

MINUTES
FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP OF NORTH AMERICA

Convening at the
Cass Technical High School Auditorium
and
Woodward Avenue Baptist Church
Detroit, Michigan
October 30 - November 2, 1951

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Minutes, Fourth Annual Convention
Pentecostal Fellowship of North America
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The Fourth Annual Convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America was convened in the Cass Technical High School at night and in the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church at day, in Detroit, Michigan, with a grand Youth Rally on Tuesday night, October 30 with James Montgomery in charge. The evening speaker was Philip Hogan supplying for Emil A. Balliet who was called away due to the serious illness of his brother. Speaking from 2 Samuel 23:8, the speaker emphasized that this is the age which commands courageous service in face of difficulties.

The Wednesday morning session enjoyed sweet devotions under the leadership of Charles W. H. Scott. Bishop J. A. Synan delivered the keynote address. Then J. A. Synan, Chairman of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America (P.F.N.A.) presided over the business session. The Church groups were instructed to form a caucus and to select their voting delegation as outlined by the Constitution of the P.F.N.A. The voting delegation was reported as follows:

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD: G. F. Lewis, W. R. Steelberg, R. M. Riggs, Bert Webb, Phillip Hogan, J. R. Flower, Noel Perkin, Charles W. H. Scott, Samuel Wasilenko, Thomas R. Brubaker, B.L. Bresson, Zillim Lyons, Homer Rugwell, S. H. Wilson, Parvin Lee, Bird Campbell. (16)

CHURCH OF GOD: H. L. Chesser, Houston R. Morehead, Zeno C. Tharp, John C. Jernigan, J. H. Walker, M. P. Cross, Lewis J. Willis, J. H. Hughes, E. O. Byington. (9)

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH FOURSQUARE GOSPEL: C. L. Musgrove, Guy P. Duffield, W. E. Stadler, K. W. Erickson, Fred D. Beard,

Harold Chalfant, Vincent R. Bird. (7)

PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA: C. B. Smith,
C. M. Wortman, James Montgomery, G. B. Griffin, C. A. Latz,
William H. Fitch. (6)

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH: W. H. Turner, Jerome Hodges,
A. Noseworthy, Virgil Gaither, Karl W. Bunkley, H. T. Spence. (6)

OPEN BIBLE STANDARD CHURCHES: E. J. Fulton, Wilbur
Cornman, Charles Leaming, Robert Haynes, Merle DeWitt. (5)

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES: J. A. Keiller,
L. Sigsbee Miller. (2)

ZION EVANGELISTIC FELLOWSHIP: Edward B. Hill, W. K. Wilson.
(2)

MOUNTAIN ASSEMBLY CHURCH OF GOD: Clayton Lawson. (1)

The total voting delegation being 54.

Moved and favored that the voting delegation occupy
the first five rows of seats. Unanimously adopted.

Nominations were received from the delegation for a
publicity man to write up and deliver news releases to the Detroit
Times or other newspapers. Those nominated being H. T. Spence and
W. H. Turner. By standing vote, H. T. Spence received 31 votes
and W. H. Turner received 8 votes. Member Spence elected and will
have the privilege of soliciting the services of others as he
desires.

The Board of Administration of the P. F. N. A. recommends
that the following committees be continued with the necessary
revisions on a permanent basis: Missions, Youth, Education, and
Publications.

Moved and Favored that the foregoing ~~motion~~ recommendation be approved as read. No discussion. Motion adopted.

The Board of Administration of the P. F. N. A. recommends that H. T. Spence serve as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee and, that ~~James~~ Robert Cunningham and Zeno C. Tharp serve as members of said Board.

Moved and Favored that the foregoing recommendation be approved as read. No discussion. Motion adopted.

The Board of Administration of the P. F. N. A. recommends that the Board of Administration of P. F. N. A. continue to serve as a Committee on Comity.

Moved and Favored that the foregoing recommendation be approved as read. No discussion. Motion adopted.

