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Annual Report 1956-57

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A Year of Test

The year covered by this report has been a time of serious testing for our organization. There have been major personnel changes in the top echelons. Our distinguished President, Miss Dorothy Thompson, who was one of AFME's founders and was its President from the beginning, reluctantly resigned her office because she no longer could take sufficient time from her heavy writing commitments and lecturing schedule to keep up with the demands of our growing organization. Her wise and courageous leadership will be sorely missed. Dr. Garland Evans Hopkins, for five years our dynamic Executive Vice President, and Mr. William Archer Wright, Jr., for three years our able Executive Secretary, also found it necessary during the course of the past year to lay down the burdens of their respective offices. Dr. Hopkins left AFME in order to devote more time to his work with the Continuing Committee on Muslim-Christian Cooperation. Mr. Wright resigned in order to accept a call to a Virginia pastorate. The departure of these dedicated leaders might have had a shattering effect on a less firmly established organization, and it is a tribute to the excellent work done by these three people that the organization is stronger today than ever.

The writer, AFME's Director for Iran since 1953, returned from Teheran in August, 1956, to become Executive Secretary, replacing Mr. Wright. Since then the positions of Executive Vice President and Executive Secretary have been combined into the single position of Executive Director. I was ap-

pointed by the Board of Directors to serve in this capacity. Following this appointment, Mr. Virgil C. Crippin was asked to add to his duties as Director of Intercultural Relations the functions of Deputy Executive Director.

As if internal changes of this magnitude were not enough to test the vitality of so young an organization, we were faced by yet another challenge of even greater magnitude. With the invasion of the Sinai and Suez areas, and the development of a deepening crisis throughout the Middle East during the autumn of 1956, AFME faced a situation without precedent in the life of our organization. It was necessary, at considerable expense, to evacuate the families of our staff members from Syria and Egypt. The staff members themselves remained at their posts. It is worthy of special comment that AFME offices in Syria and Egypt stayed open throughout the period of greatest tension.

AFME has emerged from this year of testing with increased prestige and effectiveness in the Middle East. The organization in the field, as in the U.S.A., has been tried and not found wanting.

As evidence of AFME's continued strength and growth, it gives me pleasure to report that we have opened two new offices in the Middle East. In the late summer of 1956, Mr. Dalton Potter opened a new Student Counselling Center in Cairo. In June of 1957, Mr. Daniel S. Watson opened another in Karachi, with the able assistance of Mr. Liakat Khan. According to reports we have received, both of these offices have made auspicious beginnings.

No report regarding AFME's work would be complete without reference to the extraordinary efforts of the Board of Directors during this "time of testing." The manner in which the members of the Board have risen to the successive challenges of the past year has been little short of heroic. They have given without stint of their time, energy and wisdom to provide sound counsel and guidance regarding a multitude of decisions. They have increased their efforts to undergird the financial structure of our program. The Honorable Harold B. Minor has accepted election as Chairman of the Board, thus filling the breach, at least in part, created by the resignation of Miss Dorothy Thompson as President. Under his able leadership, the effort to expand our organization and broaden our program continues unabated. As evidence of success



Dr. Edward L. R. Elson (R), Chairman of the National Council, presents a silver tray to Dr. Garland Evans Hopkins, in recognition of his five years of outstanding service to AFME, upon the occasion of his retirement as Executive Vice President.



H. E. Moussa al-Shabandar (L), Ambassador of Iraq to the U.S., chats with Rabbi Elmer Berger, Executive Director of the American Council for Judaism and member of AFME's Board (C), and Mr. Charles R. Hulac, AFME Executive Director.

in this endeavor, we are pleased to report that Mr. John Nuveen and the Honorable Edwin A. Locke, Jr., both of Chicago, and Mr. Earl Bunting of Washington, D.C., have accepted membership on the Board of Directors. Mr. Nuveen has had a distinguished career as an investment banker and served with distinction as chief of the Economic Cooperation Administration Mission to Greece in 1948-49. Mr. Locke, President of the Union Tank Car Company, one of the leading industrial firms of Chicago, served in the Middle East in 1951-53 in the capacity of Special Ambassador of the United States. Mr. Bunting, senior partner of Bunting, Calkins and Leach, management and industrial consultants, was formerly President and Chairman of the Board of the National Association of Manufacturers and is a director of numerous corporations and philanthropic organizations. The stature of these men augurs well for AFME's future.

