

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 and the chairman announced that there are to be two subjects to be submitted to the Council:

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 inclosed 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.

\* "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 (CHIRST, 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 stand---... "

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

*Mrs. Florence Houteff*  
Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman  
*Geo. W. Saether*  
Geo. W. Saether, Ass't. Secretary

*Approved September 21, 1955*



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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

The meeting was called to order and Brother Saether prayed that the Council would stand as one man for the message of the hour.

The secretary's report for the meeting of September 11 was read and approved.

Sr. Houteff reported on the conversation which she had with Sister Marie Smith that afternoon. Sr. Smith said she received the righteousness by faith or righteousness of Christ several years ago at the time when Sister Denski was here. They held secret meetings which Brother Houteff broke up. Later she was sent away because of instigating another so called revival and reformation, and because she had not been treated right in the past she was taking up with the Zumstein doctrine now, and is leaving. Sister Houteff asked her why she came back here this time when she is sick for us to take care of her if she had been treated so bad before. Her answer was unsatisfactory. When Sister Smith talked against Brother Houteff, Sister Houteff immediately left.

A letter from Helen Rogers mailed September 9 and received the 12th was read. She made it plain that she believes in Zumstein.

A letter from Ulrich Francis in Trinidad dated September 6 and received September 12, 1955 was read. He wondered about the case of M. J. Bingham and also about the Zumstein affair. He wrote, "I believe that beyond a shadow of doubt Brother Houteff was inspired to write and interpret what he did and I am a whole hearted believer of present truth."

A letter from E. M. Hamilton, Jamaica, B. W. I. dated September 9 and received September 12, was read. He reports remarkable progress of the work there and manifests a good spirit.

A letter from M. J. Bingham dated September 8 at Los Angeles and received September 12, was read. He wrote of Brother Mooney's case up in British Columbia and then Sister Houteff read some of the correspondence in regard to the proposed rest home in British Columbia. Quoting from M. J. Bingham's letter:

"I hope Sister Houteff, that you and your counselors will find the wise way to handle this concern which is shared in common by Canadian Davidians. Much trouble can be averted by wise and prompt action. I hate to see us stand by and let the Devil finish off the work built up in Canada. And every passing week of 'hands off' inaction is only strengthening his hands through the activities of Sandulowiches. I hope you'll elect to send an ambassador of goodwill to them, who will know how to build up and not tear down as did the councilmanic members who have just visited this area.

"I'm leaving here the 11th, the Lord's not preventing me. I plan to stop at Carmel en route to where I am going. I trust I'll be given the hearing I've so far been denied. If not, please let me know before I leave Knapp's."

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 sent a portion of one of Rachand'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  
J. R. Custer, alternate for A. Quackenbush  
C. W. Helman  
Mrs. Sopha Hermanson  
T. O. Hermanson  
Jack Knipple, Sr.  
Mrs. Florence Houteff  
Geo. W. Saether

Alternates:  
Mrs. Mary Alen  
Mrs. Carol Goff

Approved: September 12, 1955

*Mrs. Florence Houteff*  
Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

*J. O. Conrad*  
J. O. Conrad, Secretary

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



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Held in the Office of the Vice-President  
7:45 P.M. September 18, 1955

The meeting was called to order and Brother Helman prayed that the Council would have the necessary wisdom to successfully carry out the Lord's will.

A report was made by Sister Houteff who had just received a telephone call from Brothers Holmes and Worrow, at Miami, Florida. Brother Holmes wanted to know whether it would be all right for him to go to the Bahamas with M. J. Bingham. He was told that the office is not sending M. J. Bingham anywhere.

Brother Worrow said that the girls in British Guiana fairly idolize M. J. Bingham. But he added that Sister Amos is decidedly not for him. She says that she is not for Zumstein but in her conversation with Brother Worrow she seemed to be 100% for the Zumstein doctrines. Brother Worrow was asked who was financing M. J. Bingham on his trip to the Islands. He did not know.