The Board of Administration of the P. F. N. A. recommends that the Finance Committee be composed of Treasurer E. J. Fulton as Chairman and that two (2) others be selected to serve on said committee by J. A. Synah, Chairman of P. F. N. A.

Moved and Favored that the foregoing recommendation be approved as read. No discussion. Motion adopted.

The Chairman selected John C. Jernigan and H. T. Spence to serve on the Finance Committee.

The selection of Committee Members was reported as follows:

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Permanent Membership

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

Open Bible Standard
Pentecostal Holiness
Assemblies of God
Church of God
Pent'l Assem-Canada
Intn'l Ch Foursq Gospel
Zion Evan. Fellowship
Intn'l Pentl Assemblies

Convention Membership

~~Wilber Cornman~~
W. H. Turner
Phillip Hogan
J. H. Walker
C. M. Wortman
~~Fred Beard~~
W. K. Wilson
Louise Arnold

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Moved and Favored that the foregoing Missions Committee
be approved as read. No Discussion. Adopted.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Permanent Membership

W. H. Hughes
~~Robert Haynes~~
~~Virgil Gaither~~
~~Bert Webb~~
~~Lewis J. Willis~~
~~Harold Chalfont~~
~~James Montgomery~~
~~Fred Wing~~
~~Westlund Garlock~~
~~Lawrence Redman~~

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Pent'l Assem-Canada
Intn'l Pent'l Assemblies
Zion Evan. Fellowship
Mt. Assembly Ch of God

Convention Membership

~~G. H. Henderson~~
~~Robert Haynes~~
~~Virgil Gaither~~
~~Bert Webb~~
~~Lewis J. Willis~~ *Ray Hughes*
~~Harold Chalfont~~
~~James Montgomery~~
~~Fred Wing~~ *John Vivian*
~~Westlund Garlock~~
~~No representative~~
Haskins Jayne

Moved and Favored that the foregoing Youth Committee
be approved as read. No Discussion. Adopted.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Leonard Canale
~~R. B. Mitchell~~
~~R. O. Corvin~~
~~John C. Jernigan~~
~~Ralph M. Riggs~~
~~Watson B. Teaford~~
~~C. A. Ross~~
~~Edward B. Hill~~
~~W. T. Lefevre~~

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P. B. Mitchell
~~Charles Leaming~~
~~A. W. Bunkley~~ *R. O. Corvin*
~~John C. Jernigan~~ *J. A. Walker*
~~Ralph M. Riggs~~ *J. R. Flower*
~~Guy Duffield~~ *Watson B. Teaford*
~~C. A. Ross~~ *No Representative*
~~L. W. Harro~~ *E. B. Hill*
~~Edward Berduin~~ *H. J. Smith*

Moved and Favored that the foregoing Education Committee
be approved as read. No Discussion. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

Dolores Rainey
W. E. McAllister
W. K. Wilson
Mrs. I. Barth
~~G. F. Lewis~~
~~Charles W. Conn~~
~~H. T. Spence~~
~~G. H. Crooks~~
~~J. E. Hatfield~~
~~L. U. Smith~~
~~Raymond Becker~~
~~E. B. Hill~~
~~W. T. Lefevre~~

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Church of God
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Pent'l Assem-Canada
Intn'l Ch. Fourso Gospel
Zion Evan. Fellowship
Intn'l Pent'l Assemblies

~~G. F. Lewis~~
~~Cecil Bridges~~ *O. W. Polen*
~~A. J. Hodges~~ *T. A. Melton*
~~R. S. Jones~~ *Alton Todd*
~~No representative~~ *Luther Gibson*
~~L. U. Smith~~ *W. E. McAllister*
~~C. L. Musgrove~~ *Raymond Becker*
~~E. B. Hill~~ *No Representative*
~~William Spencer~~

*A. Noseworthy was originally scheduled, but by a motion
to change A. Noseworthy to Committee on Radio and supply A. J. Hodges
for Committee on Publications. Moved and Favored that foregoing
change be approved. No Discussion. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON RADIO

Moved and favored that a Committee on Radio be established on a permanent basis. Discussion. Adopted.

