last study with about six present truth believers."

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Held in the Office of the Vice- President
7:45 P.M. May 8, 1956

While waiting for the members to convene J. O. Conrad related his conversation with Mr. Tom Street, the Association's legal adviser. He advised the institution had better meet the terms because one day may make a great difference in the market, but that the option should be reduced from six months to four months. The idea that our lawyer might have some personal interest in the land himself was not overlooked by the council even though the lawyer has always shown nothing but good will and integrity in his dealings with the Institution.

The meeting was called to order and Jack Knipple prayed for the success of every effort.

Two offers for the purchase of the land were presented. Clarke and Tman offered \$1,000.00 per acre for the sixth the 65.6 acres which comprise the west half of the 208 acres which is up for sale. It has 69 lots. They agreed to pay \$5,000.00 cash for an option for 90 days plus \$10,000.00 cash at the expiration of that time. If they should want another and 90 days option they will add \$3,000.00 more to the option price.

Mr. Tom Joseph sent in an offer for the 208 acres at \$225,000.00. He sent a check for \$5,000.00 for a months' option to November 3, 1956. At the end of this time he will pay \$45,000.00, the balance to be paid in three years at 5%, \$800.00 per lot as the lots are sold.

The Association made an offer as follows:

Price for the 208 acres	\$225,000
Option money	10,000
Option period	120 days
Cash at expiration of 120 days	\$40,000
All 4 reserves to be retained	
Will reserve 160 foot requested next Lot 5 in Block 1	
Allowance for price of land for street costs	\$5,000

Not more than 5,000 will be deducted from the selling price for Reserve No. 3 and this only if demanded by the purchaser.

Mr. Johnson had a meeting of their company Friday night in and as all members did not show up so nothing was decided about making an offer on the 208 acres.

C. W. Helman now made a motion that the Council propose the terms mentioned above to Tom Joseph, and if these terms are acceptable to him and unless there is a better offer presented before the Association receives the acceptance signed by Tom Joseph, the Council hereby authorizes the trustees to sign the option agreement.

There was a second to this motion by a A. Quackenbush and the vote in favor was unanimous. The next item on the edge and of was in regard to E. R. Heim. He is about to lose both of his houses it was learned. He has to May 13 before the loan company will **(note: following page missing or not in order)**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Mt. Carmel Center
Waco, Texas

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
7:15 P.M. October 31, 1956

The meeting was called to order and Jack Knipple, Sr. prayed for the success of the meeting.

A letter from M. W. Wolfe to M. J. Bingham, not yet mailed, was read. A letter from Brother Wolfe to the Council was then read. As Brother Wolfe was scheduled to appear before the Council in a few minutes, consideration was given as to what course should be pursued. The idea was in evidence, it was thought, that Brother Wolfe in his letter stated that the Council thought they were incapable of erring.

Brother Wolfe was asked to pray when he came in, that God would give what we need--wisdom. The visitor admitted that he had raised a question on infallibility. It was his contention that the Council erred in calling the police to arrest his boy, Jim, right at his home. He was told that he had told the Council in Jim's presence that he had told Jim, himself, that if he came on Mt. Carmel he, (Brother Wolfe) would call the sheriff. To this Brother Wolfe wanted to know what he could do with the boy.

When asked how far he thought the Lord was leading he replied that the Lord is leading in the doctrines. Truth will triumph, he declared. God will take us and use us in the end regardless of mistakes.

Mrs. Florence Houteff gave the instance when God through Moses led the children of Israel down to the Red Sea. The people were certain that it was Moses who was leading in spite of the evidence of the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. The people always believe that it is the human leader and not God who is at work.

T. O. Hermanson said in substance that he was gone for about nine months. While absent he wondered why the Council had done some things but when he returned and got the facts --all the information--, he knew that that was the right action to take and would himself had voted in harmony with the Council had he been present.

C. W. Helman said in substance that Peter was given the keys but that now we have the keys. Mrs. Houteff, added that God will bind in heaven what is bound in earth when it is done in Truth. Mrs. Houteff also said that God through inspiration let it be known that the General Conference is no longer the voice of God in the earth. Through V. T. Houteff he also announced that the Davidian Association has "keys", if and when God should announce that the keys are transferred from the Davidians to some other people He will do it through inspiration.

