

Mr. Evans called the attention of the delegates to paragraph 200 and 207 of the Bylaws. He explained that the process as described in paragraph 200 does not necessarily allow for fulfillment of the requirements in paragraph 207. He suggested as a procedure that the General Synod let the election stand as it was announced Monday night; that the General Synod name three persons under 30 to serve as an advisory group to the Nominating Committee during the next biennium; and that this matter be referred to the Committee on Structural Planning of the Executive Council for a report to the Tenth General Synod.

There was extended discussion on this suggested procedure with many delegates expressing the conviction that 20% of the members of the Nominating Committee should be under 30 years of age.

The Moderator recognized the Rev. Ned Burr McKenney of the business committee who moved to adopt the suggestion of Mr. Evans.

The Moderator recognized the Rev. Edwin R. Edmonds (CONN) who moved a substitute motion that the General Synod accept the next person receiving the largest number of votes for election to the Nominating Committee who is in the youth category, female and black, and refer the constitutional matter to the Executive Council for clarification. The motion was seconded. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was lost.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to postpone the matter to be the first order of business at the afternoon session.

#### 4. Africa Issue

The Moderator recognized Chairman Smith of the Executive Council. Mr. Smith referred the delegates to page 63, *Advance Materials*, Section III, and moved the adoption of the recommendation on Africa. A motion was made to amend the motion to adopt alternative I. The motion was seconded and there was discussion. A motion was made to amend the amendment which would delete part B of alternative I, so that part B would read: "The Instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ use the leverage of their investments and other strategies to press companies investing in Southern Africa to cease their operations and withdraw." The motion was seconded. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was lost.

It was

73-GS-46 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the following statement on Africa:

The Ninth General Synod reaffirms the concerns of previous General Synods regarding Africa, and calls on individual members, local churches, Associations, Conferences and Instrumentalities to continue efforts toward ending governmental and/or corporate support (direct or indirect) of minority regimes of the Republic of South Africa, Rhodesia, Mozambique, Angola and Namibia (hereinafter referred to as Southern Africa).

A. An assessment of the African status since July 1971 reveals that greater emphasis must be directed toward specific actions. The General Synod calls on individual members, local churches, Associations, Conferences and Instrumentalities to:

1. Work to halt the purchase of chrome from Rhodesia and to observe full sanctions against the white minority regimes.

2. Urge the United States government to cancel the sugar quota for the Republic of South Africa until the

South African government ceases its racist, apartheid practices.

3. Influence the United States government to revoke the Azores Pact and to terminate all loans to Portugal.

4. Call on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to cancel its contract with the South African government and transfer its tracking station in South Africa to an independent African country.

5. Work for legislation which will deny tax credit to corporations doing business in Namibia as long as it is illegally occupied by South Africa.

6. Work to discourage tourism in Portugal and Southern Africa and economic investments in Southern Africa that may result in aid or support of white minority regimes.

B. The General Synod recommends that:

1. The Instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ use the leverage of their investments and other strategies available, to press companies investing in Southern Africa that do not demonstrate action that challenges repressive and unjust conditions, to withdraw from Southern African operations.

2. Local churches, Associations and Conferences examine their investments and develop guidelines and policies which take into account the impact of multinational corporations in maintaining and supporting white minority governments in Southern Africa, and when it is clear that such investment does maintain the status quo, these corporations be pressed to withdraw from operations in Southern Africa.

3. Individual members, local churches, Associations, Conferences, and Instrumentalities work with other concerned denominations and secular agencies who are taking action on the above concerns.

4. The United Church of Christ joins with the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches and other religious and secular bodies to increase significantly economic aid for the non-violent needs of the liberation movements of Southern Africa and Guinea-Bissau.

5. Conferences, Associations, churches and clusters of churches establish Southern Africa task forces to develop education and action on this issue and to work for the adoption of a public policy which will actively work for liberation and freedom for the oppressed peoples of Southern Africa.

C. The General Synod directs the Executive Council of the United Church of Christ to appoint an independent evaluation committee to assess the progress and effect of this resolution and report its findings to the Tenth General Synod.

#### 5. Limiting Debate on Issues

The Moderator recognized Mr. Harold Leever (CONN) who moved, and there was a second, to limit debate to one speech of two minutes per person per debatable motion except the maker of the motion is allowed 5 minutes. It was

73-GS-47 VOTED: The General Synod limits debate to one speech of two minutes per person per debatable motion except the maker of the motion is allowed five minutes.

#### 6. Freedom of the Press

The Moderator recognized Chairman Smith of the Executive Council who referred the delegates to pp. 52 and 102,