

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

THE PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP OF NORTH AMERICA

Memphis, Tenn., October 3-5, 1950

The Board of Administration of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America met at the Claridge Hotel, Memphis, Tenn. at 10:15 a.m., Tuesday, October 3rd, 1950. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Rev. John C. Jernigan. The members of the Board who responded to the roll call were E. J. Wilson, Assistant Chairman, J. R. Flower, Secretary, L. Unseker, W. R. Steadley, L. C. Fortman, Bishop J. A. Synan.

On motion, the following proxies were recognized: Bishop T. A. Nelson, pending the arrival of H. T. Spence; Ira Morris for Luther Gibson; Dr. Charles Gaines for Howard P. Courtney; Vincent Bird for W. B. Teaford; and Frank Smith for H. B. Mitchell. By common consent, Jerry Jensen was permitted to sit with the Board until the arrival of Vincent Bird.

Registration Fee

A plea was made by the local committee for the lowering of the registration fee to twenty-five cents instead of the one dollar fee set by the action of the convention at Oklahoma City in 1948. On motion, the local roster committee was authorized to register all who attend, the registrant's fee to be twenty-five cents.

The motion was made, seconded and passed that room be made for David J. Duplessis, Baron Wm. Frary Von Blomberg and Fred Squires to meet the Board during the early part of the afternoon session, and that they be granted one hour's time with the Board.

Convention Arrangements.

James E. Hamill appeared before the Board to ask authorization for the rental of a Hammond Organ to be used during the convention services. On motion, authorization was given for the rental of the organ at the price submitted.

The Secretary gave a summary of the actions of the Board in its meeting at Oklahoma City and at Indianapolis, Indiana, to refresh the minds of the members and to serve as a guide for further action.

Tuesday Afternoon, October 3

On motion, H. J. Smith, Secretary of the International Pentecostal Assemblies was granted permission to sit with the Board as a proxy for R. B. Dunbar, until the arrival of Brother Dunbar.

Wm. Frary von Blomberg, David J. Duplessis and Fred Squires were then brought before the Board and were granted an audience for about one and a half hours. Fred Squires made an impassioned appeal in behalf of the youth of Europe,



a number of whom have been brought to England to attend the International Bible Institute, under his supervision. This school was authorized by the International Pentecostal Convention held in Zurich, Switzerland in 1947. As many as eleven nations have already been represented in the student body. Sixty-two students have been trained and sent back to their respective countries of origin. He reported it costs \$420.00 for the two year course, plus the care of foreign students during the summer months. He reported that literature bearing the name of the country of publication, cannot be used in the Russian zone of Germany, without endangering the possessor to arrest by the Russian authorities.

Baron Wm. Frary von Blomberg, who had spoken at a pre-convention rally in the First Assemblies of God Church in Memphis on Monday night on the needs of Europe, urged that the P.F.N.A. recognize that it is growing up and should now become a real working fellowship. He stated that we do not need to be dependent upon other organizations but can now speak for ourselves and be heard. He asked for assistance in his work in behalf of the persecuted evangelicals of Columbia, South America, stating that up to the present he had received no denominational financial assistance.

David J. duPlessis asked for assistance so that he may devote full time to the work of the International Fellowship. He reported that great progress has been made in the breaking down of prejudice which had existed between Pentecostal bodies in the countries of Germany and Belgium. He was much encouraged by what he found on a recent trip to Europe of seventy-five days, during which he spoke seventy times.

In behalf of the Treasurer, who had not as yet arrived, the Secretary read the financial report, which was approved as read. This report indicated a healthy condition in the treasury and that all financial obligations of the past year had been met.

#### Application for Membership

The application for membership which had been made by the Zion Evangelistic Fellowship of E. Providence, R. I. was presented by the Secretary, and the motion was made, seconded and passed that the Zion Evangelistic Fellowship be received into membership.

#### Appointment of Special Committee

The secretary reported he was in possession of certain documents which involved a question of ethics and requested that a special committee of three be appointed by the chair to look into the matter and to decide whether or not it should be brought before the entire Board. The motion was made and prevailed that such a committee be appointed, and the chair appointed H. L. Chesser, T. A. Melton and Dr. C. M. Wortman.