After Brother Wolfe was dismissed the question of the taxes on Ross Green's house was considered. The assessed valuation of his house was placed at \$9,000.00. The taxes on the house came to \$171.05. The Institution has \$900.00 invested in the old, or original part of his house, the only part that he was authorized to construct. He has been charged at thn rate of \$19.91 per month for rent from the time that the house was built until the land was sold to Mr. Tom Joseph.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Mt. Carmel Center

Waco, Texas

Held in the Office of the Vice-President

11:00 A.M. June 21, 1959

The meeting was called to order and then C. W. Helman and J. O. Conrad prayed.

Time was not given to C. W. Helman to express his views on the present situation. It was his conviction that:

1. It was a mistake to place the Shepherd's Rod on the altar; the Message stands on its own feet.
2. This was the stand of the Council only and not that of the members of the Association.
3. When we see that we are wrong then we ought to admit it to the people and the church.
4. According to the Leviticus the Council is to be chosen by the General Association. Acts 6:1-4; Acts of the Apostles, pp. 195, 196.
5. Although the keys of the Kingdom have passed from the General Conference to the Davidians that does not mean that the keys have been given to the Executive Council.
6. The events predicted have not taken place. Aaron made a mistake and David numbered Israel and as a result many suffered.
7. The Council has usurped the Spirit of Prophecy in prophesying and if the Lord condemns the General Conference then He will have to condemn us too. People honor those who acknowledge their wrongs. When David did great wrong in his affair with Bathsheba, God forgave him and He will do the same for us.
8. God will save the tents of Judah first--these are the common people. Those at the head of the work have a tendency to magnify themselves above the common people. Peter was rebuked by Paul.
9. The burden of the meeting was that something would have to be invented to keep the people here. Some on the Council think that they are indispensable.
10. Speaking of Dudley's sermon in which he drew a parallel lesson from Israel's great rebellions against Moses, the Council is not Moses. If Dudley was wrong in speaking on the 5 points then his application may be wrong on this too.
11. He is not going to try to oust the Council.
12. The Council predicted that these events would take place. This was not the position of the General Association - only the Council. When Brother Houteff was here he didn't

need a General Association. He was like Moses.

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"If the message and work of The Shepherd's Rod is God's Truth as we believe, the 1260 days of Revelation 11 as The Symbolic Codes have explained, will end sometime this Spring. Then will follow the war that will kill the Two Witnesses.' -- Symbolic Code, Vol. 14, No. 6, pages 8, 9, (Special Edition). The letter concludes with a stated willingness to let the Lord demonstrate that He has founded, nurtured and led The Shepherd's Rod message from its inception, and a plea that the Seventh-day Adventist officials will likewise put their all on the altar. To this date, however, the Seventh-day Adventists have not answered the challenge. It appears to us therefore that up to this time they have not had sufficient faith in their own position to make this step. In contrast to this, Mt. Carmel issued a call in March of this year for all who were in complete harmony with the message of Carmel's leadership to come to Mt. Carmel for the purpose of gathering in solemn assembly. Your presence here reflects your belief in its validity.

"In the same issue of The Symbolic Code which contains the letter to the General Conference, on page 29, this statement is made: "Mt. Carmel hereby serves notice that she now leaves the prophecy of Revelation 11 as the Code has explained it, as the test by which the Lord will demonstrate whom He is leading."

"These statements are plain and simple. The fulfillment of the events prophesied in Revelation 11, as the Code has explained them is still the test. The event that was hereby scheduled for this Spring was the ending of the 1260 days. Following their close, the war on the Two Witnesses and related events were to begin. No date has ever been established for these forthcoming events, although personal expectations were given out..

"Various members of the Executive Council, not in session but as individuals, accept full responsibility for the prevailing opinion that the warfare and death of the Two Witnesses, together with related Biblically-predicted events could likewise be expected this Spring. In a later issue of The Symbolic Code, Vol. 14, No. 8, page 9 (Second Special Edition), students of Bible prophecy were told that they should expect the Confederacy of Revelation 13 likewise this Spring. While this amalgamation of western nations is not yet formed, the careful observer of world events can certainly detect the trend toward economic, military and religious integration among the free nations of the West. Of this event the Rod message has prophesied. Since, however, we did confidently expect it to be developed this Spring, the question is why didn't it?"

