

4. Resolution on South Africa

67-GS-93 VOTED: WHEREAS, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ expressed its concern about injustice in South Africa in its Policy Statement of July 3-7, 1965, as follows:

General Synod recommends the following action with regard to South Africa:—That the United States actively support United Nations recommendations for economic sanctions as a remedial action pending changes in apartheid, and that American corporations be encouraged to make known their opposition to apartheid in as effective a manner as possible.

General Synod further urges the church membership to provide wider discussion of this problem in local churches and communities, and otherwise express concern to their representatives in government.

WHEREAS, the conditions in the adjacent countries (Mozambique, Angola, Rhodesia, South West Africa) are equally critical, with arbitrary arrests and imprisonment without charge or trial;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Synod's statement on South Africa be extended to include all of Southern Africa;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the General Synod charge the Boards and agencies of the United Church of Christ further to implement this policy with a program of education and action; this program to be carried out in cooperation with the National Council of Churches and other organizations with common interest.

5. Resolution on the Middle East Situation

Mr. Flucke, chairman of the Executive Committee, presented a resolution and it was

67-GS-94 VOTED: That the General Synod of the United Church of Christ call upon the government of the United States to use its good offices and to do what lies in its power to bring about a permanent peace in the Middle East and to assure just treatment for the Arab refugees and relief of their suffering. The General Synod calls upon the churches and members of the United Church of Christ to support these efforts.

6. Rescheduling of Unfinished Agenda Items

The following items on the agenda were rescheduled for Tuesday, June 27, from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.: Report on Seminaries, report on Historical Commission, Grievances Committee, motion re the financial committee's report, overture from Illinois Conference re procedure, report of the Report Committee on the Office of Communication.

7. Closing Prayer

The evening session of General Synod concluded with a prayer offered by Mr. Clarence E. Sitler, Louisville, Kentucky.

Most merciful and everlasting God, our Father, we come to thee in the quiet of this evening moment. All day long thy love has blessed us. We have felt thy presence as we have been led to see the far-reaching avenues of thy love and care. As the watches of the night surround us, thou wilt guard us still, and with thee we need have no fear or dread.