Under the direction of the Board of Directors, there will be an intensification of our work in the United States. We have secured the services of Mr. George Naifeh, formerly our Director in Iraq, as Director of our office in Chicago, to succeed Dr. David Collier, who concluded his eminently successful tour of duty with us in July of 1957. It is expected that AFME will expand the work of its

Chicago office under Mr. Naifeh's leadership. He is to have particular responsibility for developing a placement service for Middle Eastern students who have completed their studies in American colleges and universities and are planning to return to their homelands.

Plans are being made for the establishment of an AFME office on the West Coast as soon as practicable. Every effort will be made to get word of AFME's work and program to an ever-increasing audience in this country. Our purpose will be to get to America's "grass roots" during the coming year. It is the opinion of the Board of Directors and of the Staff that only thus can an increased understanding of the peoples of the Middle East and of America's vital stake in the solution of that area's problems be realized.

The founders of our organization built well. The time has arrived for us to capitalize on their enterprise and to forge ahead into new fields of accomplishment. We thank all those who, by their generous contributions, have made AFME's work possible; we hope that others who believe in our purposes and program will give us the moral and financial support to make our projected expansion possible.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. HULAC
Executive Director



Miss Dorothy Thompson, then President of AFME, author and lecturer, greets H. E. Dr. Djalal Abdoh, Ambassador of Iran to the United Nations, at the Annual Conference.

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National Council



Members of the National Council, Board of Directors and AFME staff who met January 18th at Middle East House (L to R): Seated: Hon. Cornelius Van H. Engert, Mrs. Brandon Barringer, Mrs. Walter G. Dunnington, Mrs. Shannon Charleton, Judge Dorothy Kenyon, Dr. Philip K. Hitti. Standing: Mr. George M. Barakar, Hon. Harold B. Minor, Mr. Abdallah Igram, Mr. Frank Maria, Hon. Louis G. Dreyfus, Jr., Dr. Edgar J. Fisher, Dr. George W. Sadler, Rev. Ensworth Reisner, Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, Dr. Elmer Berger, Mr. Garland E. Hopkins, Mr. Alvah L. Miller, Dr. Robert Andrus, Mr. Edward Latham, Mr. Virgil C. Crippin, Rev. William Archer Wright, Jr., Mr. Harold Row, Mr. George Britt, Mr. Charles R. Hulac, Dr. Erich W. Bethmann, Mr. Ali Mahadeen, and Mr. William Z. Cline.

Department of Intercultural Relations

The Department of Intercultural Relations arranged AFME participation in more conferences and similar events than in any prior year.

In connection with the 33rd Session of the University of Southern California's Institute of World Affairs, in Pasadena, 200 persons attended an AFME-sponsored luncheon. The feature was a panel consisting of the Honorable Laurie Shaffi, Minister and Consul General of Pakistan, Professor George Lenczowski, University of California, and Dr. Paul D. Arthur, former Fulbright Professor in Baghdad, who discussed "Middle East—Fulcrum of East-West Struggle," with Dr. David Collier moderating.

Arrangements were made for participation in the University of Colorado's World Affairs Week by the Honorable Mohammed Abdul Monim el Khedry, Egyptian Consul General in San Francisco, Mr. Elmo H. Hutchison, AFME Middle East Director, Dr. Fayez Sayegh, Acting Director of the Arab States Delegations Office, Mr. Samuel Kopper, Arabian American Oil Company, and Dr. Norbert Einstein, Chairman, Mediterranean Section, the Commonwealth Club of Northern California. On this occasion, Mr. Hutchison also filled several speaking engagements in Los Angeles and Chicago.

The Annual Conference of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Philadelphia, was attended by three official AFME delegates: Dr. Edward L. R. Elson of Washington, Dr. Philip K.



Miss Dorothy Thompson of AFME and Mrs. Dorothy Culbertson of NBC greet a guest at the Maxim Kops art exhibit.