"If we possessed the mind of God we would know all the answers to all our questions. Since we do not have all intelligence we therefore do not have all the answers. But perhaps one reason it has not yet come is that all God's people are not yet prepared to meet it. In His great mercy, God has promised to hold up the trouble for His people that will be entailed in the Confederacy until the elect are ready to stand through it.

"When Mt. Carmel issued the call for all to come who were standing whole heartedly for the Truth as Mt. Carmel has put it out, many declared that they needed more time. Some are still preparing to come. Even some of us here, if not all of us, in one way or another are not ready. Our greatest burden should not be that we are proved right in all our expectations. Our burden should instead be that none be lost. And if are tempted to be impatient because the Lord does not see fit to bring to pass His prophesied events precisely when we think He should, let us consider again that our own fate might not be the desirable one were we now brought face to face with the great challenge of our loyalty to God.

It was moved by J. O. Conrad; Whereas Cecil Helman and Jack Knipple are out of the state and that it is impossible for them to serve on the Council it is that they be replaced by their alternates, Mrs. Mary Alen J. R. Custer, as permanent members. There was a second to this motion by T.O. Hermanson and it was carried by unanimous vote.

It was reported that Sumpter Smith plans to return to Salem, South Carolina as soon as the work is caught up on the farm. While there he is willing to clean the Salem Rest Home and try to sell it on commission or wages. The Council is to authorize him to do so if it is deemed advisable, and to stipulate the prices wanted. The sale of the Rest Home would include the house and 31 acres which was purchased from the Wessels.

G. W. Basther that Sumpter Smith be authorized to the Rest Home property at Salem, South Carolina for an asking price of \$35,000 and a price of \$25,000 at a commission up to 5%.

T.O. Hermanson seconded the motion and it received unanimous approval.

There was some discussion whether some one should be chosen to take L. Quackenbush's place on the Council. It was mentioned that the Leviticus, page 9, under By-Laws Article I, Executive Council Section 4, it is stated, "minority meetings of less than seven members of the Council may be held at the General Administration Offices for the transaction of necessary or routine business." The inference is that seven shall constitute the full membership of the Council. No decision was made and the meeting was dismissed at 11:00 P.M.

Members Present:

Mrs. Mary Alen

J.O. Conrad

J. R. Custer

Mrs. Sopha Hermanson was not present

T. O. Hermanson

Mrs. V. T. Houteff

G. W. Saether

signed:

Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

J. O. Conrad. Secretary

This report prepared by

Geo. W. Saether, Asst. Secretary

Approved: February 17, 1960

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"1. The present Executive Council has illegally usurped the power of authority in not calling the first general association and having an election of officers by the people. This election should be held.

"2. The present Council has made a serious mistake in putting the Shepherd's Rod message on the altar on the basis of the Council's on the prophecy of Revelation 11. The Council should admit this mistake and resign. A new council should be elected and then everything will go smoothly . The prophecy of Revelation 11 should then be forgotten and Davidians go back to the Rod and work for the Seventh-day Adventist church.

"3. Davidians should accept the teachings of the Branch and the Council should turn the work over to Ben Roden.

"4. Davidians, by recent developments should be led to seriously consider their course and return to the church.

"5. [to be filled in by anyone having a different opinion.]

"6. I believe that the Executive Council is right in their stand in the newsletter of June 26."

After this was read, one suggested the addition of the following ideas:

"Since Davidians do not know the reason why the Lord allowed them to expect certain events this Spring which did not occur, they should wait until the Lord makes plain the reason and indicate the next step to take. And inasmuch as all Davidians believe the stand the Code took and supported the Council in their promulgation of it, Davidians should go home and wait until we find out something better."

No decision was made in regard to these things and the Council dismissed by prayer by G. W. Saether at 6:00 P.M.

Members present:

Mrs. Mary Alan, Alternate for C.W. Helman	Mrs. Sopha Hermanson
T. O. Hermanson	Mrs. Florence Houteff
G. W. Saether	J. O. Conrad
T. R. Custer, Alternate for Jack Knipple	

signed:

Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

J. O. Conrad, Secretary

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Mrs. Houteff: "The purification of the church, the confederacy and the setting up of the Kingdom were three main teachings of the Rod and so they are subjects they should help us with."