A card from M. J. Bingham at Odessa, dated September 14, 1955 and received the 16th was read. He wrote: "This is the last time I shall offer to place the Zumstein letters at your disposal on the terms I have previously mentioned. If I receive no word from you by the 21st in Amarillo, I shall withdraw the offer." He still believes "that a proper presentation from these letters is indicated and would most effectively (better than Bible Truth) combat the fire...."

Another letter from M. J. Bingham at Odessa, dated September 15, and received the 16th was read. He writes that he is planning to leave Odessa September 18, and will be there until the following Sunday, the 25th.

Quoting from this letter: "It will not cost you very much to stand the expense of a ticket from Amarillo to Waco and from Waco to Dallas. I am once again, for perhaps the tenth time and for the last time, appealing to you and the Council to do the sensible, decent, honorable thing--to give me a full, fair, hearing." He mentioned the name of Brother Wolfe contending that he, too, was not granted a hearing.

It was the consensus of opinion not to answer this letter either.

A letter from Sister Edna Lyons, dated September 14, 1955, and received September 16 was read. She tells that some up there are confused over the Zumstein letters. "We believe all have sufficient proof that Sister Zumstein is uprooting pillars of faith and are fully persuaded that she is wrong, except Brother Hixson who should know, but seems flighty, so it is up to him." She suggests visiting several places in Western Oregon and Washington in an effort to set the believers straight. She feels that it would help.

A letter by Sister Houteff to Sister Lyons was read. In part she wrote, "We, too, find it almost impossible to change the thinking of those who are taking up with the Zumstein doctrine. It seems that it attracts those who prefer to doubt Mt. Carmel." She also quoted Counsels to Writers and Editors, pp. 55-57 under the title, "We cannot come down."

In closing this letter she added, "We want you to know that it is indeed a great source of encouragement to us to receive letters such as yours from the sentinels at the outposts who are standing loyal and strong in defence of Truth and righteousness."

The subject of the ReBells leaving now came up. It appears that they were too sensitive and too critical about happenings on Mt. Carmel, for one thing, it was their idea that there was a board of censors checking everything that was taught.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M. and J. O. Conrad dismissed the meeting by prayer.

Members present:

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

Alternates present:

Mrs. Mary Alen  
Mrs. Carol Goff

*Mrs. Florence Houteff*  
Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

*J. O. Conrad*  
J. O. Conrad, Secretary

This report was prepared by

*Geo. W. Saether*  
Geo. W. Saether, Assistant Secretary

*Approved: September 26, 1955*

Note: It was suggested to Sister Lyons that she outline her plan of an itinerary to visit the believers and that the office would pay  $5\frac{1}{2}$  cents per mile for the use of her car if the project met with final approval. That too, she estimate the complete expense it would entail to obtain this, a complete report on the state of Davidians.



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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

The meeting was called to order and J. O. Conrad prayed that the Council would know the divine will and purpose so that the work might be hastened. The secretary's reports for the meetings of Sept. 14, 15 and 18, 1955 were read and approved. A letter from Sr. Houteff to Dr. Roller and dated Sept. 26, 1955 was read. Quoting:

"However, Doctor Roller, after reading your letter to Brother Bingham, we can understand how he would get the idea that you were apologizing, although you did not mean it that way. Particularly open to misunderstanding is your statement that: 'The management work in the directing of the affairs over the earth, even before the Loud Cry, surely is too much for one little Center.'

"Since you are in our employ, we feel that you should have given us a full report on your visit to Bro. Bingham. This will clarify the letter you wrote to him and make your position on the entire matter above question."

Part of a letter from Jemmy Rohoman, dated Sept. 11 and received Sept. 22, 1955 was read. In this letter she stated that the believers down there saw no light in sending Willie Matthews to the Islands and "I must say I am disappointed in the reply you sent me concerning the query I made about Pastor Bingham's discharge from the work." She feels that God is leading and has the reins in His Own hands, "Yet I believe that leaders of God do and make mistakes."

