

M I N U T E S

TWENTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION HELD IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

The General Assembly was convened on Saturday, June 13, 1981, at 9:50 a. m. by Moderator Sandra Mitchell Caron in the Grand Ballroom of the Philadelphia Sheraton, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Greetings were received in person from David Speedy on behalf of Mayor William Green and the City of Philadelphia; Roy Smith, General Secretary of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches of Great Britain; and the Reverend Walt Wieder, minister of the Universalist Church of the Restoration, on behalf of the Unitarian Universalist societies of greater Philadelphia. Greetings were received in writing from the Reverend Bohdana Capek-Haspl and Dr. D. J. Kafka on behalf of the Unitarian Church of Czechoslovakia.

President O. Eugene Pickett introduced Bela Bartok, Jr., President of the Unitarian Church of Hungary. William F. Schulz, UUA Executive Vice President, introduced former United States Senator Joseph S. Clark of Pennsylvania. Denise Davidoff, President of the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation, introduced four special guests of the UUWF from overseas: Gusta Greve and Ank Faber-Chabot of the Netherlands, Jean Inkson of Scotland, and Elspeth Vallance of England.

Representatives of the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office presented the Assembly with a United Nations flag.

The Assembly adopted by a two-thirds vote Rules of Procedure for the conduct of the meeting.

On the basis of a preliminary report of the Credentials Committee, a quorum was declared present from the time the meeting was called to order.

The Assembly received written reports from the Secretary and the Treasurer. Oral reports (as well as written, in some cases) were received from the President, Moderator, Chair of the Finance Committee, Financial Advisor, Chair of the Commission on Appraisal, President of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, President of the International Association for Religious Freedom, and Women and Religion Committee.

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

Each of the following Business Resolutions was passed by a vote of two-thirds or more:

UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION FOR THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

WHEREAS, a new international Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women was approved by the United Nations in December, 1979, signed by 75 nations in Copenhagen in July, 1980, and is now awaiting ratification by member nations; and

WHEREAS, this Convention, signed by the delegates of Canada and the United States in Copenhagen, now awaits ratification by Parliament and the U. S. Senate, respectively; and

WHEREAS, this Convention provides a well-developed, detailed, internationally accepted call for the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, with common standards for achieving this goal; and

WHEREAS, Unitarian Universalists recognize that discrimination against women, which is incompatible with a respect for the dignity and worth of every person, is an obstacle to full development of the potentialities of women and prevents the contributions of women to the health and welfare of this world and its inhabitants;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges that all Unitarian Universalist societies and individuals take as a major concern in this coming year the study and understanding of this United Nations Convention and campaign for ratification in Canada and the United States; that the Unitarian Universalist Association, the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation, and the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office cooperate to prepare working materials to help achieve this goal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Canadian Unitarian Council be urged to take similar action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urges the International Association for Religious Freedom to take timely action in support of this Convention.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

WHEREAS, the American Unitarian Association was one of the founders of the International Association of Religious Freedom (IARF), and as the Unitarian Universalist Association has continued to be a substantial supporter of this association of religious groups from twenty countries on all continents with a constituency of five million people who affirm spiritual freedom and human dignity; and

WHEREAS, international dialogue and friendship is the basis for world peace and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association has discontinued its departments for international work; and

WHEREAS, the International Association for Religious Freedom has provided aid to its member groups devastated by war and disaster and has developed a Social Service Network program for aid and development projects within its members groups;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association send greetings to the IARF Congress meeting in Leeuwenhorst, The Netherlands, July 24-31, 1981; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Unitarian Universalist groups and individuals be encouraged to increase their participation and support of IARF programs and activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association make more visible the work of the International Association for Religious Freedom in developing broader understanding of the religious and cultural values of other peoples and its potential for promoting international good will.

THE RADICAL RELIGIOUS RIGHT

WHEREAS, The Radical Religious Right is a threat to the values of a free church and and free society, values which the Universalist and Unitarian Churches have long struggled to maintain; and

WHEREAS, in response to this threat, religious and secular groups have begun to work together to re-assert the above values, notably through People for the American Way, the National Council of Churches, Americans for Common Sense, and the Interfaith Communications Commission, and

WHEREAS, as Universalists and Unitarians, we have a stake in the social and political consequences of the issues raised concerning minority rights, women's rights, violence against women and minorities, separation of church and state, priority of welfare over rearmament, and the development of world community through peaceful means;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association encourages the Association, Districts, local societies, and individuals to join continental, regional, and local coalitions dedicated to action in the defense of religious and individual liberty.

