

4. Urge the President of the United States to convene an official Commission on War Crimes; or, if this has not been accomplished by January 1, 1972, initiate, through the National Council of the Churches of Christ or some other ecumenical forum, an inquiry into the extent of violations of international law in the Indochina war.

Mr. Wenner moved, there was a second, and it was

71-GS-64 VOTED: The Eighth General Synod adopts the resolution on "Violations of International Laws of Warfare."

U.S. Aid to Pakistan

Mr. Wenner requested that the privilege of voice be granted to the Rev. H. Telfer Mook, Regional Secretary of the United Church Board for World Ministries, so that he might speak to a proposed resolution on "U.S. Aid to Pakistan." Mr. Mook was accorded voice and he presented the following resolution and addressed the General Synod concerning it.

Be it resolved that the Eighth General Synod of the United Church of Christ:

1. Deplores the flouting of the democratic process in Pakistan after a free and fair election, and the subsequent massacre of thousands in the East by the army of the Pakistan government, thereby causing the fleeing of over six million refugees across the border into India.

2. Recommends to members of the UCC that they immediately urge the President of the United States and their elected representatives in Congress:

(a) To continue and enforce the present ban on selling or giving arms to the government of Pakistan;

(b) To suspend immediately general economic aid to the government of Pakistan, unilaterally or through any consortium, until such time as the government ceases to use its Western armed forces to occupy the East, and negotiates a peaceful settlement with the people of that area;

(c) To donate food and medical supplies to the government of Pakistan for distribution only in the East and only under United Nations auspices; and

(d) To increase grants to the government of India, in economic aid and/or food and medical supplies, to help to offset the great cost of caring for the newly arrived refugees pending a political settlement which would enable them to return to their homeland.

3. Urges the members of the UCC to participate generously through the Service Division of the Board for World Ministries and the co-operative ecumenical program to relieve the plight of these six million refugees.

4. Requests the President of the UCC to transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, and to the National Council of Churches for reference to other denominations; and further to urge Instrumentalities, Conferences, and local churches to bring all possible influence to implement these recommendations.

Upon motion, duly seconded, it was

71-GS-65 VOTED: The Eighth General Synod adopts the resolution on "U.S. Aid to Pakistan."

Ecumenical Implementation

Mr. Wenner proposed for the priority, "Peace and U.S. Power," a statement offered by Dr. H. Ward Alter, Northern California Conference, calling for ecumenical im-