The Secretary reported he had another similar matter involving a member church and by common consent this also was referred to the special committee.



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The motion was made, seconded and passed that a committee on adjustments be appointed by the chair to serve during this convention. The chair called that the special committee which had been appointed already should serve the convention also.

#### Provision for Convention Committees

It was reported to the Board that the following committees were appointed a year ago for the convention, viz. Foreign Missions, Education, Youth, Finance, Church Comity and Nominations; that all committees had reported last year with the exception of the Committee on Comity. On motion, it was decided to appoint the same committees as last year to serve this Convention, and that new committees be added such as a Publications Committee, a Radio Committee, and a Roster Committee.

It was moved, seconded and the motion prevailed that the following committees be designated as permanent committees, viz. Missions, Publications, Youth, Education, etc.

#### Officers to Preside in Night Services

It was reported that the local program committee had been entrusted with the responsibility of presiding over the morning and afternoon services and would provide music and other preliminaries for the night services. It was moved, and the motion prevailed that the Chairman, Rev. John C. Jernigan, preside over the Wednesday night service, and the Vice-chairman, Rev. S. J. Fulton, preside over the Thursday night service.

Wednesday Afternoon at 4:30

#### Report of Committee on Adjustments

T. A. Melton, Chairman of the Committee on Adjustments reported that inasmuch as the Fellowship has no rule for guidance and there is no precedent for procedure that the matter which had been committed to the committee be brought before the entire board for a decision.

The Secretary stated that the matter before the Board is that of the membership of the Elin Missionary Assemblies which had been called in question by the New York-New Jersey District of the Assemblies of God on the ground of violated ministerial ethics, at the last meeting of the Board in Indianapolis, Indiana. He reminded the Board that the decision had been made that a committee meet with the officers of the N.Y.-N.J. District and the Elin Missionary Assemblies in an effort to iron out their difficulties, but that no such meeting had taken place.

The N.Y.-N.J. District of the Assemblies of God, through its Superintendent, Thos. R. Brubaker had filed a second protest with the Secretary challenging the membership in the fellowship of the E.M.A. and this must be



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result with at this time. Thomas R. Brubaker was invited to sit with the Board and to state the case, which he did. He stated there had never been any basis of cooperation between this group and other Pentecostal churches in the area due to unethical tactics practiced by the group. He stated one example, referring to a church in Buffalo.

Brother Spencer, the Superintendent of the Elim Missionary Assemblies, stated that the report of the Buffalo, N.Y. affair was not true, that he had not visited the members of the church to solicit their leaving the church. He added that he had been greatly disappointed in the spirit of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America and would be happy to resign if that would make matters any better.

A motion was made to accept the resignation, but was later withdrawn.

Thursday Morning at 8:30

The question of the support of David J. duPlessis was considered and it was decided by motion to allow him one hundred dollars per month for the work of his office in behalf of the International Pentecostal Fellowship.

The name of James W. Butler was proposed to serve as Publicity Agent for the next Convention, and on motion, the choice of Mr. Butler for this work was approved.

#### Choice of Location for Next Convention

Washington, D. C. and Detroit, Michigan were two cities mentioned as desirable for the next convention. When a vote was taken, it was a tie, so that no decision was rendered.

Combined meeting of old and newly elected Boards  
in the Bamboo Room of the Claridge Hotel, Thursday Noon.

#### Resolution affecting Membership of the Elim Missionary Assemblies

The status of the Elim Missionary Assemblies was again given consideration and the following motion was made: Whereas Ivan Q. Spencer has voluntarily tendered his resignation and the withdrawal from membership of the Elim Missionary Assemblies which he represents, on the ground of incompatibility, be it hereby Resolved that the Board of Administration accept these resignations.

The motion was discussed freely but action was postponed.

#### Applications for Membership Considered

The application for membership submitted by the pastor of the Bethel Assembly in Memphis, Tennessee was given consideration. Inasmuch as no evidence was produced that this application had been made as the result of the action of the church, acceptance of the church was postponed, pending definite church action.



An application for membership was submitted by William Forman in behalf of The Gospel Association for the Blind, of College Point, New York City. Inasmuch as William Forman had not been authorized to represent the Association, and it appeared that he had made application for membership purely on his own initiative, action on the application was postponed.