A letter to Jemmy Rohoman from the Office, dated Sept. 26 was read. Quoting a paragraph: "You say, Jemmy, that the Davidians there and you, yourself, see no light in sending Willie Matthews there. Yes, you may be sure, Jemmy, that the Office did count the cost of sending him when the decision was reached. The Office still sees a definite need of sending a representative from here to the Caribbeans. Since, however, you Davidians there do not feel any need of this help from here, it would be a waste of means and time to send Willie there. Knowing, too, that there would be no wisdom in putting other help to work before a worker from here has made his trip through the British West Indies and British Guiana, the Office sees no light in sending anyone from Jamaica to another place to work, either."

A quotation follows: "As for Brother Bingham's case, I do not know what correspondence he sent you, but I do know that your judgment in the case is based on inadequate facts. You say that you are very disappointed in my reply to your question regarding his misdemeanor. You will have to realize, Jemmy, that I have neither the time nor the right to send you the details of his dismissal. The Council is not trying to draw followers after it and cause division among God's people. God has not required you to judge what the Council does. The Council has all the facts and it knows what it is doing. And to God alone is the Council answerable. The tenor of your letter does not correspond with your words that you believe the Council is operating in God's order. And it appears to us that an understanding should be reached. If you do believe the Lord has the reins in His Own hands, then you will believe that the Lord is leading the Council in its work and that their decisions, having been made in the fear of the Lord, are right. If you do not believe this, Jemmy, then we do not see how

you could teach others what you yourself do not believe. Just because we do not right now have an interpreter of the Scriptures, yet God has not left His church devoid of His Spirit. No, it is not left a 'free-for-all' to all Davidians. The Lord has 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 Rohoman 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 poorly 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 inclosed 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  
J. 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

*Mrs. Florence Houteff*  
Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

*J. O. Conrad*  
J. O. Conrad, Secretary

This report was prepared by

*Geo. W. Saether*  
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. 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 read. 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 not 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 reins in His Own hands, and I trust, telling Sr. Houteff and the 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, Barbadoes 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 arrived and made a two hour recording of the correspondence between Bingham and Zumstein. They said that they would send it to 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 stamp on it that makes me think he received it from B. L. Cochran, from Meadows of Dan. Brother Nations was rather upset over what it contained. It said that Brother Houteff had left you (Sr.H.) \$100,000 in cash and that he had willed everything to you and Nick Houteff. I

laughed at him and told him he surely couldn't believe that. He said well if that is so what do we have here or anywhere. Well I couldn't get over the idea that he had given it the second thought. I told him that I wouldn't even be showing it that there was no reason to add to the confusion with something like that. He showed C. T. the same thing in the afternoon, C. T. says he said to him that he surely couldn't believe that there was a grain of truth and that Brother Nations answered him by saying, Well a Davidian wrote it. C. T. says he told him he didn't care if a Davidian wrote it, they could make up a lie and pass it along as good as anyone else could.

"To quote C. T. directly for what it is worth, he says, 'The first slick tongue fellow that comes along Nations is going to fall for.'"

Brother Quackenbush was asked to comment on the situation there at Salem. He expressed complete confidence in Brother Nations and it seemed to him that there was a little jealousy between him and John Campbell. He spoke of receiving a letter from Sr. Wessel in regard to the house and she said that she would sell the property to Mt. Carmel for \$3,000. He further thought it would be fine to get the property especially in considering the well.

T. O. Hermanson reported that Fayne Worth told him that the Rodens held a 3 hour meeting at Fayne Worth's house last night (Oct. 11): Vaughn Worth and Bro. Wolfe were also there. It was agreed to by Brother Roden that it would be O.K. for Brother Wolfe to try to answer each point as it was presented. Fayne Worth reported that Brother Wolfe knocked down each and every point of Brother Roden's argument. He further stated that the women Sister Roden and Sister Johnson were on the fence as to whether the whole thing had anything to it or not.

It was decided that Brother Roden should be asked to come out to give his "message" to the Council. T. O. Hermanson left the Council and made a special trip to Roden's temporary home in Waco to extend an invitation to him to speak to the Council. After returning to the Council Brother Hermanson called Brother Roden on the phone. Brother Roden explained that he would rather have the Council meet at his home because he did not have his material. He was urged to bring his material along with him but he would not consent to come out to Mt. Carmel.

T. O. Hermanson called him again, but was told that Brother Roden was running a reference but that he would call Brother Hermanson in the morning.

