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W. C. WHITE STATEMENT TO GUY DAIL, MAY 25, 1915

On May 25, 1915, W. C. White wrote to Guy Dail of Central Europe, conveying to him a report of conversation with his mother the preceding day in which reference was made to the war situation and the fact that hardship was coming to Seventh-day Adventists. In giving consideration to a continuing use of this statement, the Board of Trustees, on January 4, 1962, took the following action:

It was

VOTED, That in the matter of the letter of W. C. White to Elder Guy Dail dated May 25, 1915, reporting an interview with Mrs. White on the preceding day in which mention is made of the war question, we take the position that this report, presenting a recollection of a conversation with Ellen White on May 24 and presenting fragments of her statement in response to certain information relative to the situation of our brethren in the war, should not be put into the category of testimony material or that which has come to us from the inspired pen of Ellen G. White presented under the compelling influence of the Spirit of God. The statement is obscure and it is difficult to know just what the true meaning of Ellen White was. We must recognize that that the conversation took place within just a few weeks of her death, and the statement appears in a framework indicative of the fact that her mind passed readily from periods of clearness to periods of confusion. Therefore the Secretary is instructed to not make use of this statement or give out copies for the use of others, referring all inquirers to those statements from Mrs. White's pen which can be accepted at their full face value."