#### Report of Comity Committee

The Comity Committee made its report, which was amended by motion and was approved for presentation to the Convention. See Convention minutes.

On motion, it was decided to bring to the floor of the Convention for a decision the two cities proposed as acceptable for the next convention in 1951, in order to obtain the sentiment of the Convention delegates on this issue.

#### Next Meeting of the Board of Administration

On motion, it was decided that the Board of Administration should meet in Chicago, Illinois at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 1951, and just preceding the Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Thursday Afternoon at 4:30

A special meeting of the old and new boards was convened in the Municipal Auditorium to meet with David J. duPlessis and to give further consideration to the matter of the membership in the Association of the Elim Missionary Assemblies.

#### Disposal of the Elim Missionary Assemblies Membership problem

Due to pressure on the part of the Pentecostal Assemblies in Memphis, Tennessee that a report of the membership of the P.F.N.A. be made public before the convention should close, it was necessary that again the matter of the Elim Missionary Assemblies be given consideration. The chairman of this group freely admitted his acceptance and adherence to the so-called "New Order of Latter Rain", which had given trouble to many of the member denominations during the past two years. While in Oklahoma City, a year ago, attending the convention of the P.F.N.A. he had been entertained in the home of a minister who had embraced the "New Order" movement and while in Memphis, Tennessee, he had been announced over the radio as a member of the Board of Administration of the P.F.N.A. and speaking in a church which had gone "New Order". This announcement had greatly embarrassed the cooperating Pentecostal Assemblies of the Memphis area, who demanded that Brother Spencer and the Elim Missionary Assemblies which he represents be dropped from membership.

When Brother Spencer retired from the meeting it was unanimously decided that his resignation should be accepted due to his statement that he had been disappointed in the spirit of the Association and was therefore out of harmony with it. It was understood by the members of the Board that he spoke for





MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE  
PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP OF NORTH AMERICA

ELLIS MINICIPAL AUDITORIUM, MEMPHIS, TENN., OCTOBER 3-5, 1950

The third annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America was convened in the Ellis Municipal Auditorium, Memphis, Tennessee, with a Youth Rally on Tuesday night, October 3, the speaker chosen for this meeting being the Reverend W. Ralph Hornby of London, Ontario, Canada. In keeping with the pattern set by the two previous conventions, the major emphasis of this meeting was spiritual fellowship. The local planning committee chose W. K. Wilson of the Zion Evangelistic Fellowship for the Wednesday morning devotional speaker and Wesley R. Stoelberg of the Assemblies of God for Thursday morning. The Board of Administration had named previously the speakers for the two afternoon meetings, Earl P. Paulk of the Church of God for Wednesday afternoon and Frank W. Smith of the Open Bible Standard Churches for Thursday afternoon. Great Evangelistic messages were brought during the night services by Bishop J. A. Synan of the Pentecostal Holiness Church on Wednesday and Gayle Jackson of the Assemblies of God on Thursday. The preliminaries for all services were under the jurisdiction of the local program committees, which did an excellent job of planning and execution. Musical talent was provided chiefly from the cooperating local churches.

All services were open to and participated in by the public. The right to the floor was denied to no one. However, the voting delegation was seated in compliance with the constitutional provision.

Following the devotional period on Wednesday morning, the chairman, John C. Jernigan, welcomed the delegates and gave a brief outline of the progress in fellowship which has been made by the Association. He then informed the assemblage there should be a grouping of the member denominational representatives for the purpose of choosing official delegates and members for the various committees. The member organizations were then grouped as instructed and the official delegates were named for each group as follows:

Assemblies of God (Approx. 275,000 members): George Acree (Ill.); S. W. Brewer (Ky); Noel W. Brooks (Tex.); Thos. R. Brubaker (N. Y.); D. Horace Clark (La.); F. R. Davidson (N. Mo.); Jeff Gibbs (Miss.); J. E. Hamill (Tenn); G. Kinderman (Europe); Claude E. Maples (Mo.); A. H. Morrison (Va.); Ernest J. North (Wash.); H. E. Simms (Ark.); T. G. White (Tenn.); T. F. Zimmerman (Mo).