SOCIAL INVESTMENT/CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

WHEREAS, Unitarian Universalists share a commitment to translating religious principles into practical action; and

WHEREAS, Unitarian Universalist societies feel a responsibility for extending spiritual insights of the free pulpit, of congregational decisions, educational group programs, and social concerns of committees and church organizations into the wider community; and

WHEREAS, large corporations, by reason of their size, have substantial economic power and with it the potential for good or ill; and

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association is a member of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association:

1. Commends to its continental member societies the crucial importance of corporate responsibility.
2. Urges the UUA Section on Social Responsibility to develop and disseminate appropriate educational resource materials that will assist community investigation of corporate policies and will provide guidelines for investment and consumer action.
3. Urges churches and fellowships and affiliated organizations to examine their financial portfolios, including holdings of stocks and bonds, with reference to ethical and societal considerations, including levels of employment, and to direct their resources to those corporations which reflect Unitarian Universalist values.
4. Encourages individuals and families to apply similar considerations in banking, shopping, and investing and, as stockholders, to introduce socially responsible items to the annual meeting agendas of corporations whose managements need prodding.

A COMMITMENT TO URBAN MINISTRY

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Unitarian Universalist Association state that the Association exists in part to "affirm, defend and promote the supreme worth and dignity of every human personality," and recognizing that poor and minorities residing in urban areas are currently the victims of displacement, racial violence, and poverty; and

WHEREAS, the 1978 General Assembly urged the Department of Ministerial and Congregational Services to serve the special needs of center city societies and that the Board of Trustees appointed an *Urban Concerns Advisory Committee*; and

WHEREAS, the administration of the Association has endorsed and supported an Urban Church Coalition and its goals, and a Section of Extension staff person is assigned to work with the Coalition and with urban societies; and

WHEREAS, our societies are now overwhelmingly located in communities whose locale makes it more difficult for their members to be in touch with those most deeply affected by social oppression; and

WHEREAS, as a racial audit of the administration of the Association was conducted, the next logical step is to address the issue of racial exclusivity in our movement;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges that:

1. A task force on Urban Ministry be established in the Department of Ministerial and Congregational Services which would examine the training for current religious professionals and those preparing for ministry as that training relates to services for urban societies and establish an affirmative action program for the recruitment of minorities as religious professionals.
2. The Ministerial Fellowship Committee examine its regulations for Fellowship for their impact on urban ministry.
3. Our member societies establish an *Annual Urban Ministry Sunday* to celebrate urban and suburban church cooperation, pointing to the needs of urban societies, and take a special collection for urban projects.
4. Urban churches demonstrate cooperation through their own efforts within local metropolitan areas.
5. The Section of Extension and the Urban Church Coalition develop and distribute materials to aid existing urban societies to attract members of minority groups and the poor.
6. The Section of Extension devise programs for establishing new urban societies which will attract congregations of diverse racial and economic composition.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

WHEREAS, Unitarian Universalists share a religious mandate for a worldwide social order which promotes the supreme worth and dignity of every human personality; and

WHEREAS, we are challenged by the contradictions in ourselves and in our societies today which prevent the implementation of the ideal; and

WHEREAS, we are cognizant of economic injustices as major threats to individual and collective security and survival; and

WHEREAS, we deplore the human costs of systemic poverty; and

WHEREAS, current proposals by the Federal Government, and by many States and localities, would deprive our less fortunate citizens of essential public benefits, or greatly reduce them, while at the same time increasing the military budget and granting substantial tax concessions to corporations and high income persons; and

WHEREAS, we seek to build upon our Unitarian Universalist heritage of justice and caring community;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges the Association to develop suitable materials to promote discussion of the statement: "Having historically promoted political democracy, Unitarian Universalists should promote economic justice as well."

