

Continuing Persecution of Believers behind the Iron Curtain

WHEREAS persecution of Bible believers continues, even increases, under the new President of the USSR, Mr. Andropov; and

WHEREAS the Soviet KGB is now using psychiatric hospitals as well as concentration camps and criminal prisons to torture and punish Christians, where even the World Psychiatric Association voted in 1977 to censure Soviet psychiatry for its political abuses and this year the Soviets are reportedly withdrawing its membership because of documented exposure; and

WHEREAS Dr. Billy Graham and others have blatantly attempted to deceive the American people that religious freedom exists behind the Iron Curtain;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the messengers of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches meeting in Niagara Falls on June 27–July 1, 1983, urge our people to pray for and support these harassed brothers and sisters in Christ and to protest to the Soviet government over this inhumane and brutal treatment of Christians. Hebrews 13:3, "Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body."

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