Trade With Communist Nations

WHEREAS the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Seattle, Washington, June 27, 1967, recognizing that we are at war with the Communists, especially when our men are fighting and dying in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS President Johnson has promoted in his State of the Union address, his program of "Bridge Building" with Communist nations, which includes the East-West Trade Bill under which Russia and her satellites will enjoy favored-nations treatment and attractive tariff concessions; and

WHEREAS in the same address, the President also reported, "We have determined that the Export-Import Bank can allow commercial credits to Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Czechoslovakia, as well as Romania and Yugoslavia," all of which are Communist-controlled nations;

Be it further noted, that Mr. Johnson has "removed more than 400 non-strategic items from export control," making American taxpayers in truth and in fact financing Soviet enterprises which results in the strengthening of the Russian economy, thereby enlarging its capacity for producing war materials to kill American soldiers, and which destroys freedom and free enterprise throughout the world;

BE IT RESOLVED that the messengers of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in annual session in Seattle, Washington, June 27, 1967, go on record as opposing the principle of aiding the Communists in any way, especially when their agents and armaments are killing our sons in Vietnam; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge our President to stop "building bridges" to Communism while our men are dying in Vietnam.

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