Elder Olson then offered to hold the meetings in the Seventh-day Adventist church in Waco but this was declared not feasible as it would not be large enough to hold all the people.

Elder Leach: "What you have in mind is not like the Church of Christ does; turn it into a debate? We don't want any tricks."

Elder Olson: "The General Conference received a request from Elder Evans that something be done down at Waco in view of the present situation."

It was Elder Evans, he explained, who had been getting letters from the Seventh-day Adventist people in regard to the situation on Mt. Carmel. Then he wrote to Elder Figuhr suggesting that he send some men down to Waco, to see if they could help the People to find their way back into the church.

Elder Evans: "Elder Figuhr wrote to me, 'Surely there are a lot of honest people down there and we ought to do something for them. So the General Conference Committee appointed me to come to Waco to help you now in your great disappointment.'"

It was decided as far as they could see that it would be a good thing to hold in the tabernacle but **were not in favor of the Branch people coming to meetings. They wanted to come as brothers and sisters.**

Elder Olson asked Elder Winders to offer the closing prayer.

After the ministers were gone J. O. Conrad and T. O. Hermanson prayed that this would be a decided victory for the cause. The following notice was drawn up to be announced to the camp:

"This morning the Executive Council met with a representative of the General Conference and three other conference ministers and officials and arrangements were made for them to conduct meetings to be held within the next few days in the tabernacle."

Members present:

Mrs. Mary Alen, Alternate

J. O. Conrad

J. R. Custer, Alternate

C. W. Helman

Mrs. Sopha Hermanson

T. O. Hermanson

J.O. Conrad, Secretary

Mrs. Florence Houteff

Jack Knipple

G. W. Saether

Signed: _____
Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

This report prepared by
Geo. W. Saether, Assistant Secretary

Approved: February 17, 1960

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Mt. Carmel Center
Waco, Texas

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
9:30 A.M. September 2, 1959

The meeting was called to order and the chairman announced that the purpose of the meeting was to determine what our duty is and what direction we should take.

G. W. Saether and M. W. Wolfe prayed.

Mrs. Houteff now reviewed the history of the work of Davidians for 30 years endeavoring to get the message to the Seventh-day Adventists. "What more can we do?" was her impassioned question. Many tens of thousands, over the years have had all the literature five times. There is at present a mailing list of 30,000 to 35,000. Three of the men at Washington said we should consider that our burden has been discharged and that they would take the responsibility for Adventists who did not see The Shepherd's Rod as being truth.

A financial report was then given. Since the beginning of the work, 1930 to July 31, 1959, the first tithe has been \$1,090,114. All except \$16,000 has been used for our gospel work not including the \$100,000. invested for the buildings needed to carry on the publishing and office work.

In the one period the second tithe amounted to	\$438,740
Spent for Benevolent Aid exclusive of investments in buildings	184,533
Balance	\$254,207
Bequeathment Certificate	84,985
Cash on hand	154,000
Cash Balance which can be used	69,000

The interest in the radio program is increasing it was reported but very little money is being sent in. Dudley Goff suggested a simple course of Bible study over the radio in perhaps a series of 10 or 15 minute programs. The first course might be on the origin of the Bible in nine lessons. Then the rudiments of the Bible. If this could be carried on with the privilege of cancellation at the end of four weeks it would cost \$1100 per week. The radio program at present is \$2200 per week,

John Campbell said that he saw no light in the radio; instead we ought to get our bearings, concentrate on where we stand at the present time.

But what should we do with the tithe which comes in? the chairman asked. John Campbell said that Davidians will pay tithe but they are disturbed and confused. They feel no security. Some are talking about taking out insurance for security.

The chairman made a comparison between the radio work and house to house work,

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Held in the Office of the Vice-President
10:30 A.M. December 1, 1960 2:00 P.M.

The meeting opened with prayer by J. R. Custer.

Time of the proposed General Association meeting was discussed and it was thought that January 16, 1961 would be better than a month later and that only those having a 1960 Certificate of Fellowship would be permitted to be in attendance if it should finally be decided to call the meeting.