SMOKING AREAS

WHEREAS, it is now known that tobacco smoke causes irritation and harm to non-smokers; and

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association is noted for its use of reason and compassion in matters that have to do with human welfare;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges the staff and officers of the Association to adopt policies and procedures which will permit smokers to use areas for smoking that will not expose non-smokers to smoke, and that such areas not include restrooms, aisles of passage (e.g. hallways) or other public areas where non-smokers need to be, and to encourage Districts and societies to adopt a similar policy, so that those who choose to smoke may do so knowing that their tobacco smoke will not be an irritant or be harmful to non-smokers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the implementation of this resolution include immediate, sufficient and continuing publicity by the Association's periodicals and signs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That where present plant facilities do not permit implementation, smokers be urged to observe the spirit of this resolution.

A resolution to require the UUA Board of Trustees to record its members' votes on substantive issues was defeated on a roll call vote (366-456).

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

By a two-thirds or more vote the following action was taken on proposed Bylaw Amendments 1A through 1F (designed to update Section C-2.2 *Principles*), lines 172 through 200 of the Final Agenda of the 1981 General Assembly:

To refer proposed Bylaw amendments 1A through 1F, lines 172 through 200, which were initiated at the Continental Women and Religion meetings, to a committee of seven (7) persons to be appointed by the UUA Board of Trustees. This committee shall:

1. Devise and implement a process to involve the member Societies and associate organizations of the Association in a re-examination of our principles and purposes as stated in Section C-2.2.
2. Report to and conduct discussions at the 1982 General Assembly.
3. Draft recommended Bylaw changes, articulating those freely chosen bonds which hold our member societies in association, based on the information gathered and the discussions held and circulate the text among the member societies and associate organizations for their study and responses.
4. Submit recommendations regarding Section C-2.2 to the UUA Board for placement on the 1983 or, if time requires, 1984 General Assembly agenda.

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted preliminary approval to amend Bylaw Section C-3.7 in a manner intended to reaffirm the independent status of associate member organizations to read as follows:

Section C-3.7 Associate Member Organizations.

The Board of Trustees may admit to associate membership in the Association any organization whose purposes and programs it finds to be auxiliary to and supportive of the principles of the Association and which pledges itself to support the Association. The Board of Trustees may terminate such associate membership upon a finding that the organization no longer meets the foregoing qualifications. An associate member organization shall be recognized as active during the fiscal year in which it becomes a member, and during each subsequent fiscal year if it has made a financial contribution to the Association during the immediately preceding fiscal year.

The Association shall neither exercise control over nor assume responsibility for the programs, activities or finances of any Associate Member.

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted preliminary approval to amend Bylaw Section C-3.8 in a manner intended to reaffirm the independent status of affiliate member organizations to read as follows:

Section C-3.8 Independent Affiliate Organizations.

The Board of Trustees may admit to affiliated status those independently constituted and operated organizations whose purposes and intentions it finds to be in sympathy with the principles of the Association, and may terminate such status upon finding that the organization no longer meets the foregoing qualifications or is not in compliance with the rules relating to such organizations. The status granted is that of Independent Affiliate. The Board of Trustees shall adopt rules governing the requirements for admission to and retention of affiliated status. The requirements shall include financial support of the Association by payment of an annual contribution.

The Association shall neither exercise control over nor assume responsibility for the programs, activities or finances of any Independent Affiliate.

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted to permit the method of election of District Trustees to conform to the method of election of At Large Trustees by amending Bylaw Section 9.11 to read as follows:

Section 9.11 Nominations and Elections of Trustees Representing Districts.

- (d) *Method of Election.* The district bylaws shall provide for one of the following methods of election:
- (1) at large within the district, with each member of an active member society casting a ballot by mail;
 - (2) by delegates at a district meeting at which each active member society is entitled to the same number of voting delegates as specified in Section 4.8(a) of these Bylaws, with absentee ballots by the delegates permitted;
 - (3) by each active member society, acting as a legal meeting of such society casting that number of votes equal to the number of delegates specified in Section 4.8(a) of these Bylaws, allocated among the candidates as it shall determine;
 - (4) by delegates at a district meeting at which each active member society is entitled to the same number and kind of voting delegates as specified in Section 4.8 (a) and (b) of these Bylaws with absentee ballots by the delegates permitted; or
 - (5) by each active member society, acting at a legal meeting of such society, casting that number of votes equal to the number of delegates specified in Section 4.8(a) of these Bylaws, with the votes of the society allocated among the candidates as it shall determine, and by each minister and Director of Religious Education who meets the criteria for delegate status set forth in Section 4.8(b) of the Bylaws casting a vote.