Hitti of Princeton, and Mr. Henry R. Luce of New York.

The Honorable Harold B. Minor and Mr. Charles R. Hulac were AFME participants in the National Conference on the Middle East jointly sponsored by the Dallas Council on World Affairs and the magazine *Newsweek*. Captain George Fairlamb, AFME Rocky Mountain representative, was an official delegate. Mr. Hulac utilized this opportunity to fill a number of speaking engagements in the Southwest and on the West Coast.

Dr. Edgar J. Fisher, AFME consultant, arranged for an exhibit of AFME publications at the National Conference of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

LECTURE TOURS IN AMERICA

The number of Middle Easterners brought to the United States was smaller during this year. The critical events which took place in late 1956 obliged a number of prominent persons to cancel or postpone their AFME-sponsored visits.

The program was further upset by the regrettable sudden illness of Dr. Hussein Kamel Selim, Vice-President of Cairo University, while on tour under AFME auspices. Fortunately, the Director, Mr. Virgil C. Crippin, was able to arrange for others to fill most of Dr. Selim's many engagements. Dr. Naguib Hashim of the Egyptian Ministry of Education was also forced to cut short his visit.



Mr. Nezi Manyas of the Turkish Information Office (L), Mr. Virgil C. Crippin (C), Director of Intercultural Relations for AFME, and Mr. Osman Nebioglu, AFME's representative in Istanbul, discuss matters of mutual interest. Mr. Nebioglu was in the United States on a mission for the Turkish Airways.



An impromptu conference at The Institute on Middle Eastern Affairs in Chicago, for which AFME handled press and public relations: (L to R) H. E. Moussa al-Shabandar, Ambassador of Iraq to the U.S., Mr. John Nuveen, President of John Nuveen & Company, Chicago, and a member of our National Council, and Dr. John A. Wilson, another Council member and Professor at the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago.

But the picture was not entirely dark. The Chairman of AFME's Board of Directors, the Honorable Harold B. Minor, made a successful tour of California, Oregon and Washington. Another West Coast series of lectures that met with excellent response was that of Mr. Grant C. Butler, an AFME

member with wide experience in the Middle East. And many individual speaking engagements were filled by AFME staff and others in all parts of the country.

VISITORS TO THE MIDDLE EAST

As a result of full or partial AFME travel grants, the following personalities visited the Middle East during the year: Miss Dorothy Thompson, President of AFME; Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, Minister, the National Presbyterian Church and Chairman of AFME's National Council; Mr. Theodore Gill, Managing Editor, *The Christian Century*; Professor T. B. Irving, Department of Romance Languages, University of Minnesota; Dr. Richard Toven, Foreign Student Advisor, New York University; and Dr. David S. Collier, National Executive Director, The Foundation for Foreign Affairs, Inc.

In addition, travel advice and assistance were given to General Frank L. Howley, Vice-President, New York University; Mr. Quincy Howe, American Broadcasting Company; Mr. Sam Jaffe, Columbia Broadcasting System; and several score other travellers.

Department of Public Relations

During the year, the Department of Public Relations distributed 77 news releases, five *Photo-Clipsheets* and nine issues of the *Newsletter*. Since December 1956, distribution of AFME films has been handled by an outside firm. During this time, *Ataturk* (Turkey) has had 106 TV showings (esti-

mated audience: 6,051,842) and 110 non-TV showings (estimated audience: 7,523); *Land of Time* (Egypt) has had 126 TV showings (estimated audience: 5,024,323) and 191 other showings (estimated audience: 11,018). In September 1956 both films were shown over the ABC-TV network, including WABC-TV in New York.

Arrangements were made for members of our staff and others to appear on Radio and TV programs: Dr. Garland Evans Hopkins on "The Leading Question" and "State of the Nation," Mr. Elmo H. Hutchison on "The Barry Gray Show," and four appearances by participants in the Fourth Pakistan Students Convention, in addition to newsfilm coverage of that event.