Church of God (Approx. 100,000 members): A. V. Beaube, J. D. Fright, H. L. Chesser, Houston R. Morehead, Earl P. Paulk, A. M. Phillips, Zeno C. Sharp, Paul H. Walker, Lewis J. Willis.

Intn'l Church Foursquare Gospel (Approx. 75,000): Kenneth Erickson, Vincent Bird, Jerry Jensen, Elsworth Johnson, Frank Lowen, Mrs. F. P. Lowen, Chas. R. Gaines.



Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (Approx. 40,000): W. R. Hornby, James Montgomery, C. E. Smith, G. R. Upton, Dr. C. M. Wortman, (one seat not filled).

Pentecostal Holiness Church (Approx. 35,000): R. O. Corvin, C. F. Isaac, T. A. Melton, H. T. Spence, J. A. Synan, W. H. Turner, (L. R. Graham served temporarily).

Open Bible Standard Churches (Approx. 25,000): G. H. Crooks, E. J. Fulton, John Gouen, Frank W. Smith, David Karnes

Intn'l Pentecostal Assemblies (Approx. 10,000): R. S. Dunbar, E. J. Smith.

Zion Evangelistic Fellowship (Approx. 7,000): Edward B. Hill, W. K. Wilson.

\*Elim Missionary Assemblies (Approx. 3,000): Ivan Q. Spencer.

Church of God, Mountain Assembly (Approx. 1,600): Clayton Lawson.

Church of the Bible (Approx. 55): William Dirks.

A report was requested from the Secretary and the minutes of the Oklahoma City Convention of 1949 were reviewed by him.

The Chair made the following remarks:

Two years have passed since the Constitutional Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. There were two preliminary meetings of representatives of member bodies, prior to the convention in Des Moines. It was not our thought to set up a super Pentecostal Church, but rather to set up a fellowship in order that working conditions might be more pleasant in the various churches in the United States and Canada. This objective cannot be accomplished over night. It will take time.

Fellowship cannot be brought about by organization alone. When we came together in the first move, we found fellowship was already there, and it is our desire that we continue to promote it. The officials of these churches have been very modest in their activities --too much so, I believe. I have never found that any one member has sought to promote his group, but all have sought to promote fellowship among all the groups. The organization has suffered because of that condition. But one thing we have had in common and that is fellowship. If we had been more active we might have done something that would have hindered fellowship.

Action was taken to accept the resignation of Ivan Q. Spencer and the withdrawal from membership of the Elim Missionary Assemblies at the closing meeting of the Board of Administration on Thursday evening October 5.



All the groups have mission boards, educational boards and youth committees. We all have some things that are very much in common. Another feature is publications. We have never had a committee on publications, but the Board of Administration is recommending now that we have such a Committee. The most important of all is the Foreign Missions Committee. The command is to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

All our groups have Bible Schools. Some have Bible Institutes only. Others have High Schools and others Colleges. These schools have been very progressive. I can thank God for those men who have helped us in our educational problems.

If you will check back you will find that nearly all the youth movements began about the same time. We all have our youth organizations. The Hollywood Bowl meeting was a sample of what united youth can do.

The publishing business of the United Pentecostal peoples is a tremendous thing. It might be well to provide that the Publications Committee which will be set up be a permanent committee. We fell down on the advertising of this meeting in Memphis because no one had the responsibility for doing it. Let us proceed with the appointment of committees.

Nominations were made by the member groups for both temporary and permanent committees, including the names of committee members to serve for this convention only, as follows:

#### MISSIONS COMMITTEE

##### Permanent Membership

Ralph O. Isbell  
W. H. Turner  
Noel Perkin  
J. H. Walker  
Geo. R. Upton  
Herman D. Mitzner  
W. K. Wilson  
I. Carlton Spencer  
Mrs. Hattie Barth

Open Bible Standard  
Pentecostal Holiness  
Assemblies of God  
Church of God  
Pent'l Ass. of Canada  
Int'l Ch. Foursquare Gospel  
Zion Evangelistic Fellowship  
\*Elim Missy. Assemblies  
Intn'l Pentl. Assemblies

