

Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam

WHEREAS there has been increasing pressure exerted by some in our nation to oppose the Vietnam War against Communist aggression; and

WHEREAS spokesmen of the National Council of Churches have repeatedly voiced opposition to, have led, and taken part in movements opposed to our nation's war effort; and

WHEREAS on January 31 and February 1, 1967, a group of liberal, leftist clergymen, many of whom have numerous public affiliations with Communist-front groups or other pro-Communist causes, known as "The Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam Committee," mobilized in Washington, D.C., and appealed to the President to stop the bombing and settle for "peace without victory"; and

WHEREAS these churchmen, led by Dr. John C. Bennett, President of Union Theological Seminary, have censured the United States as being at fault in the crisis and have repeatedly opposed any strong efforts against the Communist aggression in Vietnam;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the messengers of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting at Seattle, Washington, June 27, 1967, go on record as stating that Dr. John C. Bennett and "The Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam" do not speak for all clergymen in the United States. We call for victory over Communism in Vietnam and throughout the world as it seeks global enslavement either by overt action or by subtle infiltration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we back our courageous servicemen fighting in Vietnam and encourage our people to continue to stand behind them in prayer and support.

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