Permanent Membership

E. C. Clark
Charles Leaming
Earl P. Paulk
W.E. McAlister ~~C. B. Smith~~
R. L. Rex
~~Clayton Lawson~~
~~Sigsbee Miller~~
Morris Buchen

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Int'l Pent'l Assm.
Int'l Ch. Foursq Gospel

Convention Membership

~~Charles W. H. Scott?~~
~~Charles Leaming~~ *Wm Watson*
~~Ray Hughes~~ *H. W. Chesser*
~~C. B. Smith~~ *W.E. McAlister*
~~A. Noseworthy~~ *R. L. Rex*
Clayton Lawson
~~Sigsbee Miller~~ *no Representation*
~~W. D. Stadler~~ *Morris Buchen*

Moved and favored that the foregoing Radio Committee be approved as read. No Discussion. Adopted.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This Committee is appointed by the Chairman of P F N A and will serve only during this Convention.

Vincent R. Bird	Int'l Ch. Foursq Gospel	Vincent R. Bird, Chairman
W. H. Fitch	Pent'l Assm Canada	W. H. Fitch
W. K. Wilson	Zion Evan. Fellowship	W. K. Wilson
Clayton Lawson	Mt. Assm. Church of God	Clayton Lawson
M. W. DeWitt	Open Bible Standard	M. W. DeWitt

Moved and favored that the following be authorized to call their respective committees together to elect Chairman of respective committees:

Missions Committee.....J. H. Walker
Youth Committee.....James Montgomery
Education Committee.....Ralph M. Riggs
Publications.....Cecil Bridges
Radio.....Charles Leaming
Nominating.....Vincent Bird

No Discussion. Adopted.

Bishop J. A. Synan presented Dr. Fred Squire of the International Bible Training Institute of Sussex, England to the Convention. Dr. Squire brought greetings from the British Pentecostal Fellowship to the P F N A Convention, and extended a hearty invitation to the delegates to attend the World Fellowship Convention next year in London.

Moved and favored that the Resolutions Committee prepare and send a response to the greetings and invitation of Dr.

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Squire to the British Pentecostal Fellowship. No Discussion.
Adopted.

Moved and favored that the Business Session adjourn until
9:00 a.m., November 1, 1951. No Discussion. Adopted.

Dismissal prayer by H. L. Chesser.

The Wednesday afternoon session was opened by Devotional
Leader, Charles W. H. Scott with Robert Haynes as songleader.
Hubert T. Spence delivered a Holy-Ghost inspired sermon. Adjourn-
ment at four o'clock.

The Wednesday night service was opened by Bishop J. A. Synan
who introduced the Devotional Leader, William H. Fitch. Song
Leader was Brother Hashman of Flint, Michigan. Announcements
and offering by John C. Jernigan. Dr. Fred Squires of England
rendered a concertina solo and a vocal selection. E. J. Fulton
introduced the evening speaker, Charles M. Leaming who spoke
on "Christ In The Midst of the Churches." Adjournment at 9:30 p.m.

The Thursday morning service opened at 9:00 a.m. with M. P.
Cross as Devotional Leader. Brother Barsness of Windsor directed
the singing. A fine sermon filled with inspirational thoughts
and experiences was delivered by Clifford Musgrove, former Army
chaplain.

The Thursday morning business session was called to order
by J. A. Synan, Chairman who requested J. H. Walker to pray.

The Chairman requested the Secretary to read the Minutes
of the Convention sessions thus far. Moved and favored that the
Minutes of the P F N A Convention sessions to date be approved
as read. No Discussion. Adopted.

The Chairman introduced G. K. Nickell, Secretary of the
Pentecostal Church of Christ, Ashland, Kentucky and invited
Brother Nickell to occupy a seat on the bar of voters of this
Convention. The Chairman announced the acceptance of the
application of this church group to join the P F N A by the
Board of Administration.