It was decided to call Mr. Street for information as to whether he interpreted the constitution as restricting our work solely to the Seventh-day Adventists and if so can the constitution be changed to clearly set forth the Association's present field of labor. Mr. Street said that he would like to discuss this with us and also said that any constitution can be changed whether it contains a stated provision for it or not.

The second tithing fund was discussed regarding whether benefits morally accrue to the ones who have supported this fund but who may be in the minority interest in the Association. The rights of the minority and the right to vote was also discussed. It was felt in that if it came to a meeting of the Davidians the ones who are supporting the present program might be in the minority. Whichever way it and would be the minority have certain rights. The possibility that the opposition might I attached the property and thus bring it into court, was discussed at length.

It was reported net at present Association has only \$(illegible) in unencumbered cash with which to carry on its work. In addition there is the revenue from the sale of milk, surplus equipment could be sold to raise funds in order to augment the funds available for the work among Protestants. It was decided to send a delegation to confer with the Mr. Street about the legal aspects of the Association in this crisis.

Members present:

Mrs. Mary Alen
J. O. Conrad
J. R. Custer
Mrs. Sopha Hermanson
Mrs. Florence Houteff
G. W. Saether
T. O. Hermanson

signed: _____
Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

J.O. Conrad, Secretary
This report prepared by

Geo. W. Saether, Assistant Secretary

Approved: March 19, 1961

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Mt. Carmel Center
Waco, Texas

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
2:00 P.M. February 14, 1961

The meeting was called to order and J. O. Conrad prayed that the Council in meeting would be controlled according to the divine will and purpose.

The chairman gave a verbal report of the work of the new booklet. There have been but few responses to the ones which have been distributed. A few have contributed money but thus far it has been almost negligible. It was also stated that some radio stations will give time to religious programs if there is sufficient response from the public.

If there are those who wish to donate money to this publishing work they will expect a receipt. In what name will a receipt be issued? was the question. When people asked what group of people were promoting this distribution and they were told that it was the Davidian Seventh-day Adventists, quite a large percentage of those who thus pin-pointed this question refused to accept the book. It was felt that there is a deep prejudice in the minds of many against Seventh-day Adventists.

On the other hand it was also reported that people around Waco were interested in Mt. Carmel and quite a number evidenced willingness to accept and read the book.

These discussions brought up the advisability of changing the name of the Association. It was brought out that when the Adventists were looking for a suitable name they presented such names as "Church of God," "Church of Christ," etc. At that time Mrs. White advised against such a move for the names selected were too general and did not clearly enough designate or describe the church. The name selected filled the bill exactly.

The following names were some of the names submitted:

Heralds of the Davidian Kingdom
Heralds of the Davidian Kingdom of Peace
The Davidian Kingdom Heralds
Heralds of Christ's Soon Coming Davidian Kingdom
Heralds of God's Kingdom
Heralds of God's Kingdom Triumphant
Heralds of the Kingdom Triumphant
The Davidian Heralds of the Kingdom
Heralds of the Davidians

It was recognized that it would involve a lot to change the name. What would be the reaction of Davidians? It was reported that several who had engaged in the new literature campaign thus far wrote in, saying that the name ought to be different than Seventh-day Adventist because of the deep prejudice of so many against the Seventh-day Adventists. It was decided to ask the advice of Mr. Street and what would be involved in changing the name.

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TOM STREET

March 3, 1961

Mrs. Florence Houteff,
Mount Carmel Center,
Route 7,
Waco, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Houteff:

Replying to yours of February 24, 1961, with reference to changing the name of the Association, we have to advise as follows:

Since the name is set forth in the Constitution, it will be necessary that the Constitution be amended. No change in the bylaws will be necessary provided the resolution changing the name of the Association recites that any reference in the by-laws to "Davdian Seventh-day Adventist" or "General Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists" show here after be construed to mean _____ (The new name of the Association.)

From your letter, I understand that no change is contemplated except the change of the name of the Association.

A special session may be called as provided in Article V of the Constitution and should give notice of the nature of the business to be transacted, namely, change of name of the Association.

In the copy of the constitution and by-laws, which I have, I find nothing concerning a ballot to be mailed to the members or a stipulation concerning the vote but by proxy. In this situation, the notice of with a special session having been given a the membership as provided, the date and nature of the meeting having been stated, a majority vote by those attending the meeting should control.