Press conferences were held for Mr. Hutchison, H. E. Dr. Moussa al-Shabandar, Ambassador of Iraq, and the Honorable Agha Shahi, Minister of Pakistan to the United States. The Department handled the publicity for five national and regional conferences, such as the Institute on Middle Eastern Affairs in Chicago, the AFME-sponsored luncheon



Mr. William Z. Cline, AFME's Director of Public Relations, presents our members' contribution to the Egyptian War Victims Relief Fund to Mr. Russell Stevenson, Chairman of the Emergency Committee, after his report on the work of the Committee.

conference at the Institute on World Affairs in Pasadena, the Pakistan Student Convention and the Fifth Annual Conference of AFME.

The Emergency Committee for Relief to Egyptian War Victims was organized in November, 1956. Thirteen private non-profit and church organizations joined in a nation-wide appeal to call the attention of the American public to the extent of damage, both human and material, resulting from the tri-partite invasion of Egypt in October-November, and to enlist the support of private Americans in bringing succor to these helpless people. The Public Relations Director, William Z. Cline, served as publicity chairman for the Committee, handling news releases to the local and Middle Eastern press and arranging press conferences for the Committee Chairman, Russell Stevenson. AFME members contributed approximately \$3,000 in response to a direct appeal, and AFME's contribution in promotional activities and in getting the Committee organized was considerable.

NEW PROJECTS

In addition, this year our Public Relations Department has undertaken two important new ventures.

In an attempt to establish a more positive position with the communications media (newspapers, news magazines, radio and television) and to improve AFME's relations with them, the Department is experimenting with a program which should be of very real value to such media, besides making clearer to them the true nature and purpose of



A distinguished group at AFME's Conference (L to R): H. E. Mubammed Ali, Ambassador of Pakistan to the U.S.; H. E. Dr. Victor A. Khouri, Ambassador of Lebanon to the U.S.; H. E. Dr. Ibrahim Anis, the Sudan's Ambassador to the U.S.; Mr. Nuri Eren, Director of the Turkish Information Office; H. E. Dr. Moussa al-Shabandar, Ambassador of Iraq to the U.S.; and the Hon. Cornelius Van H. Engert, Secretary-Treasurer of AFME.

AFME. The idea is that from time to time an opportunity will be afforded for small, select groups of newsmen to meet at lunch, under AFME auspices, with a newly returned expert who can share with such newsmen his observations and impressions of the Middle Eastern situation. This is desirable because of the surprising number of newsmen, from executives down to working reporters, who have no direct knowledge of, or experience in, the Middle East and because of the continuing misconceptions, misunderstanding and misinformation among representatives of the communications media regarding AFME's basic purpose and program.

Press luncheons were given upon the return of the Reverend Humphrey Walz, U.N. refugee expert, from a tour of refugee camps in the Mediterranean area; the return of our own Middle East Director, Elmo H. Hutchison, from his post in Cairo; and the visit to New York of the President of the American University at Cairo, Dr. Raymond C. McLain.

It was also decided that the mimeographed AFME *Newsletter* was not in keeping with the status of the organization and that it should be replaced by a printed newspaper. This would better serve present membership and be more appealing as a promotional piece to attract new members. Publication of this newspaper started in February. Four mimeographed issues and five printed issues were released during the fiscal year 1956-57. The newspaper will be printed monthly, except during July and August.



Dr. Fayez A. Sayegh (L), Acting Director of the Arab States Delegations Office, greets Mike Wallace, radio and TV commentator, during an intermission at the Annual Conference.

Department of Student Affairs

AFME's largest department continued to expand its services to Middle Eastern students and American educators both here and abroad, and also undertook promising new projects.

The Director, Mr. Robert L. Steiner, made a survey tour extending from Morocco to Pakistan. In the course of this trip he arranged for the opening of an AFME Student Orientation Center in Karachi.

There has been favorable response to a brochure designed to acquaint American colleges and Middle Eastern students with the services AFME is prepared to render.

This year the AFME Annual Travel Fellowship to a Foreign Student Advisor was granted to Dr. Richard Toven of New York University. He completed a successful tour despite some complications due to political tensions last fall. The report of Dr. Ivan Putman, preceding recipient of the Travel Fellowship, was published as the Minaret Series booklet, *Educational Observations on the Middle East*.