The Chairman introduced J. David duPlessis who introduced
L. Hokkanen and B. Snokas, members of Finnish Pentecostal
Fellowship who delivered greetings to this P F N A Convention
from the Pentecostal Fellowship of Finland.

The Chairman invited the reports of the various committees:

Missions Committee requested permission to report
on November 2, 1951. Request granted by Chairman.

✓ Youth Committee requested permission to report
on November 2, 1951. Request granted by Chairman.

Education Committee submitted the following report:

"The Committee on Education in the Fourth Annual Convention of the P.F.N.A. met Wednesday, October 31, 1951, at 1:30 p.m.

"Rev. Ralph Riggs was elected by this committee to be chairman of the Committee on Education. Rev. Karl W. Bunkley was elected secretary.

"Following are listed recommendations of the committee:

"1. 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.

2" The Chairman of this committee shall be authorized to represent the P.F.N.A. anywhere it is advisable to have a united voice in relation to schools and colleges.

"3. The chairman of this committee advise all Pentecostal schools as to the value of membership in the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Colleges, also give them full information concerning the Association.

"4. That a Committee on Sunday Schools be appointed by P.F.N.A.

(s) Rev. Ralph Riggs, Chairman

(s) Rev. Karl W. Bunkley, Secretary."

Moved and favored that the report of the Education Committee be received (not approved). Discussion. Motion adopted.

Moved and favored that the report of the Education Committee be referred to the Board of Administration and that the Board of Administration study report and make recommendations to the Convention regarding same.

Amendment: Moved and favored that we amend the foregoing motion so that all resolutions of report of the Education Committee with exception of the one concerning a Sunday School Committee be adopted. (Amendment accepted by both mover and favorer of foregoing motion) No vote needed.

Revised motion reads: Moved and favored that we adopt the resolutions of the Education Committee with exception of the item concerning a Sunday School Committee; and, that said exception be referred to the Board of Administration to study and to make a recommendation on same to this Convention. Discussion. Adopted.

✓ Publications Committee requested permission to report
on November 2, 1951. Request granted by Chairman.

Finance Committee: Chairman E. J. Fulton stated that a full report of this committee would be made later on, but he stated that there is now a serious shortage in the balance sheet of expenses and income from offerings and made an urgent appeal to delegates to strongly support the offerings on Thursday and Friday nights.

Radio Committee submitted the following report:

"Members present: Charles W. H. Scott, A. Noseworthy, and W. D. Stadler.

"Charles W. H. Scott served as Temporary Chairman. Meeting opened with prayer by A. Noseworthy.

"David J. du Plessis gave a report regarding missionary radio stations throughout the world, expressing the need of stations controlled by Pentecostals with time available to all evangelicals not opposed to Pentecostal message. Far East Broadcasting Co. broadcasts 18 hours ~~at~~ a day in 32 different languages daily, 3 different languages weekly, and have 5 transmitters. At present, has largest coverage of any Gospel station with one-half of population of the world within range of this station. Brother du Plessis gave a very encouraging report of the possibility of the establishment of a radio station on the Mediterranean and that John Broger, President of Far East Broadcasting Co. is on his way to Europe in the interests of this proposed project.

"Moved and favored that the Committee on Radio recommend to the Convention that a Resolution of Commendation be prepared by the North American Pentecostal Fellowship now in session at Detroit, Michigan and forwarded to Mr. John Broger, President of the Far East Broadcasting Co., Box 1, Whittier, California for the outstanding contribution being made in the preaching of the Gospel by radio throughout the Orient, and our prayers for the success of the proposed European project.

"Moved and favored that because of the Radio Committee just beginning to function in this Convention and the lack of a quorum of permanent members present at this session, the committee recommends that permanent committee meet at the time of the meeting of the Board of Administration in Chicago.

