

## TUESDAY EVENING

so long as the Army could not guarantee that returning refugees would not be subjected to violence or forced to live in model villages, it was "preferable for the refugees to remain in Mexico." The acceptance of amnesty provisions would be extremely dangerous for those involved as it would attach the stigma of subversive association.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eighteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ requests the President to:

1. Petition the Congress of the United States to adhere to Section 502(B) of the Foreign Assistance Act, which bars military aid to governments which engage in a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights, for the following outcomes:
  - a. a continuation of the ban on military aid and commercial arms sales to Guatemala;
  - b. an end to United States National Guard exercises with the Guatemalan military;
  - c. an end to the United States training and logistical support for the Guatemalan military;
  - d. strict control of the Guatemalan military in United States anti-narcotics operations;
  - e. disbursement of Economic Support Funds for Guatemala only on condition that violations of human rights be substantially reduced.
2. Call upon the President of the United States and the Congress to continue to urge the United Nations Human Rights Commission to condemn the deterioration of human rights in Guatemala in the strongest possible terms, including the appointment of a special investigator to be stationed full-time in the country.
3. Encourage member congregations to establish partnerships with urban communities and rural villages in Guatemala, in careful consultation with the appropriate officials in the United Church Board for World Ministries.

Subject to the availability of funds.

### **11. RESOLUTION "CALLING FOR THE RESTORING OF NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA"**

Ms. Gosselink recognized Mr. True for the presentation of the Report of Committee 15. He referred the delegates to the resolution as found in Advance Materials Section II, page 120. The committee proposed no changes. On behalf of the committee, Mr. True moved that the Eighteenth General Synod adopt the Resolution "Calling for the Restoring of Normal Relations Between the United States and Cuba." Mr. True spoke on behalf of the committee. There was no discussion.

91-GS-87 VOTED: The Eighteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution "Calling for the Restoring of Normal Relations Between the United States and Cuba."

#### **CALLING FOR THE RESTORING OF NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA**

WHEREAS, for the past 32 years the relations between the United States and Cuba have been characterized by alienation;

WHEREAS, the Cuban government is considering reforms in emigration;

WHEREAS, discrimination on the basis of religious faith is in process of being eliminated;

WHEREAS, a move toward normalization of relations between the United States and Cuba would encourage these and other reforms; and

WHEREAS, we as Christians believe that the teachings and spirit of our faith call for reconciliation, and beyond reconciliation, the creating of justice and peace for every nation.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Eighteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ urges that both the United States and Cuba engage in conversations to institute plans for new relations between these neighboring countries leading to justice and peace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Eighteenth General Synod requests its executive officers and instrumentalities to offer such assistance in the process of reconciliation as may be helpful in establishing normal relations between the United States and Cuba.

Subject to the availability of funds.

### **12. RESOLUTION "JUSTICE IN THE MAQUILADORAS"**

The Moderator again recognized Mr. True for the presentation of the Report of Committee 15. He referred the delegates to the revised resolution as found in Committee Reports, Part VII, page 13. On behalf of the committee, Mr. True moved that the Eighteenth General Synod adopt the Resolution "Justice in the Maquiladoras."

Mr. True spoke on behalf of the committee.

There was some discussion. Mr. Danny Roman (FLA) requested clarification on the use of "Maquiladoras" in reference either to the people or to the region. Mr. True responded that the committee inquired as to the intended meaning of "Maquiladoras," received unclear information, and chose to reference the region. Mr. Roman suggested it also as a term used for workers in that region at those corporations and offered a friendly amendment to delete "the." Mr. True accepted the friendly amendment.

91-GS-88 VOTED: The Eighteenth General Synod adopted the Resolution "Justice in the Maquiladoras."

#### **JUSTICE IN THE MAQUILADORAS**

WHEREAS, in its pronouncement "Christian Faith and Economic Justice," the UCC has declared that "We establish as a goal the just transformation of the global economy into an economic order that fundamentally ensures economic, racial, and social justice for all of God's people throughout the world";

WHEREAS, ninety percent of the over 2,000 foreign corporations that have set up assembly and manufacturing plants in Mexico under the Maquiladoras program are United States-owned transnationals;