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Inter-faith Adoptions

1. WHEREAS THE AIM OF Child Welfare Legislation is to pursue policies which are in the best interest of those dependent children for whom society must provide, and
2. WHEREAS the number of these children is increasing due to more illegitimate births; and
3. WHEREAS the granting of an adoption order should be based on the ability of the adopting parents to provide love, and emotional and physical security, and this ability may have no relation to professed religious affiliation; and
4. WHEREAS although a child under the age of reason cannot be considered to have a religion with regard to adoption, it is the practice of most agencies to make adoption placements along religious lines;
5. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Unitarian Council 1966 Annual Meeting requests the Provincial Governments, where applicable, to delete the section regarding religious presumption as to the faith of the child, and amend the Child Welfare Acts to specify that the religion not be considered in determining adoption except in cases where the child himself wishes to express a preference.

China

1. WHEREAS one of the most dangerous threats to peace in the world is the lack of communication between many countries and the People's Republic of China, leading to misunderstandings and



tensions on both sides, and this is especially true since China has developed atomic weapons; and

2. WHEREAS the present exclusion of the People's Republic of China from the United Nations isolates approximately one-quarter of the world's population;
3. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Unitarian Council 1966 Annual Meeting urges the Government of Canada to:

1. Establish regular diplomatic relations and an exchange of ambassadors with the People's Republic of China; 2. Recommend that the United Nations no longer recognize the representatives of Nationalist China as representing China;

3. Support, and urge other nations to support, the efforts of those countries working for the seating of the representatives of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations; 4. Recommend a United Nations sponsored examination of the issue of self-determination for Formosans; and

4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Canadian Unitarian Council 1966 Annual Meeting urges the Canadian Government to increase trade and cultural exchanges between Canada and the People's Republic of China.

Vietnam

1. WHEREAS it is evident that the war in Vietnam continues to expand with increasing U.S. commitment, endangering not only



combatants and civilian population of Vietnam, but also the peace of the world;

2. WHEREAS the U.S. Military action of indiscriminate warfare against a population through the use of napalm, white phosphorous bombs, and the chemical destruction of crops is an outrage to the sense of human justice;
3. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Unitarian Council 1966 Annual Meeting urges the Government of Canada to urge the parties involved to negotiate on the basis of the 1954 Geneva Accords.

Family Planning

1. WHEREAS section 159 of the Criminal Code of Canada makes it a criminal offence to advertise, sell, or have available for sale or disposal, any instructions or article intended to prevent contraception; and
2. WHEREAS contraception is approved and practiced by many informed Canadians with moral and religious approval;
3. WHEREAS the continued infraction of this section of the Criminal Code weakens the structures of and the respect for the Canadian Criminal Code; and
4. WHEREAS family planning is an essential element of responsible parenthood; and



5. WHEREAS four private members' bills in earlier sessions failed to reach a vote and four private members' bills introduced this session have been referred to the Health and Welfare Committee at the House of Commons:
6. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Unitarian Council 1966 urges the Health and Welfare Committee to recommend and the Government of Canada to introduce, a Government Bill similar to the initial private member's bill and obtain its enactment with the greatest urgency.

World Population Growth and the Danger of Hunger_____

1. WHEREAS the rapid population increase has frustrated in many countries attempts to improve the material circumstances of the people by accelerated economic growth, and in particular has frustrated attempts to provide adequate diet to all people of the world; and
2. WHEREAS at present there seems to be no possibility of closing the food gap for people living in countries with rapid population growth and lagging food production; and
3. WHEREAS it is apparently economically and technically impossible to provide for all deficient areas by imports alone;
4. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Unitarian Council 1966 Annual Meeting urges the Canadian Government:
 1. To support actively programs of population control under



international auspices;

2. To increase aid;

a. Which will improve food supplies through better production methods; and

b. Which will create economic and social conditions to spur farmers in food-- deficient countries to increase food production.

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