At this meeting a resolution should be adopted stipulating that the name of the Association has been changed to that of the named few may select, and should contain the stipulation above set out with a reference to the by-laws.

A certified copy of this resolution recorded in the Deed Records of the Counties in which the Association may own land, will take care of property titles, however, there will no doubt later arise the problem of satisfying attorneys representing any purchaser that the name was property changed and that the original

Association and the new Association are actually identical and one and the same, the name merely having been changed.

You have stated In your letter that you are giving serious consideration to the matter of changing the name, and I, therefore, conclude that you have a very good reason therefore and the sincere desire to effect the change of name. We should keep in mind, however, that over a period of many years we have convinced practically all the lawyers in this County that you have a right to sell property by deed by your trustees. This has been no little problem, and in fact, the constitution and by-laws are somewhat silent, at least at age and indefinite with a reference to sales. In the event of sale of all or any part of your land, the whole question might be we opened and we might readily expect some difficulty in passing the title after the name change.

I think the name or names contemplated to be adopted should be submitted to me before notice of the session is published.

You would have little or no difficulty in connection with the establishment of income tax exemption status under the new name.

Yours very truly,

Tom Street.

TS/hs

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Mt. Camel Center
Waco, Texas

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
9:00 A.M. March 13, 1961

The meeting was called to order and then the chairman made a partial report of the Houston meeting which several Mt. Carmel members attended. One item that was mentioned was that people in under privileged countries of the world were starving on the streets and the other people walked by seemingly unconcerned for their welfare. Mark 16:14-18 was read showing the work assigned to the believers after the resurrection of Christ. Then Isaiah 58 was also read which further revealed the work of Christ's followers.

J. O. Conrad and T. O. Hermanson prayed for God to touch the hearts of the members to reveal to them their work.

It was reported that V. V. Smith and Sumpter Smith had returned from Salem, South Carolina and reported on the mission. Sumpter Smith, before leaving for Salem had signified his desire to operate the Salem Rest Home after Reba, his wife, finishes her nurses course next October. When the two men arrived at Salem, however, they learned that the Davidians had already contacted the ministerial association there and that the Vice-President of the association, a Methodist minister, was very enthusiastic about it. He expressed the idea that perhaps the Davidian Association would be willing to sell the Rest Home to the new organization that is forming to operate the Rest Home Protect as a result of the Association's recent proposal, and then they could run it. The question arose as to the wisdom of this move but it was thought that the idea would be all right if the Rest Home would be conducted as a non-profit sharing enterprise.

The question arose: What is the duty of the Association towards the people in their various needs? With all the facilities at hand is there a purpose in it? What can be done? There is a large surplus in the Second Tithe fund. Experiences of others in helping the poor, the orphans, and others was related showing the wonderful ways in which God has helped His people when they have a deep desire to help.

Mrs. Sopha Hermanson and Mrs. Florence Houteff prayed to close the meeting.

All were urged to be thinking what could be done with the Second Tithe to help in this work and what kind of enterprise could be successfully launched that would be really helpful in ministering to the necessities of the people.

Members present:

Mrs. Mary Alen	Mrs. Sopha Hermanson
J.O. Conrad	T. O. Hermanson
Mrs. Florence Houteff	G. W. Saether
J. R. Custer	

signed:

Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

J. O. Conrad, Secretary

This report prepared by
Geo. W. Saether
Approved: March 19, 1961

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THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Mt. Carmel Center
Waco, Texas

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
2:00 P.M. November 19, 1961

The chairman called the meeting to order and prayer was offered by M. W. Wolfe, J.O. Conrad, and T. O. Hermanson.

The subject under discussion was the wage adjustment.

Before the discussion was opened, J. O. Conrad read his suggestion for a wage adjustment and asked the Council to consider his proposals.

In his proposed adjustment, he mentioned that the Association be dissolved, and that anyone who had worked for the Association for any period of at least five years be included in the wage adjustment; that the Association pay Mrs. Houteff for any medical bills that V. T. Houteff had incurred and paid for himself, and that the second tithe be paid back as far as possible to all who had ever paid into the Association.