RULE CHANGES

By a two-thirds or more vote the Assembly voted to conform non-discrimination language in rules with bylaw provisions by amending Rules 3.3.6, 3.7.2, and 3.8.4 to read as follows:

Section C-3.3 Admission to Membership

Rule 3.3.6 Rules and Regulations for New Societies. (b) The Association interprets its statements of purpose to mean that no society can be accepted into membership if its bylaws exclude from its local membership any person because of race, color, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, or national origin.

Section C-3.7 Associate Membership Organization

Rule 3.7.2 Non-Segregation. Each associate member organization shall in all aspects of its work refrain from the practice of segregation based on race, color, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, or national origin. This rule is not intended to preclude those associate member organizations designed to benefit specific interest groups whose past exclusion from the larger society warrants organizing around a "special interest" in order to insure their fuller participation in the total society.

Section C-3.8 Affiliated Organizations

Rule 3.8.4 Non-Segregation. Each affiliated organization shall in all aspects of its work refrain from the practice of segregation based on race, color, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, or national origin. This rule is not intended to preclude those affiliated organizations designed to benefit specific interest groups whose past exclusion from the larger society warrants organizing around a "special interest" in order to insure their fuller participation in the total society.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

Each of the following General Resolutions was passed by a two-thirds or more vote:

NATIONWIDE SUPPORT OF A LOCAL INITIATIVE TO STOP THE ARMS RACE

WHEREAS, current policies of the governments of both the Soviet Union and the United States accelerate the arms race; and

WHEREAS, the arms race increases the probability of omnicidal nuclear war; and

WHEREAS, the arms race is a major contributor to the economic social and political dysfunction of both the Soviet and Western blocs; and

WHEREAS, President Eisenhower once said, "The people want peace so badly that governments ought to get out of their way and let them have it." - yet only we the people can make government make peace; and

WHEREAS, the voters of western Massachusetts have shown the way by affirming by a vote of 59% to 41% Proposition 7 on their local ballot calling for a bilateral freeze by the United States and the U.S.S.R. on nuclear weapons production;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association joins with the voters of western Massachusetts... "in favor of a resolution requesting the President of the United States to propose to the Soviet Union a mutual nuclear weapons moratorium, immediately halting the testing, production and deployment of all nuclear warheads, missiles, and delivery systems, and requesting Congress to transfer the funds that would have been used for those purposes to civilian use,"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urges its member churches and societies, the UUA Office of Social Responsibility, and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee to join with religious, peace, and civic groups to place the language of Proposition 7, above cited, on local and state ballot initiatives and/or petitions to elected officials.

ALTERNATE SOURCES AND CONSERVATION OF ENERGY

WHEREAS, the United States must, out of economic, ecological, and political necessity, develop alternate sources of energy and means of conserving energy; and

WHEREAS, the United States cannot continue to be dependent on oil, especially oil produced by OPEC; and

WHEREAS, the Union of Concerned Scientists, and other national groups, out of alarm over the dangers implicit in the use of nuclear energy, urge the development of solar energy;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges all churches, fellowships and individuals to request their United States Representatives and Senators to legislate:

- 1) greater financial commitment to long-range basic research and development of solar and other alternate renewable sources of energy and means of conserving energy;
- 2) the institution and support of educational programs at all levels in school throughout the United States on alternate renewable sources of energy and means of conserving energy; and
- 3) greater financial incentives in the form of larger tax rebates to persons who adopt alternate sources of energy and/or means of conserving energy.

