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Peace

THAT the 14th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council urges Unitarians and Universalists to speak out clearly against all acts of terrorism and to support such specific movements as:

- AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, which is a worldwide human rights movement independent of any government, political faction or religious creed. It seeks to obtain release of prisoners of conscience held anywhere in the world and to abolish all torture of prisoners.
- THE CANADIAN PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, a non-profit, non-partisan organization entirely supported by public donations and foundation grants, which utilized the techniques of scientific research to re-examine the cause of war and to discover the principles of conflict resolution.

Supportive Material

We consider that Peace is more than the absence of war, that it includes the concepts of mental, physical and spiritual well being of people (see 1974 resolution on Peace). We are opposed to all acts of terrorism and to the use of vengeance and retaliation as a way of resolving conflicts.

World Population Control

THAT, because rapid growth of population is a significant contributor to human misery and the degradation of the environment, the 14th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council urges the Government of Canada to make use of its considerable prestige and resources in ethical, non-coercive action directed toward the stabilization of human population, through voluntary means, both at home and abroad.

Natural Resources

THAT the 14th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council recommends that the Canadian Unitarian council request Information Canada to make available a list of resource materials relating to the state of the natural resources in Canada and their relationship to the total global resources, and that this information be circulated to Canadian Unitarian and Universalist societies in order to encourage the development of an informed and responsible conservation policy for the guidance of our Canadian government and hopefully of other conservation-conscious nations.

Family Planning

THAT the 14th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council urges Federal, provincial,



municipal and private health agencies to expand their family planning services to all residents of Canada at all income levels.

Abortion

THAT the 14th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council urges Federal, provincial and municipal health agencies to make abortions readily available.

Supportive Material for the above two resolutions

We re-affirm the 1974 resolution on Abortion supporting Dr. Morgentaler and others like him in challenging our abortion laws.

The purpose of the above two resolutions is to reduce social strains derived from unwanted children and to reduce the population growth which increases the demand for shrinking, non-renewable resources and finite space. Our rising numbers tend to increase the complexity of self-government, thus further diminishing the quality of life.

World Food Crisis

THAT, in view of the worldwide shortage of food, intensified by the feeding of high protein grains to stock, the 14th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council urges its member societies and individuals, as minimum steps, to encourage the purchase of grass finished beef as opposed to grain finished beef; the use of fertilizer for essential purposes only; and the lessening of food wastage.

International Adoption

THAT the 14th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council supports the establishment of the proposed central federal office to handle overseas adoption in order to coordinate the efforts of international social service.

Supportive Material

Many children in the world are in desperate need of adoption, particularly children of mixed parentage in Vietnam and other Asian nations. Many families in Canada wish to adopt, but find very few infants available for adoption.

Persons, having as a first step made application to provincial authorities and having been duly qualified to adopt under provincial adoption standards, should then be guaranteed the



active cooperation of provincial adoption agencies and the federal departments concerned.

Canada at the Geneva session of the Law of the Sea Conference regarding our rights over territorial waters (Ref. March 1975).

Considering that we have the longest coastline of any country, that it borders on three oceans and that the area and richness of the sea bed is greater than for any other nation, it is essential that we Canadians be aware of the necessity of setting our territorial sea limits and having the right to legislate within those limits. In our arctic waters, for instance, where special ecological conditions exist, pollution could bring and irreversible disaster in a very short time.

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