For the third year, the Doris Duke Foundation granted AFME \$1,000 to enable Middle Eastern graduate students in America to attend academic or professional conferences of special interest to them. Grants were made to nine students from four countries, and further grants will be made from this fund later in 1957.

The Student Emergency Loan Fund was augmented. This is a revolving fund used to grant small loans to Middle Eastern students in dire need.

Robert L. Steiner, Director of Student Affairs (L), and Charles R. Hulac, Executive Director, greet Iranian boy scouts who visited AFME during a world tour.



The Department cooperated with the U.S. National Student Association in sponsoring Middle Eastern participants at the Conference on Foreign Student Affairs in Chicago.

There was a reception at Middle East House for members of the *Herald Tribune* Youth Forum.

NEW PROJECTS

After making a survey tour of twenty universities and colleges to interview graduate Middle Easterners regarding job qualifications, Mr. George A. Naifeh initiated the AFME Student Placement Service. Its basic purpose is to help qualified Middle Eastern graduates find jobs with American concerns operating in their countries of origin. It is also prepared to aid the many American firms which are anxious to increase the number of local nationals holding high-level positions in their overseas plants or offices. A number of firms have already expressed keen interest, and the National Association of Manufacturers is extending its cooperation. Student reaction has been enthusiastic.

The Director, after several months of planning and discussion, arranged a conference with six educators representing fourteen liberal arts colleges in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, to consider introducing courses on the Middle East into undergraduate college curricula. Three universities and two foundations sent observers. As a first step, AFME will make a grant to provide for a teacher of Middle Eastern studies to rotate among four colleges in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, beginning in February, 1958. The Association of Liberal Arts Colleges for the Advancement of Middle East Studies is now established. Sixteen colleges are charter members.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

With AFME's cooperation and financial aid, the Associated Students of Afghanistan held their third convention at the University of New Mexico in September 1956. 42 students attended, or about half the total number in this country. Publication of the newspaper, *The Afghan Student*, was resumed in the spring, with the encouragement of the new Ambassador of Afghanistan, H. E. Dr. Najib Ullah. A talk, slides, songs and a handicraft display were featured at "Afghan Night" at Middle East House.



Miss Suraiya Omar of the Pakistan Students Association of America greets Iranian Ambassador Dr. Ali Amini, who addressed the Pakistan Students fourth convention. Mr. Norman Thomas, who also addressed the conference, looks on.

The fifth annual convention of the Organization of Arab Students at Oklahoma A & M College was also held in September. It was well organized and got good publicity and local interest. More than 250 students attended. AFME cooperates with the OAS in many small ways, but, unlike the early years, they are now able to finance their activities without our help. An evening of entertainment, preceded by an Arab dinner, filled Middle East House to capacity.

The University of Minnesota was host to the fourth convention of the Iranian Student Association at the end of August. 91 students attended and were addressed by H. E. Ali Amini, Ambassador of Iran, and Mr. Albion Ross of the *New York Times*. The interest and organization indicated real progress. The student paper, *Daneshjoo*, has grown in size and circulation during the year, and its quality is excellent; so is that of the introductory pamphlet, *Iran at a Glance*, published by the Association. Financial and other assistance was given to the organization by AFME.

Outstanding speakers, including the Ambassador of Iran, the Minister of Pakistan, the Honorable Agha Shahi, and Mr. Norman Thomas, addressed the fourth convention of the Pakistan Students Association at the University of Louisville in June. The conference, with an attendance of 120, was very well directed and received wide newspaper and TV coverage. *Pakistan Student*, the publication of PSA continues effectively. During the year, a Pakistan Student Debate Team engaged in debate with several American college and university teams. There was a Pakistani party at Middle East House, with curry and other appropriate dishes. AFME continued to lend financial and general support.

The Department was indeed fortunate in obtaining a grant to send representatives of the above student associations to the Afro-Asian International Student Conference held in Bandung, Indonesia, in 1956. The students were leaders in their respective groups. They were able to contribute their first-hand knowledge of America to this historic gathering of students from two continents.