T. O. Hermanson asked J. O. Conrad if his reason for dissolution is that we no longer have a commission? Also, should a person who only worked five years and left have the same consideration as one who has worked longer? Another question asked was why the first tithe should be paid back when it was used for gospel work? How would there be any to pay back?

The wage adjustment that the Office had prepared was now under discussion. The chairman explain how the adjustment was figured. The Accounting Dept. had prepared a rough draft of a proposed wage adjustment for employees who have been in the employ for at least the last ten years. The adjustment was based on the length of time employed at Mt. Carmel, wages earned, and a point system which reflected a combination of many factors.

Through the discussion the Mt. Carmel Rest Home was brought up, and what should be done about the patients. The place will soon have to be vacated as the ones buying the property will close the deal in another week, and it is too expensive to operate the whole building for so many persons.

The following motion was made by T. O. Hermanson and seconded by J.O. Conrad, who moved:
"That we move our present Rest Home patients to the Canada Nursing Home in Waco; that we write to Ida Pushback's children notifying them, that we have closed our Rest Home and to make arrangements elsewhere for her. Also that we tell the Lyons' we will have no work for them after January 1 and that Irena Alen's children make arrangements for her care."

The motion was carried unanimously.

The chairman now said she would like the Council to make a decision on the wages for V. T. Houteff. As she did not wish to remain during the discussion she excused herself from the meeting. The Council then went over the figures and after much deliberation it was decided to give Mrs. Houteff her own-wage adjustment, plus a gift of \$5,000.00 and the balance of V. T. Houteff's wage adjustment to make a total up to \$20,000.00. This was left open for her decision.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Members present:

Mary Allen

J. O. Conrad

Mrs. S. Hermanson

T. O. Hermanson

Florence Houteff

M. W. Wolfe

signed:

Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

J. O. Conrad, Secretary

This report prepared by
Mrs. S. Hermanson

Approved: December 11, 1961

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE GENERAL
ASSOCIATION OF DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Mt. Camel Center
Waco, Texas

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
2:00 P.M. November 20, 1961

In a meeting of the Executive Council the following motion was made by J.O. Conrad:

"I move that the rough draft of the employment wage adjustment dated and submitted November 20, 1961, be approved, and that the Accounting Dept. be instructed to set it up in proper form for the Councils formal approval."

The motion was seconded by M. W. Wolfe and was carried by a unanimous vote.

Members present:
Mary Allen
J. O. Conrad
Mrs. S. Hermanson
T.O. Hermanson
Florence Houteff
W. M. Wolfe

signed:

Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

J. O. Conrad, Secretary

This report prepared by
Mrs. S. Hermanson

Approved: December 11, 1961

[Historical Note: Below, the minutes of the final meeting of the DSDA Association. The following reproduction are the resolutions formalizing organizational dissolution and distribution of tithe funds]

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Mt. Carmel Center
Waco, Texas

Held in the Offices of the Vice-President
11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. March 1, 1962

The meeting was called to order and the first item of business was the reading of the minutes for the meeting of February 27, 1962. The minutes were approved as read.

The second section of the wage adjustment now came up for discussion.

After much deliberation the following Resolution was drawn up.

"WHEREAS it has always been in intention of the administration of the Association to make a wage adjustment for its members who have been employed at Mt. Carmel Center because of the sub-standard wages paid through the years, and

"WHEREAS a final adjustment has been made for those employees with over ten years service, but none was made for those in the service less than ten years,

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED OF that the attached wage adjustment be paid as soon as possible to those it covers, being present members of the Association, and being the group who have worked up to ten years.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this is a final wage adjustment for all services rendered by these employees, and that this section of the wage adjustment be paid from the second tithe fund, so that in all the accumulated wage adjustments being made the second tithe fund will bear its share of the expense of its operation."

A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by a M. W. Wolfe and seconded in by Mary Allen. The motion carried unanimously.

The resignations of those resigning from the Association's employ were now will read: They included the following names:

From the Accounting Dept.
Marian Hermanson, Margaret Baker
From the Correspondence Dept.
Ethel Wolfe, Romana Saether
From the Publishing Dept.
Mary Allen, Romana Saether

Thinking it was the Lord's work, we did not send Mt. Carmel a bill. But now since Mt. Carmel feels that we were not called, based on Ezekiel 4 and 9, I expect to be paid, as well as those who worked for Mt. Carmel during those years. I think this is only fair, don't you?