##### Convention Membership

G. H. Crooks  
W. H. Turner  
G. Kinderman  
Paul H. Walker  
Geo. R. Upton  
Chas. R. Gaines  
W. K. Wilson  
Ivan Q. Spencer  
H. J. Smith

#### YOUTH COMMITTEE

William Slipp  
Virgil Gaither  
Pert Webb  
Lewis J. Willis  
Harold Cha lfont

Open Bible Standard  
Pent'l Holiness  
Assemblies of God  
Church of God  
Int'l Ch. Foursquare Gospel

David Karnes  
S. J. Todd  
Don Mallough  
Lewis J. Willis  
Jerry Jensen



Permanent Membership

James Montgomery	Pent'l Ass. of Canada
Fred Wing	Int'l Pentl. Assemblies
Westlund Garlock	Zion Evang. Assemblies
John Longworth	Ch. of God Mt. Assembly

Convention Membership

James Montgomery
Fred Wing
Peter Egnat

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

E. B. Mitchell	Open Bible Standard	Frank W. Smith
H. O. Corvin	Pent'l Holiness	R. O. Corvin
J. S. Brinsfield	Church of God	Houston R. Morehead
Ralph M. Riggs	Assemblies of God	Thos. R. Brubaker
Watson B. Teaford	Int'l Ch. Foursquare Gosp.	Kenneth Erickson
C. B. Smith	Pent'l Ass. of Canada	C. B. Smith
Edward B. Hill	Zion Evang. Fellowship	Edward B. Hill
W. T. Lefevre	Int'l Pentl. Assemblies	W. T. Lefevre

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(To serve for convention only)

Zeno C. Tharp (Ch. of God); Dr. C. M. Wortman (Pent'l Ass. Canada); John Gouen (Open Bible); Vincent Bird (Foursquare); T. A. Melton (Pent'l Holiness); J. R. Flower (Ass. of God); Ira Moses (Mt. Assembly Ch. of God).

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

(To serve for Convention only)

R. O. Corvin, Chairman (Pent'l Holiness); A. V. Beaubé, (Ch. of God); Thos. F. Zimmerman (Ass. of God); Frank W. Smith (Open Bible); E. J. Smith (Int'l Pentl. Assemblies).

Motions were made and passed that the Board of Administration continue to function as a committee on Comity, and that two new committees be created, viz. Roster Committee and Publications Committee. The two new committees were named as follows:

ROSTER COMMITTEE

W. R. Steelberg, Chairman, E. J. Fulton and Bishop J. A. Synan.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

Robert Cunningham (Ass. of God); J. D. Bright (Ch. of God); H. T. Spence (Pent'l Holiness); G. H. Crooks (Open Bible); J. E. Hatfield (Mt. Ass. Ch. of God); Ralph Hornby (Pent'l Ass. Canada); Frank Lowen (Int'l Ch. Foursquare Gos.); E. B. Hill (Zion Evan. Fellowship); W. T. Lefevre (Int'l Pent'l Ass.); Ray Becker.



Thursday morning, October 5

Following the devotional period, the chairman called the convention to order and then asked for the reports of committees. The first committee to report was the Missions Committee, the report being read by G. R. Upton, as follows:

Report of Missions Committee

The Missions Committee recommends that the P. F. N. A. endorse the designation of Noel Perkin as chairman and J. H. Walker as secretary of the standing Missions Committee for the ensuing year:

That the officers elected be requested to implement the policies as approved and adopted by the P. F. N. A. a year ago at Oklahoma City regarding exchange of information between the missionary offices of the various member groups of the Fellowship:

On motion, the report was accepted as read.

The motion was then made, seconded and passed that the choice of Noel Perkin for chairman and J. H. Walker for secretary of the standing Missions Committee be ratified.

Report of Youth Committee

James Montgomery presented the report of the Youth Committee as follows:

We consider the Youth Rally on the opening night of this convention was a n opportunity for bringing to the front the various youth potentialities of the various groups associated with the P. F. N. A., and we further consider that our first effort to have been successful in making a contribution to the success of fellowship among the national youth leaders,

We, therefore, recommend that the opening service of next year's convention be another youth rally under the direction of the youth committee, details to be worked out between the Board of Directors and the Youth Committee, and furthermore, the youth committee desires to express its appreciation to the Board of Directors for their interest and co-operation in this year's rally, and we further recommend that greater emphasis be laid on advertising the convention in the various youth publications with special emphasis on the youth rally.