IN OPPOSITION TO BIOCHEMICAL WARFARE

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association has long opposed the escalation of the arms race and the threat it poses to humanity; and

WHEREAS, the United States has many thousands of tons of chemical warfare agents stockpiled in the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, besides their possible use as weapons, these stockpiles also represent potential danger to human life and to the environment where they are located; and

WHEREAS, in FY 1981 Congress has appropriated \$23.15 million for renovating and equipping a facility in Pine Bluffs, Arkansas, to produce lethal binary nerve gas; and

WHEREAS, there were no hearings on this funding or on the desirability or need for this new class of weapon; and

WHEREAS, the United States Science Defense Board has recommended an additional \$7 to \$9.4 billion for this program over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, there has been little consultation with our allies regarding development of these weapons and the deployment on their soil; and

WHEREAS, neither the United States nor the Soviet Union has produced a new class of chemical weapons in over a decade and United States introduction of this new class would affect radically this joint policy of mutual restraint;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges that all districts, societies, and individuals work to achieve:

- 1) The prohibition of the storage and the transportation of CBW agents without prior public announcement and consultation with state and local legally designated officials; and
- 2) The cessation of research and production of CBW agents, except where such research is directed toward neutralization of existing stocks; and
- 3) The extension of the 1969 U.S.-U.S.S.R. treaty prohibiting chemical warfare to include a total ban on research, production, and stockpiling of CBW agents; and
- 4) International agreement outlawing CBW agents; and
- 5) The education of the general public relative to biological and chemical warfare agents.

UNITED NATIONS

WHEREAS, Unitarian Universalists have a history of support for the United Nations, including proposals to enhance its effectiveness embodied in the "Consensus on the United Nations" adopted at the Eighth General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in 1969, and also by the establishment and maintenance of the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations has compiled an impressive record of achievements to date, including:

- * Assistance in settlement of disputes such as India-Pakistan and Indonesia-Netherlands;
- * Assistance in keeping the peace in areas such as the Middle East and Cyprus, using neutral country forces;
- * Provision for discussion and resolution of economic crises;
- * Provision of worldwide assistance through UNICEF and other agencies;
- * Eradication of smallpox;
- * Facilitation of transition to independence from colonial status; and

WHEREAS, serious problems persist in our world community and underscore urgently needed action to strengthen United Nations' organization and functioning; and
WHEREAS, President Jimmy Carter in 1978 issued a report entitled, "The Reform and Restructuring of the United Nations System;"

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association reaffirms its support for the United Nations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly endorses research, study and analysis of means to improve the United Nations, such as more effective peacekeeping procedures, more reliable funding, and more equitable voting systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly urges its member societies to strive for helpful national legislation; to devote at least one Sunday service each year to the United Nations; and to support the work of the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office in reporting to Association members on United Nations' programs and proceedings, in conveying Unitarian Universalist perspectives to delegations, agencies and the Secretariat of the United Nations, and in the encouragement of national support for the United Nations.

SUPPORTING CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS AND CONDEMNING THE KU KLUX KLAN

WHEREAS, the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) has traditionally stood for racial hatred and intolerance; and

WHEREAS, the KKK is now establishing special military training camps in north Alabama in preparation for a "race war" against Blacks and Jews; and

WHEREAS, the KKK claims a close alliance with the American Nazi Party whose supporters shot and killed five demonstrators in Greensboro, North Carolina at a public anti-Klan rally in November 1979; and

WHEREAS, other incidents can be cited to document the KKK's recent terrorist activities; and

WHEREAS, the "Center for Constitutional Rights" defends victims of KKK actions and the Southern Poverty Law Center's KLANWATCH project is effective in documenting and exposing the evil represented by the KKK;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association endorses the Center for Constitutional Rights and the Southern Poverty Law Center, strongly condemns the Ku Klux Klan's acts of violence and military preparations, and urges churches and districts to join with local organizations of like mind.

HOME HEALTH CARE

WHEREAS, institutional care for the elderly is expensive and studies show that older patients are happier and regain functional ability more rapidly when they receive health care at home; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid offers full coverage for long-term care in a nursing home, but in most states little or no coverage for these services in the community or at home, with the result that older persons are forced to enter institutions and society finds itself saddled with an enormous Medicaid bill;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges support for legislation proposing major changes in the way Medicare-Medicaid treats older patients, through:

- 1) Federal support to states providing for home health services, homemaker services, medical supplies for use in the home, nutritional counseling; and
- 2) Tax credits to families caring for elderly persons in their homes; and
- 3) Funding for preventive health services to reduce the need for more expensive care at a later date; and
- 4) Funding for the development and implementation of new models of comprehensive mental health services for the aging.