The Council adjourned at 10:45 P.M. and Sr. Carol Goff dismissed the meeting by prayer.

All members of the Council were present except Brother Conrad; all the alternate members were present.

*Mrs. Florence Houteff*  
Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman  
*Geo. W. Saether*  
Geo. W. Saether, Assistant Secretary

*Approved: October 26, 1955*

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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 Jenny 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."

Jenny 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, Wyomin.

"Brother H. De Carmo seems to be infatuated with these so called messages, and have decided that he would use the Sabbath's 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 Zumstein 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."

✓ "Brother Bingham has made a recording of many letters received from Zumstein and many answers that he has written. This I believe Brother Worrow is planning on sending to Mt. Carmel."

✓ A letter from M. J. Bingham, at Nassau, Bahamas, dated October 19, and received the 21st. was read. In part, he wrote: "...I very definitely found that Brother Dorsett and all the rest with him are 100% Davidians, not Zummies or anything else. And this they testified to publicly last night. It is a pity, the unconscionable lying reports that Brother Evans has sent to you, and still more of a pity that you believed them without confirming them from those involved."

✓ It was pointed out by Sister Houteff that the report about Brother Dorsett did not come from Brother Evans but right from a letter which Brother Dorsett wrote to Lilyan Zumstein and which she published in one of her letters.

✓ A letter to Brother John Snodgrass from the Office, dated October 16 was read in part.

✓ "Brother Lawter wished us to pay his way here to tell us what he had. Now, if we were to do that for everyone who thinks he has new light and wishes to come here to present it to us, we would soon go broke paying for it.

✓ "Brother Bingham also expected us to pay his way here, but his request for a hearing was obviously not to get streightened out with the Office, but to have his own way. While Brother Knipple was in Los Angeles, he called on Brother Bingham to see what could be done. Brother Bingham made it very clear that regardless of whether or not he got back in good grace with the Association, he would still go to the Islands, no matter where the Office wished him to go. Brother Knipple told him that under those circumstances there would be no sense in having a meeting."

Another letter from M. J. Bingham, this time from Kingston, Jamaica, dated October 20, 1955 and received the 24th. was read. In this letter he ridiculed the idea that he inspired and doctored up the Branch letters, but he did not deny that he did.

A letter from Sister Amos, dated the 17th of October and received the 20th was read. Quoting from this letter: "if we have respect of persons we sin James 2:9. I am not office seeking but for our people to get justice in every way one of our people should be in that execute Counsel because some are asking for help because not getting help from those at the head."

✓ A letter from M. J. Bingham at Kingston, Jamaica, dated October, 23, and received the 26th was read. Quoting from this letter in part "...they see the evil, lying reports that are going out from Carmel about me; they know that I have nothing to do with either Zummyism or branchism or any other ism; they resent the untrue and unfair incriminations which those who know better continue to make and propagate about me;"

✓ He asserts in this letter that Sister Wolfe wrote to him in Trinidad saying that he had put workers to work in Jamaica and that a letter signed by Sister Houteff and addressed to Sister Nell Adam said that he had put men to work in Jamaica.

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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 out 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  
Brother and Sister Johnson  
Sister Helen Rogers

Ruby Olsen  
Brother Brewer  
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

Mrs. Florence Houteff  
Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

J. O. Conrad  
J. O. Conrad, Secretary

This report was prepared by

Geo. W. Saether  
Geo. W. Saether, Assistant Secretary

Approved: October 27, 1955

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Held in the Office of the Vice-President  
7:45 P.M. Nov. 1, 1955

The meeting was called to order and then Brother Jack Knipple, Sr. prayed that right decisions would be made and that the Lord would keep his hand over the believers.

The secretary's report of the meeting of October 27, was read and approved.

Brothers Knipple and Quackenbush rendered a report on the visit to the Rolles. They found that Ruben and Lelia do not know whether the "branch" doctrine is truth or not. They think we do not speak out against open wrongs manifest on Mt. Carmel such as wearing open shoes, sheer stockings and selling crackers with lard in them. They admitted that they had criticized the management and begged forgiveness.

