

## **The Persecution of Christian Believers behind the Iron Curtain**

WHEREAS the Rev. George Vins the faithful, separated Russian Baptist pastor, is still imprisoned, because of his faith in Christ, by the ruthless, godless Communist leaders of the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS continuing government harassment and persecution of Christians in the Ukraine resulted in the arrest of 400 believers on May 9, 1978, which action is direct violation of Soviet human rights commitments given at Helsinki and contrary to decency, reason, and conscience;

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in annual session in Lakeland, Florida, June 26–30, 1978, urge the release of all those Christians and thousands of other believers imprisoned in all Communist countries.

We further send Christian greetings to our dear brethren in the All-Ukrainian Evangelical Baptist Fellowship, pledging them our prayers and thanking the Lord for their strategic ministry to these persecuted believers behind the iron curtain.

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