EL SALVADOR

WHEREAS, recent General Assemblies of the Unitarian Universalist Association have passed resolutions calling for a reduction of United States arms sales and transfers to countries which violate basic human rights, such as "Human Rights in El Salvador" in 1977 and "Sharing in the New Call to Peacemaking" in 1979; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly in 1980 passed "Human Rights and War" which called on Unitarian Universalists to work to end United States and Canadian military aid to governments that violate human rights, such as the government in El Salvador, and

WHEREAS, the situation in El Salvador in 1980 and early in 1981 has deteriorated into brutal civil disorders, killings, and general instability; and

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee has long been working for human rights in El Salvador;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association publicly express its grave concern over arms sales, arms transfers, grants or military credits to El Salvador from any country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Assembly directs the UUA Washington Office and encourages other appropriate Unitarian Universalist related organizations and groups to support an end, from the United States and other sources, to all arms sales, credits, arms transfers, and military training to the combatants in El Salvador.

ACTION ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In his report to the Assembly delivered Saturday, June 13, 1981, President Pickett had criticized the United States government for standing virtually alone among the nations of the world in defending the principle of free trade for the makers of infant formula. The Assembly voted by more than two-thirds to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association meeting in Philadelphia, PA, on June 17, 1981, commends with appreciation those members of the Congress of the United States who voted to protest the negative vote of the United States with respect to the guidelines for distribution of infant formula in Third World countries.

ACTION ON SECRETARY'S REPORT

The following resolution was passed by a vote of two-thirds or more:

WHEREAS, through the Unitarian Universalist Association/Cambridge Forum television series, "I Call That Mind Free," we have learned how to record public events of central importance to Unitarian Universalists in such a way as to attract a much wider audience through television; and

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly provides a unique continental occasion for production of television programs of general public interest;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association authorizes the Cambridge Forum to record General Assembly events for television broadcast.

LATE-ADMITTED GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

A general resolution entitled "On the Bombing of a Nuclear Facility Near Baghdad" which the Moderator ruled could come before the Assembly under Section 4.14(b) of the Bylaws failed to receive the necessary two-thirds vote required to admit it for consideration.

No items were received for consideration under Section 4.14(c) of the Bylaws for referral to the General Assembly Planning Committee for inclusion on the 1982 General Assembly Tentative Agenda.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The final report of the Credentials Committee was as follows:

Accredited and attending the 20th General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association were 803 lay delegates, 268 ministerial delegates, 15 delegate directors of religious education, no life members, 6 associate members' delegates, 26 members of the Board of Trustees (not included as registered delegates from congregations), and 12 Church of the Larger Fellowship delegates for a total of 1130 delegates representing 415 churches and fellowships, 45 states and the District of Columbia, and 5 Canadian provinces.

OTHER BUSINESS

An Installation Service was held for the newly-elected and re-elected Officers, Trustees-at-Large, District Trustees, and committee members.

The following resolution was passed by a vote of two-thirds or more:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 1981 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association expresses its appreciation to Vernon E. Jordan, President of the National Urban League, for his inspiring address as the Ware lecturer for 1981 and expresses the hope that the United States government will adopt measures toward economic justice, in accord with the spirit of his address and as urged by a Resolution of this Assembly.

The 1981 General Assembly then voted to adjourn *sine die*.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/William F. Schulz,
Recording Secretary

1981 ELECTION RESULTS

The UUA Secretary, Lori Pederson, reported the following election results (four-year terms unless otherwise noted):

PRESIDENT: O. Eugene Pickett

MODERATOR: Sandra Mitchell Caron

FINANCIAL ADVISOR: Robert T. Lavender

TRUSTEES-AT-LARGE: Kenneth T. MacLean, Judith A. Urquhart

COMMISSION ON APPRAISAL: Josiah R. Bartlett
Natalie W. Gulbrandsen
Mary Ann B. Oakley
Bonnie H. Stauffacher
John B. Wolf

G.A. PLANNING COMMITTEE: Patricia M. Bowen
Bradford S. Brown
Gail Hamaker
David L. Rickard

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Gustavia Gash
Linda LaPlante
Alice K. Lingswiler
Donald Matson
Alexander Meek, Jr.
Muriel Osder
Jeffrey E. Brown (two-year term)

BOARD OF REVIEW: (six-year term) - Rev. Marjorie N. Leaming
Nancy G. Mitchell
(eight-year term) - Ellen S. Brettell
Rev. Bruno J. Visco