Overseas—Middle East Director

The new Middle East Director, Mr. Elmo H. Hutchison, opened his "home" office in Cairo. We say "home" because so much of his time must be spent in travel throughout the area, supervising AFME offices and, where there are none, visiting, aiding and advising our volunteer representatives. During the year, Mr. Hutchison visited Syria three times, Jordan four times, Saudi Arabia once, Lebanon four times and Iraq twice. These trips enable him to keep fresh his many contacts with important persons in the various countries and to

keep AFME posted on the situation throughout the area.

The Director, who was already well known there, has established close and friendly liaison with Egyptian officials and others. His standing was not diminished by staying on the job throughout the bombings of Cairo. This close contact has enabled him to be of the greatest service to important visiting Americans, both official and non-official, and thereby serve Egypt's best interests at the same time.

As well as keeping our offices in America posted on the situation in general, he advises on specific needs in the area which AFME may fill, tells of important visitors leaving for the U.S., recommends Middle Easterners for our Travel Exchange Program, and keeps in touch with American newspapermen and outstanding visitors in the Middle East.

In March, 1957, Mr. Hutchison came to the United States for a seven-week tour, during which he had interviews with many newspapermen, government officials and civic leaders and addressed groups in all parts of the country.

Elmo H. Hutchison, Middle East Director, at a press conference in New York.



Overseas—AFME Centers

In addition to the expansion evident in the opening of two new centers (Cairo and Karachi), there was increased activity in those already established, all of which come under the Department of Student Affairs. Not only was this true in the field of student counselling, orientation and assistance, but also in that of aiding an ever-increasing number of visiting Americans.

All AFME overseas centers continued to cooperate with the University of Michigan in the selection of Middle Eastern graduate law students for a year's scholarship and special study at the Law School.

H. E. T. Najib-Ullah (L), Ambassador of Afghanistan to the U.S., and H. E. Ibrahim Anis (C), Ambassador of the Sudan, with Mr. Charles R. Hulac, Executive Director of AFME, at the Fifth Annual Conference.



TEHERAN

The heavy work load of the Teheran office continued to be met, despite major personnel changes. Mr. Charles R. Hulac, in charge from 1953 to 1956, returned to America to assume the post of Executive Director. Miss Grace Lyons was Acting Director until January, 1957, when the Department was fortunate in securing the services of the present Director, Mr. John Bruner.

During the year, this center received 7,366 visitors, gave 1,195 detailed personnel interviews and sent 378 applications to the U.S.

The *Handbook on Muslim-Christian Cooperation* was translated into Persian.

The Teheran center continued to be active in promoting activities by the newly established Rotary Club and the International Businessman's Luncheon Club.

BAGHDAD

When Mr. George Naifeh, Director since its inception, left for the United States, the Baghdad center lost the man who had built it into a most successful operation. For seven months, until the arrival of the new Director, Mr. William E. Greenip, the busy center was ably operated by Mrs. Thelma El-Saadoon.

2,282 students were individually interviewed during the year, 244 applications were sent to the U.S., and 224 students left for this country. Many important American visitors were met and assisted.

DAMASCUS

This office, opened only recently under the direction of Mr. James Noyes, is proving itself a useful part of the community. Mr. Joseph Green, Field Representative, has special responsibility for student counselling in Aleppo and in Jordan under the supervision of Mr. Noyes.

In view of the sometimes disadvantageous circumstances, this center deserves special credit for its success in aiding visitors.

CAIRO

Director Dalton Potter opened the Cairo center at the beginning of the year, and these first months have largely been spent in establishing a program. The success of the effort is attested by the steadily increasing volume of student counselling work.

KARACHI

Youngest of the overseas centers, the one in Karachi was opened by Mr. Daniel S. Watson in June, 1957. It is expected that this will prove one of AFME's most rewarding undertakings.

Research and Publications

The research and reference facilities of the library at Middle East House, available to the general public as well as to members, continued to expand. 1,560 author and subject cards were added to the reference files, which now have over 6,500 entries. 170 volumes were added to the library, for a total of 1,297, and an average of 50 books per month were loaned to members by mail. Members and friends are reminded that gifts of books relating to the Middle Eastern area are always gratefully received.

During the year, the Department received 306 visitors and answered by mail 281 requests for in-

formation, many of which required extensive research. Also, special book lists were prepared for groups studying various aspects of the Middle Eastern scene.

