

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 1

involved; and

WHEREAS, this may affect the selection and number of delegates from a given Conference;

THEREFORE, The Thirteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ honors the covenantal relationship of the denomination and the General Synod delegates and asks the Executive Council to take immediate steps to find a way to pay an equitable and fair portion of the travel expenses of voting delegates to the Fourteenth General Synod and in the future.

4. REPORT OF SECTION C — RESOLUTION ON BROKEN ARROW

The Moderator recognized Rev. John Fortt (NY), Chairperson of the Section for the report. Mr. Fortt moved the adoption of the Resolution on Broken Arrow and called on Mary Jo Romberger (PSE) to speak to the resolution. Ms. Romberger indicated that the resolution deals with the issue of nuclear disarmament and urged the adoption of the resolution as it is consistent with former General Synod actions and the adoption of the Peace Priority.

The Moderator recognized Harold Ward (FLA) who moved to amend the motion by the deletion of the second resolve section of the resolution. Upon being put to a vote the motion to amend the resolution was lost.

The Moderator recognized Floyd Ramp (OHIO) who moved to amend the motion by adding a third resolves section to the resolution to read: "Be It Further Resolved that the President of the United Church of Christ express to the national leaders our desire that, as a matter of public policy any use of military force by the United States may be challenged in a court of law." There was discussion and upon being put to a vote the motion to amend the resolution was lost.

It was

81-GS-63 VOTED: The Thirteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution on Broken Arrow.

RESOLUTION ON BROKEN ARROW

WHEREAS, Nationalism historically has been a universal passion of people, and patriotism an emotion which can be aroused to war; and

WHEREAS, nuclear armaments have been perfected in great number and with such explosive power that nuclear war would mean the end of life as we know it; and

WHEREAS, the money spent for nuclear weapons deprives our world of financial resources for basic human needs; and

WHEREAS, the biblical mandate of the prophets and the gospel of Jesus Christ is the foundation of our faith and action, declared in the Good News, "Blessed are the Peacemakers . . ."

The Thirteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ affirms a commitment to nuclear disarmament through negotiation with all existing and developing nuclear powers, and communicates this

commitment to the President of the United States of America, and the Secretaries of State and Defense, through the Office of the President of United Church of Christ; and

The President of the United Church of Christ will express to national leaders our forthright desire for nuclear disarmament even if this process must begin with a unilateral initiative on the part of the United States.

5. RESOLUTION ON OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL BUDGET

Mr. Fortt moved the adoption of the Resolution on Objections to Proposed Changes in the United States Federal Budget as revised and called on Janet Palmer (ILL) to speak to the resolution. Ms. Palmer indicated the difference between the resolution in its present form from the original, the reasons for the changes, and that the intent of the resolution has been maintained. There was discussion.

The Moderator recognized Robert Whiffen (CONN) who moved to amend the motion by adding the phrase "and each of its members be advised" following the word "Christ" in the third resolved paragraph and delete the word "instructed" in the same paragraph. This recommended change was accepted and included in the resolution. It was

81-GS-64 VOTED: The Thirteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution on Objections to proposed Changes in the United States Federal Budget.

RESOLUTION ON OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the biblical mandate calls us to bring good news to the poor, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to practice kindness and mercy, and to make governmental decisions based upon justice and an affirmation of life; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United Church of Christ, the Rev. Avery Post, in his opening address to the Thirteenth General Synod, challenged us to address the appalling and undesirable direction the United States is taking in changing the priorities of its federal budget in spending more for armaments and less on human services for the poor and near-poor; and

WHEREAS, the Thirteenth General Synod delegates have responded to the challenges of the United Church of Christ tradition as a leading force in social and racial justice in the United States and in the world; and

WHEREAS, the federal budget for 1982 proposes budget cuts of about \$48 billion dollars affecting the support of a wide variety of programs that aid the poor and near-poor; and

WHEREAS, the re-ordering of the budget for 1982 will result in increases of approximately \$26 billion dollars in expenditures for armaments and defense materials; and

WHEREAS, although reduction in the rate of inflation