It was moved, seconded and the motion prevailed that the report be adopted.



On motion, the appointment of James\* Montgomery to the chairmanship of the standing committee on Youth was ratified.

On motion, the standing committee on Youth was authorized to select a secretary.

#### Report of Committee on Publications

The report of the Committee on Publications was presented by J. D. Bright, as follows:

The Committee on Publications recommends that the P. F. N. A. endorse the choice of J. D. Bright to serve as chairman of the standing committee. The Committee recommends further

1. That member groups of the P. F. N. A. encourage the publishing in their periodicals of suitable articles by leaders or representatives of other member groups.

2. That each member group should prepare a historical sketch of the origin and development of its organization so that other groups may publish it in their periodicals and thus let readers become acquainted with other Pentecostal groups.

3. That the Secretary of the P. F. N. A. should obtain a list of all periodicals within this Fellowship, with the names of the editors, and that this list be furnished to each editor so that an exchange of publications can be arranged.

4. That a master list of all books and pamphlets written by Pentecostal authors should be drawn up and made available to all member groups.

5. That such further steps should be taken as are necessary to explore the various ways in which the various publishers of Pentecostal literature may help one another in their mutual desire to spread the Pentecostal message by means of the printed page.

6. That a news release covering this third annual Convention be prepared and sent to each member group for the attention of the editors.

7. That the sermons preached in this convention be transcribed verbatim and mimeographed, and that copies be sent to the editors of all member groups, together with any pictures of the speakers that may be available.

8. That a local publicity committee be appointed prior to the next annual convention to advertise it as much as possible through the newspaper, radio, etc.



9. That a large quantity of programs be printed for the next annual convention, suitable for handing out in every part of the country and for use as envelope stuffers.

10. That each official organ should publicize the next annual convention at least a month in advance, and that the Board of Administration of the P. F. N. A. provide all the editors with full information about speakers, etc. as well as with pictures of the speakers and a picture of the auditorium.

11. That the Secretary of the P. F. N. A. request and remind each member group to encourage their district conferences to advertise the next Convention at the time of their annual meetings.

12. That each radio program, both local and network, should be asked to begin advertising the next annual convention at least a month in advance.

(Signed by six of the members of the Committee including W. H. Turner, proxy for H. T. Spence.)

It was moved, seconded and the motion prevailed that the report be adopted.

On motion, the choice of J. D. Bright to serve as chairman and Robert Cunningham as secretary was adopted.

#### Creation of a Committee on Radio

It was moved, seconded and the motion prevailed that a Committee on Radio and Television be created, with the suggestion that the men who have served on the Radio Commission of the N. A. E. also serve with the P. F. N. A. committee.

The following persons were named to constitute this committee: Thos. F. Zimmerman, Chairman, Charles Leaming, Secretary, Earl P. Paulk, G. R. Upton, R. L. Rex, Clayton Lawson, Sigsbee Miller, and a representative of the Intn'l Church of the Foursquare Gospel, to be named later.

#### Introduction of Delegates from West Coast

The chair called to the platform the four brethren who had come to attend this convention to represent the United Full Gospel Fellowship of Tacoma, Washington. They were, Earnest J. North (As. of God); John Moseid (Bethel Pent'l As.); Ellsworth T. Johnson (Foursquare); and Elmer H. Tigner (University Place Chapel) all of whom greeted the assemblage with a few words of testimony and praise to God.



Resolution of Regret

H. T. Spence moved that a telegram be sent to the Board of Administration of the National Association of Evangelicals, now meeting in Chicago, to express regret over conflicting dates which kept from the N. A. E. board meeting some members of this fellowship. Furthermore, that an expression be made of our appreciation for the many splendid services being rendered by the N. A. E. for evangelical Christianity, and that we pledge our prayers for God's blessings on the cause which we represent. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Report of Committee on Nominations

The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented by R. O. Corvin and on motion was accepted. It was noted that the report was in two parts and on motion it was decided to consider each part separately. The first part was pertaining to the tenure in office of officers as follows:

First: Resolution on Tenure of Office.