We will be praying for you and those who attend at the meetings that the Spirit of God will direct each decision.

Sincerely yours,
Jack Knipple."

Since the Council felt Brother Knipple should have some consideration for the expense he was out for taking care of field workers, transportation and postage at his own expense, the following Resolution was drawn up:

"WHEREAS Jack Knipple Sr. became encumbered with miscellaneous expenses engendered solely and directly as the result of his various services in the promotion of the activities of the General Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists and

"WHEREAS he was never reimbursed for those expenses and

"WHEREAS those outstanding expenses amount to \$500.00

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Jack Knipple Sr. be paid \$500.00 in full payment for his unpaid expenses while engaged in Association activities, this amount to be charged to Field Workers General Expense for past years."

A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by J.O. Conrad and seconded by T. O. Hermanson. The motion carried unanimously.

Another Resolution was now presented to the council for consideration:

"WHEREAS the entire Executive Council is resigning on March 11, 1962, and there will be need for a temporary arrangement until the Session elects it's new officers, and

"WHEREAS Vanoy Smith and Margaret Baker have manifested approval and acceptance of the positions hereinafter named as signified by their signatures below,

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Vanoy Smith be appointed as assistant secretary of the Executive Council and assistant secretary of the Association to take effect immediately, and as temporary chairman of the Associations Second Special Session and commencing March 11.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Vanoy Smith, the only remaining officer of the Association, be authorized to receive all the records, assets, and accountant books.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Margaret Baker be appointed as temporary secretary of the Second Special Session."

Signed: _____
Vanoy Smith , Margaret Baker

"WHEREAS on October 5, 1962 the Executive Council adopted a Resolution authorizing the transfer and payment of second tithe funds in the form of a Bequeathment Certificate, and

"WHEREAS our legal advisor informed us that, in view of the fact the Association was set up and operated as a non-profit institution under the laws of the United States Government Internal Revenue Dept., and

"WHEREAS the law of the said Federal Dept. forbid repayment of such funds,

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the former said action of this Council with regard only to the transfer of Second Tithe funds into the form of Bequeathment Certificates be rescinded."

Mrs. Mary Allen made a motion that the Council adopt the Resolution and Mrs. S. Hermanson seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting ajourned at 12:00 noon.

Members present:

Mary Allen
J. O. Conrad
Mrs. S. Hermanson
T. O. Hermanson
Florence Houteff
M. W. Wolfe

signed:

Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

J. O. Conrad, Secretary

This report prepared by Mary Allen
Approved: March 1, 1962

[Historical Note: Unpublished manuscripts left in the vault at New Mt. Carmel, as mentioned below in the final document of March 1962, were written by V.T. Houteff, but not published in his lifetime. These manuscripts are Tract #16 and Answer Book #6 & Answer Book #7. Tract #16 was published in 1968 by Ben Roden, available on this website. Answer Book #6 & #7 will be published on this website www.Branch-DavidianHistory.net.]

REVOCATION OF NOTICE OF RESIGNATION

Dated March 1, 1962

WE, the undersigned, Mrs. Mary Allen and M. W. Wolfe, members of the Executive Council of the General Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists having heretofore by notice of resignation dated March 1, 1962 stating our resignation from said Council of said Association to become effective March 11, 1962, we, on this 9th day of March, 1962, do hereby revoke our said notice of resignation and hereby retain our office as members of the Executive Council of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists.

To certify the above witness our hands this 9th day of March, 1962.

Mrs. Mary Allen

M. W. Wolfe

Received this (illegible) March, 1962

Vanoy Smith

RECEIPT OF PROPERTIES

Received of Florence Houteff, Vice-President, J. O. Conrad, Secretary, and Mrs. S. Hermanson, Treasurer, the following properties of the General Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists:

Located in Vault:

Books of Minutes

All Accounting Records

All Correspondence Files

Manuscript Files and Literature Cuts

All other miscellaneous items therein.

Also all other personal properties of the Association,
This the 8th day of March, 1962.

Vanoy Smith, Assistant Secretary for Association.