The Director, Dr. Erich W. Bethmann, personally prepared 19 translations from Arabic for AFME and others. The Director delivered 14 lectures to colleges, clubs and other groups, and made one broadcast in Arabic over the Voice of America.

In connection with *The Middle East in the American Press*, a bi-weekly survey and digest of editorial opinion, the record number of 14,023 clippings were received—an average of 1,160 per month. This is a clear indication of how greatly interest in Middle Eastern matters has increased throughout America.



Pakistan was well represented at the Annual Conference by H. E. Mohammed Ali, Ambassador to the U.S., and H. E. Sir Zafrrullah Khan, Judge of the International Court of Justice.

H. E. Archbishop Mar Athanasius Y. Samuel of AFME's National Council, congratulates another Council member, Dr. Millar Burrows, author of *The Dead Sea Scrolls*, after his lecture on the same subject at Middle East House.





Rabbi Morris Lazaron (L) of the American Council for Judaism enjoys Mr. Maxim Kopf's comments on one of his watercolors, which were exhibited at Middle East House upon Mr. Kopf's return from a tour of the area.

The Director also prepared the manuscript of *Decisive Years in Palestine, 1918-1948*, for publication in July, 1957. Another paper on the history of the Suez Canal was prepared, and a number of monographs were written for special occasions, book reviews and the like; 15 manuscripts were evaluated and some referred to other possible publishers.

The following publications were issued during the year:

The Palestine Problem: Retrospect and Prospect by Stephen Penrose (reprint).

The Roots of Our Crisis in the Middle East by Virginia Gildersleeve (reprint)

Office of the Field Secretary

Arrangements were made for the reprinting of *The Other Side of the Coin*, an article by Charles R. Hulac dealing with problems faced by students upon their return to their homelands.

During the year, the Field Secretary attended numerous functions on behalf of AFME, attended six conferences and filled five speaking engagements.

It is gratifying to report that both the number of members (other than introductory members and official guests) and the membership contributions increased during the year.

In June the Board of Directors and National Council gave a luncheon at the Hotel Pierre in honor of Miss Dorothy Thompson, retiring President of AFME. The number and calibre of those who attended was a fitting tribute to the first President of American Friends of the Middle East, to one of its founders, and to a great lady.

FUNCTIONS AT MIDDLE EAST HOUSE

During the year, AFME served as host at Middle East House 16 times, the occasions being lectures for members and friends, previews of art exhibits, and the like. The facilities of the House were also utilized 15 times by other organizations, free of charge. AFME is glad to place Middle East House at the disposal of groups having similar interests.

NATIONAL COUNCIL

This year the National Council continued to take an active part in AFME's program and to fulfill its function in the discussion of matters of policy. Besides being kept in touch by correspondence,

there was a meeting of the Council on January 18th, at which the various department heads reported on progress and plans, and answered questions. After the departmental reports, there was general discussion of objectives and their implementation.

In conjunction with this meeting, the National Council gave a luncheon in honor of Dr. Garland Evans Hopkins, former Executive Vice President of AFME. Some 150 persons attended, including many distinguished Middle Easterners.

We were happy to welcome Mr. John Nuveen of Chicago to our National Council during the year.



Miss Ayla Karacabey of Turkey, a graduate student at Harvard University, discusses the problems of foreign students in the United States during AFME's Annual Conference.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

As in the past, the Annual Conference was a program highlight of the year. This fifth conference was held in March and had a registered attendance of 318. Eleven Middle Eastern countries were represented by top-ranking diplomats. There were two luncheons, a banquet and three conference sessions devoted to political, cultural and economic affairs on the theme "America and the Middle East—A Look to the Future." Fourteen distinguished speakers addressed the conferees, and there was a special panel of three outstanding students who discussed their problems of adjustment to American academic and social customs.

PACOC

Trade relationships are an important area of international contact and understanding. Therefore, after discussions with a number of businessmen, it was decided that AFME could perform a useful function by encouraging the organization of associations dedicated to better commercial intercourse.

