

phere of greater understanding of the life and culture of Indochina among the people of the U. S.

71-GS-42 VOTED: The Eighth General Synod adopts the following Goal and Objectives under the title, "The Power of the Military," for the priority, "Peace and United States Power."

Goal. To reduce the power of the Pentagon and the military-industrial complex in American life, end U.S. reliance on predominantly military solutions to problems, and limit the production of arms.

Objective 1. To have the Instrumentalities, Conferences, and congregations of the United Church become informed about the activity of the U.S. military and military-related industries around the world and work in support of alternatives.

Objective 2. To develop public understanding of the issues of arms limitation and of proposals of disarmament, so that support may be engendered for the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty talks and other disarmament efforts, including the cancellation of pending nuclear tests, a total test ban treaty, and the reduction of NATO and Warsaw Pact armed forces in Europe.

Objective 3. To develop support for U.S. ratification of the Genocide pact and of the 1925 Geneva Protocol against the use of all chemical and biological warfare.

Objective 4. To condemn the development and use by the United States of all types of weapons which indiscriminately injure and kill civilians and military alike (e.g., chemical and biological agents, fragmentation bombs, napalm, etc.).

Objective 5. To have the Instrumentalities work to bring about the end of the Selective Service system in ways consistent with the actions of the Seventh General Synod, and for reform of the system while it continues, including provision for selective conscientious objection.

Objective 6. To have the Instrumentalities, churches, and members work to restrain the power of the Pentagon in probing into the private lives of American citizens.

71-GS-43 VOTED: The Eighth General Synod adopts the following Goal and Objectives under the title, "The Middle East," for the priority, "Peace and United States Power."

Goal. To have members of the United Church of Christ understand the needs and aspirations of the Israeli and Arab, particularly Palestinian, peoples, and the issues that divide them, to be sympathetic to all sides and to assist in the achievement of a negotiated peace.

Objective 1. To establish procedures throughout the United Church to help members understand the history of the Middle East and the causes and forces that dominate the area; and to develop public support for United Nations and United States government action that will safeguard the aspirations and interests of the people directly affected by the Middle East conflict.

Objective 2. To continue present support for programs of relief and rehabilitation for Arab refugees in co-operation with sister churches in the Middle East and to respond to the call of those churches for a program of information and interpretation concerning the cause of the refugee problem.

Objective 3. To support those policies of the United States Government which decrease the element of great power rivalry or conflict in the Middle East, recog-