

at the close of the Monday afternoon session. At the time of postponement, the matter under consideration was that of listing the 350 U.S. companies investing in South Africa and those in Angola in the Appendix to these Minutes.

A motion by the Rev. George H. Hoffman, Jr., Penn Central Conference, which required such listing prevailed.

There was extended debate on a motion by the Rev. Edward S. Gobrecht, Penn West Conference, to amend the text to read, "to press these companies to develop vigorous policies and practices in employment, compensation, public relations attitudes and business operations which will challenge repressive and unjust conditions. If their activities appear to strengthen colonial or racist oppression rather than change it, they should be pressed to withdraw." His motion prevailed, after which it was

71-GS-60 VOTED: The Eighth General Synod adopts the resolution on Southern Africa.

**The text of the resolution as finally adopted is printed in the Appendix.**

### **Goals and Objectives**

Mrs. Judson E. Fiebiger, president of the Board for Homeland Ministries, requested that during consideration of the next two Goals and their Objectives for this priority, the privilege of voice be given to the Rev. Edward A. Powers and the Rev. Russell G. Claussen of the staff of the Board's Division of Christian Education. The request was granted.

In response to a request from the floor, the privilege of voice was granted also to military chaplains to speak to any matters during consideration of the Peace and U.S. Power priority.

Mr. Wenner, chairman of the Exploration Unit, offered the Goal and five Objectives under the heading "Changing U.S. Priorities," and the Goal and six Objectives under the heading, "The Ministry of the Church." In each instance these were adopted, seriatim and then as a group, by vote of the General Synod.

These Goals and Objectives as finally adopted are printed in the record of the Monday afternoon session with the preceding Goals and Objectives adopted for the Peace and U.S. Power priority.

Secretary Evans was recognized to read a proposed Objective 7 under the Goal, "The Ministry of the Church," submitted in writing by Mr. Peter Sawtell, Nebraska Conference. The Objective was adopted and is printed in the record of the Monday afternoon session.

Mr. Evans read a proposed Objective 8 under the same Goal, submitted in writing by Mr. Frederick L. Short, Penn Northeast Conference. A substitute was offered from the floor which was supported and voted by a division of the house: 448 favoring, 127 opposing. The text of Objective 8 under "The Ministry of the Church" as adopted is printed in the record of the Monday afternoon session.

### **6. Action concerning Angela Davis**

The Moderator recognized the Rev. Fred P. Register, chairman of the Business Committee's Steering Committee, who moved to make the consideration of the resolution concerning Angela Davis the Order of the Day and to set 5:20 p.m. as the time by which a vote would be taken.

Mr. Robert Carlson, Northern California Conference, upon being recognized, withdrew the resolution on Angela Davis which had been submitted by the Youth Caucus

and yielded to the Rev. M. B. Handspicker, Massachusetts Conference, for the purpose of offering the motion set forth below. After second, and a brief debate, by a standing division of the house—529 in favor; 84 opposed—it was

71-GS-61 VOTED: The Eighth General Synod of the United Church of Christ affirms that all Americans charged with a crime are entitled, under the Constitution, to a fair and speedy trial and that we as Christians are committed to the support of due process. We therefore recognize that Angela Davis is entitled, under law, to trial before a fair and impartial judge by a jury of her peers, without trial by newspapers and other public media.

We support the right of Angela Davis to such a fair trial.

### ***7. Recognition of retired national leaders***

The time having come for the Order of the Day when retired national leaders were to be recognized, Moderator Pfeiffer recognized President Moss who invited the Rev. Alford Carleton and the Rev. Reginald H. Helfferich to come to the platform. After long service, each had retired within the year from leadership of the United Church Board for World Ministries and its predecessor bodies: Dr. Carleton as Executive Vice President, Dr. Helfferich as General Secretary for Service. The General Synod applauded at length as each was introduced.

President Moss addressed Dr. Carleton and Dr. Helfferich in turn, paying tribute to each of them as a great churchman and acknowledging with the thanks of the whole Church their many years of distinguished service. Each responded briefly, whereupon the General Synod broke spontaneously into singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow . . ."

President Moss' remarks in tribute will be found in the Appendix.

### ***8. Announcement of Supreme Court ruling in Marie Hill case***

The Moderator recognized the Rev. Charles E. Cobb, executive director of the Commission for Racial Justice. He announced that word had just come that the Supreme Court of the United States had set aside the conviction of Miss Marie Hill of Rocky Mount, N.C., who was under sentence of death for the alleged murder of a store-keeper. The trial and conviction took place when she was 17 years old. For more than two years the Commission for Racial Justice had been involved in efforts to obtain justice for her. Mr. Cobb said that the United Church of Christ had been instrumental in helping to overturn the conviction.

### ***9. CCSA Citation to the Massachusetts Conference***

Mr. John C. Shinn, chairman of the Council for Christian Social Action, was recognized for the purpose of presenting the Council's Churchmanship Award to the Massachusetts Conference. He prefaced the presentation with these remarks:

Of four Churchmanship Awards given by the Council for Christian Social Action this year, three were presented earlier at the appropriate Conference meetings.

First, to a layman: Mr. Herbert Stevens, newspaper editor of Paxton, Illinois, for his work in behalf of migrant workers in the canneries in Hoopeston, Illinois.

Second, to a local church: Huber Memorial United Church of Christ of Baltimore, Maryland, located in an area which has changed from 95 per cent white to 90 per cent black and is an excellent example of what a church should be and do in a neighborhood of transition.