In order to give wide spread representation of all member groups on the Executive Committee, that the burden of responsibility may be distributed to a greater number of brethren,

Therefore be it resolved, that Article 1 of the By-Laws be amended by substituting the word "two" for the word "three", thus making the article to read as follows:

"All officers shall be elected annually with a maximum tenure of TWO consecutive years for any one office."

It was moved, seconded and the motion prevailed that the By-Laws be amended by the substitution of the word "two" for the word "three" in Article 1 as suggested by the Committee on Nominations.

The second part of the report was then considered as follows:

The Nominating Committee presents the following nominations;

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman

Bishop J. A. Synan Pentecostal Holiness Church

Vice-chairmen

R. S. Dunbar Intn'l Pentecostal Assemblies

J. Roswell Flower Assemblies of God

Secretary

Houston R. Morehead Church of God



Treasurer

E. J. Fulton

Open Bible Standard Churches

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H. L. Chesser	Church of God
Clayton Lawson	Mt. Assembly Church of God
R. Bryant Mitchell	Open Bible Standard Churches
Herman D. Mitzner	Int'l Church Foursquare Gospel
Dr. C. M. Wortman	Pent'l Assemblies Canada
Wesley R. Steelberg	Assemblies of God
Edward B. Hill	Zion Evangelistic Fellowship
H. J. Smith	Int'l Pentecostal Assemblies
Hubert T. Spence	Pentecostal Holiness Church
John C. Jernigan	Church of God

The second portion of the report of the Committee on Nominations was approved by a standing vote, and all nominees were elected by acclamation.

The retiring chairman then made a brief speech and introduced the newly elected officers, each of whom expressed appreciation for the vote of confidence and pledged themselves to serve the fellowship faithfully.

W. H. Turner asked for the privilege of presenting the magazine "The Pentecostal Pulpit", which was granted. This magazine is now being used by many outside the ranks of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Final Business Session

The final business session was held at the conclusion of the preaching service on Thursday afternoon, inasmuch as it was found necessary to complete the work of the convention before adjournment.

The secretary read the report of the Committee on Comity as follows:

Report of Committee on Comity

We, your committee on Comity, submit the following:

Resolved, first, that the leaders of the constituent bodies continue to encourage the district, state and local leaders to become better acquainted with the Constitution and By-Laws of the P. F. N. A. and its objectives, and through this means find a basis for the promotion of fellowship in their respective localities.

Second, That for the promotion of fellowship between local



congregations, no member bodies conduct tent revivals or build churches closer than three blocks or its equivalent of another Pentecostal church, without mutual consent of parties involved.

Third, That each member body of the P. F. N. A. refrain from endorsing or granting ministerial credentials to those of other groups, or receiving member churches or churches in fellowship with other groups, without an investigation of their character, conduct and reasons for leaving the group with which they have been affiliated.

On motion, which was seconded, the Report of the Committee on Comity was adopted.

#### Report of the Committee on Education

We, your committee on Education submit and recommend the following:

First, That each organization with Bible Schools and Colleges provide a compilation of statistical material, setting forth the number of schools and location of each and their enrollment; these statistical reports to be sent to all member groups:

Second, That addresses of presidents, deans, principals and business managers be furnished, together with an exchange of catalogues and registration requirements.

Third, In keeping with the action of the body (P. F. N. A.) in the Wednesday meeting, we recommend a standing committee on Education.

Fourth, That Rev. C. B. Smith serve as Chairman of this Committee. He shall be authorized to represent the P. F. N. A. in meetings anywhere it is advisable to have a united voice in relation to schools and colleges.

Fifth, That as quickly as possible, all Bible Institutes and Colleges seek to attain to the standards for such schools as recommended by the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Colleges.

(Signed by the Convention members of the Committee)

It was moved, seconded and the motion prevailed that the Report of the Committee on Education be adopted.

#### Report of Roster Committee

W. R. Steelberg reported that there had been a total of 607 registrations, including ministers and laymen as follows:



Assemblies of God	264
Church of God	110
Pentecostal Holiness	82
Zion Evangelistic Fel.	4
Pent'l Ass. of Canada	5
Open Bible Standard	6
Int'l Pent'l Assemblies	22
Int'l Ch. Foursquare	11
Independent	80
Other Churches	18
Church of the Bible	4
Mountain Ch. of God	1
Total	<u>607</u>

The report was accepted by motion.