The most important country whose trade and investment relationships with the United States

lacked the encouragement of such a private agency was Pakistan. Accordingly, the Field Secretary, Mr. Edward Latham, organized the Pakistani-American Chamber of Commerce, after ascertaining that the Government of Pakistan would welcome and cooperate with it. Since its incorporation in January, 1957, the Chamber has operated as an independent organization with its own Board of Directors, and its own budget derived from dues paid by member companies.

Liaison has been established with the 21 chambers of commerce in Pakistan which are officially recognized by that Government's Ministry of Commerce. Contacts with important Pakistani businessmen and industrialists visiting America are increasing in number as the new Chamber becomes better known, and it has been possible to be of service to a number of them, as well as to American firms seeking contacts in Pakistan. With the exception of the summer months, the Chamber will publish a monthly bulletin.

In evaluating what PACOC has done and can do to improve trade and understanding between the two countries, AFME can be pleased that it provided the funds and initiative to get the enterprise going, and that it continues to cooperate helpfully in many ways.

Report of the Treasurer

It is always pleasant to report an increase in AFME's income compared to previous years, and this is the case for 1956-57.

Because of the opening of additional offices overseas, the budget of the Student Orientation Program was nearly doubled, an increase of \$69,-697.59. The Department of Intercultural Relations was allotted some \$12,000 more than last year. Despite these necessary increases, and the fact that last year's deficit of \$9,000 was liquidated, we ended

1956-57 with an excess of income over expenses of \$24,538.49.

This favorable balance was due not only to increased income but also to the fact that our Arab Refugee Morale Program was discontinued after October, 1956, and that substantial savings were effected in the Departments of Public Relations, Student Affairs, and Research. The expenses of the Field Secretary's Office and our Midwest Regional Office were also somewhat reduced.

Although the bulk of our income was still derived from the San Jacinto Fund and the Dearborn Foundation, contributions from corporations and individuals also continued to reach us at a gratifying rate—an indication that there is increasing awareness of the value of AFME's activities.

We present below a summarized balance sheet and statement of income and expenses. The firm of Haskins and Sells, Certified Public Accountants, 67 Broad Street, New York 4, New York, has audited our books.

Rev. Francis Anderson and Rev. Coleman A. Daily of the Jesuit Missions accept a check for \$5,000 on behalf of Al-Hikma University of Baghdad from Mr. Edward Latham, AFME Field Secretary. This contribution to the University was given through AFME by the Robert H. Baldwin Foundation.



BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1957

CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash in Bank	\$43,507.30
Petty Cash	525.00
Accounts Receivable	2,759.39
Working Advances for Overseas Projects	16,724.87
Travel Advances	2,163.83
Loans to Students	1,267.50
Total Current Assets	\$66,947.89
GIFT OF JEWELRY—at nominal value	1.00
FIXED ASSETS	
Furniture and Equipment	56,866.23
Reference Library	4,256.27
Less Reserve for Depreciation	61,122.50
Total Fixed Assets—Net Book Value	0.00
DEPOSITS AND PREPAID EXPENSES	13,577.07
Total Assets	80,525.96
LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$10,181.51
Social Security Taxes Payable	650.99
Miscellaneous	2,097.58
Total Current Liabilities	\$12,930.08
NET WORTH	
As of July 1, 1956	43,057.39
Excess of Income	24,538.49
Net Worth, June 30, 1957	67,595.88
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	80,525.96

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1957

INCOME	
Large Donations and Grants	\$508,928.38
Miscellaneous Contributions and Membership Dues	40,541.55
Miscellaneous Income	14,053.58
Total Income	\$563,523.51
EXPENSES	
National Office (including rent, salaries, domestic travel, taxes, maintenance, insurance, etc.)	\$109,773.18
Office of the Field Secretary	21,800.01
Department of Public Relations	36,864.10
Department of Research and Publications	18,400.06
Department of Intercultural Relations	65,127.93
Department of Student Affairs	56,220.53
Midwest Regional Office	15,219.69
Overseas Program:	
Office of the Middle East Director	35,446.31
Arab Refugee Morale Program	11,886.68
Student Orientation Program	140,279.23
Muslim Christian Cooperation	10,679.07
Depreciation	17,288.23
Total Expenses	\$538,985.02
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES	\$ 24,538.49

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