Mr. Tom Joseph wants to buy the 17 acres near the saw mill and offered \$1250. per acre for it.

It was reported that Mr. Joseph is offering to sell several lots between Charboneau Drive and Hermanson Drive near Bishop Drive for \$1100 per lot provided that the purchaser buys another of his other lots. The Worths are interested in this.

The Worths offered to buy 12 lots still unsold on Lake Ridge Circle for \$14,200 at 10% down, the balance to be paid when each lot is sold. A deed is to be made when the 10% is paid.

A motion was made by Geo. W. Saether that we do not accept Mr. Tom Joseph's offer of \$1250 per acre for the 17 acres. The motion was seconded by A. Quackenbush and was carried by unanimous vote.

J. O. Conrad moved that we do not accept the offer of the Worths which was seconded by C. W. Helman and carried by unanimous vote.

The letters prepared by different members to be written to M. J. Bingham to inform him why his Certificate of Fellowship was revoked were read. After considerable discussion Jack Knipple, Sr. made a motion that: "Inasmuch as Brother Bingham continues to bring railing accusation against the Institution, the Council and Sister Houteff by voice and pen, thereby causing things to be represented in a way to cause distrust, dissension and lack of faith in the message and the organization the Lord ordains to carry on the work, it is deemed necessary for his good and the good of the cause of God to withdraw his Certificate of Fellowship. Furthermore, that a letter be written to him of this action. There was a second to this motion by C. W. Helman and the vote in favor of it was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M. and closed by prayer by A. Quackenbush.

## Members present:

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

Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

J. O. Conrad, Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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

*new questions  
added to Application*

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.

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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 to be 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 God does not say that the work for the church is done, but it does say that this message, Jezreel's 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.



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  
9:15 A.M. November 27, 1960  
2:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order and prayer was offered by J. R. Custer.

The business taken up in the meeting pertained to requests made by M. J. Bingham in his letters, dated November 18, 1960 and November 23, 1960. In the one, Dated November 23, 1960, M. J. Bingham asked the Association to grant his group permission to use the address of Mt. Carmel Center for his emergency telephone and telegraph calls while the group is here for the open hearing.

In his letter of November 18, 1961 he made this demand:

"Should you wish to agree upon bilateral extension of these restrictions upon our respective activities until you have your answer in our hands, provided you get it to us no later than January 16, 1961 we shall be happy to enter whole heartedly into the agreement."

It was decided that inasmuch as he was given six weeks in which to prepare his case against the Council for presentation and inasmuch as he had asked for and was granted all the allotted time for the hearing, the Council should reserve the same length of time for it to prepare and distribute its reply to their material.

It was also agreed that the Association do not allow M. J. Bingham or his associates to use the facilities,--Office, telephone, etc. for his work.

Members present:

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

*Mrs. Florence Houteff*  
Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

*J. O. Conrad*  
J. O. Conrad, Secretary

This report prepared by

*Geo. W. Saether*  
Geo. W. Saether, Assistant Secretary

Approved: March 19, 1961

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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  
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.

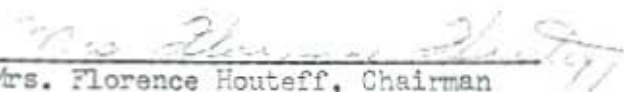
It was decided to call Mr. Street for information as to whether he interpreted the constitution as restricting our work solely to the Seventh-day Adventists and if so can the constitution be changed to clearly set forth the Association's present field of labor. Mr. Street said that he would like to discuss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

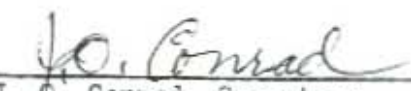
The second tithe fund was discussed regarding whether benefits morally accrue to the ones who have supported this fund but who may be in the minority interest in the Association. The rights of the minority and the right to vote was also discussed. It was felt that if it came to a meeting of the Davidians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

It was reported that at present the Association has only \$1,000 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 Mr. Street about the legal aspects of the Association in this crisis.

Members present:

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

  
Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

  
J. O. Conrad, Secretary

This report prepared by

  
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Approved: March 19, 1961

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