#### The Next Annual Convention

When the privilege of choosing a city for the next annual convention was presented, and Washington, D. C. and Detroit, Mich. were suggested, all were surprised to find that the vote for the two cities was tied, just as had been the vote in the Board of Administration meeting previously.

It was moved, seconded and the motion passed that the matter of choice of cities for the next annual convention be referred to the Executive Committee, which will make investigation through local men, their reports to be referred back to the Executive Officers who shall be empowered to make a decision on the basis of the best offer received.

#### Time of Next Annual Convention

It was recommended by the Board of Administration that the time for the next annual convention be fixed at a suitable date between October 20 and November 10, depending upon the choice of location and availability of auditorium.

It was moved, seconded and the motion prevailed to accept this recommendation.

Thos. F. Zimmerman gave a verbal report from the Committee on Radio and Television, which report was received by motion.

G. Kinderman was given the opportunity to give a report on the work we are doing in behalf of the displaced persons of Europe.

#### Miscellaneous Resolutions

H. T. Spence presented a group of miscellaneous resolutions, all



of which were adopted by motion.

The first one referred to the meeting of the Board of Administration of the N. A. E. in Chicago, which has already been reported in these minutes.

Resolution on Intercessary Prayer

Inasmuch as the P. F. N. A. recognizes the critical hour now facing Christianity throughout the world, and realizing that our greatest and only final weapon is prayer; we recommend that in our closing service here tonight an intercessary prayer be offered in behalf of world wide conditions, and that all P. F. N. A. affiliates keep before their local constituencies the desperate need for divine guidance and intervention in behalf of these last day conditions.

(In compliance with the above resolution, special prayer was offered during the Thursday night evangelistic service.)

Resolution on Separation of Church and State

Be it resolved, That we, the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, in annual convention at Memphis, Tennessee, October 3-5, representing a constituency of Christian Evangelicals numbering approximately one-half million, do hereby prayerfully request the President of the United States to carry out the principle of separation of church and state, established by the founders of our Republic and that no representative from these United States be sent to the vatican, thus fulfilling the spirit of the Constitution, and the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, "render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's."

Resolution on Religious Liberty and Religious Persecution

Whereas, The Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, recognizes that the President of the United States and its government have taken a definite stand for the principles of religious liberty and against religious persecution, throughout the world, and especially in Russia, Italy, South and Central America; we, the representatives of the Christian people of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, numbering approximately one-half million, do hereby thank President Harry S. Truman and the Honorable Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, for the courage they have shown in combating the spirit of intolerance and the violation of the spirit of Christian thinking, according to the treaties with the above named countries, as exemplified in Articles 15 of the peace treaty with Italy and the Treaty of Peace, friendship and commerce with Columbia; and we do hereby pray blessings of the Triune God upon them for guidance, strength and wisdom.



And whereas, We have reports of alleged atrocities in Columbia and the jailing of Evangelical Christians and the restricting of freedom of religious worship in Italy by the application of old laws that violate the treaty with us and article 19 of their own Constitution, therefore, be it resolved that we hereby urge the President of the United States and the Department of State, that they take every measure necessary to stop these outrages against churches and Christians of the human family, and that those countries be required to fulfill the treaties of obligation between our country and theirs.

Resolutions of Appreciation

Be it Resolved, That an expression of appreciation be hereby made for the faithful services of the local committees on Housing, Easter, Program, Publicity, etc. for the labors of the pastors of the Pentecostal churches in Memphis, all of which has contributed much for the success of this great convention

Next Meeting of the International Pentecostal Fellowship

David J. duPlessis was given the floor to speak in behalf of the world fellowship and he announced that the next meeting of the International Pentecostal Fellowship is scheduled for London, England in the month of June, 1952.

The Third Annual Convention was then adjourned with prayer and thanksgiving to God for His blessings upon the gathering and the wonderful spirit of Christian fellowship which had been enjoyed by all.

/s/ J. ROSWELL FLOWER

Secretary for the Convention