"Moved and favored that this Committee adjourn for this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
(s) Charles M. Leaming, Secretary."

Moved and favored that the report of the Radio Committee be received as read. Discussion. Adopted.

Note: The Chairman read a telegram from Wesley R. Steelberg and Noel Perkin that they regretted they could not be present for P.F.N.A. Convention and asked that the Chairman relay their greetings to Convention.

The Chairman defined "Receiving A Report" as a courtesy to the committee as a token of thanks, for their fine work.

Per request, the Secretary of P. F. N. A. reread the report from the Radio Committee.

Moved and favored that the body consider the report of the Radio Committee item by item. Discussion. Adopted.

The first item to be discussed reads: "We recommend to the Conference that a Resolution of Commendation be prepared by the North American Pentecostal Fellowship now in session at Detroit, Michigan and be forwarded to Mr. John Broger, President and the Far East Broadcasting Company, Box 1, Whittier, California for the outstanding contribution being made in the preaching of the Gospel by radio throughout the Orient, and our prayers for the success of the proposed European project."

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be adopted. No Discussion. Adopted.

The second item to be discussed reads: "Because of the Radio Committee just beginning to function in this conference and the lack of a quorum of permanent members of the committee present at this session, the Committee recommends that the permanent committee meet at the time of the meeting of the Board of Administration in Chicago, Illinois."

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be adopted. There was considerable discussion on this item.

Amendment: Moved and favored that the item under discussion with reference to the Radio Committee meeting in Chicago be referred to the Board of Administration, but that the Chairman of the Radio Committee furnish Board of Administration with information and ideas so Board of Administration may decide the importance of such meeting.

With a decided indecision by voice vote, a division of the house was called for. Standing vote resulted in 17 yeas (refer to Board of Administration) and 20 nays (don't refer to Board of Administration.)

Attention was focused upon the original motion which was adopted.

Resolutions Committee presented a partial report:

Resolution of Protest

WHEREAS President Harry S. Truman has announced his intention to appoint an American ambassador to the Vatican; and

WHEREAS it is expected that the Vatican, in return, will appoint a Papal Nuncio to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS we believe such a relationship between the Government of the United States and the headquarters of any religious sect is a ~~vi~~ violation of the constitutional guarantee of the separation of church and state; and

WHEREAS it would serve to strengthen the influence of one church above all others, both in the United States and in foreign lands where our American missionaries are preaching the gospel; and

WHEREAS it is entirely unnecessary, inasmuch as our nation already had adequate diplomatic representation in Italy; and

WHEREAS it has produced a grave concern in the minds and souls of many millions of American citizens of non-Roman Catholic faiths which threatens to destroy the unity of the American people at a time when national unity is most essential; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, representing a constituency of over a million evangelical Christians in the United States, as well as many of like precious faith in Canada, being assembled in annual convention in Detroit, Michigan, this first day of November, 1951, do strongly protest to President Truman against such appointment; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that we request President Truman to cancel his appointment and to refrain from naming any ambassador to the Vatican and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we assure the President of our country of our unalterable opposition to Communism and of our determination to pray and work for the preservation of human liberty in every land; and

B E IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America be instructed to send telegram of protest to the President, incorporating this resolution and adding such other pertinent information as he may deem suitable and necessary.

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be adopted. No discussion. Adopted unanimously.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS this convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America has unanimously adopted a resolution of protest to President Truman concerning his appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican,

BE IT RESOLVED that we ask every denomination in this Pentecostal Fellowship, and every district conference, and every local church, and every individual member of our Pentecostal churches, to lodge their protest with their Congressmen, and to notify President Truman of their action.

B E IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we recommend to all editors in this Pentecostal Fellowship that they publish the resolution of protest which has been adopted at this convention, and also our Secretary's letter to President Truman.

B E IT ALSO RESOLVED that the editors be asked to publish the following form letter as a guide to those who wish to lodge a protest:

(Date)

Honorable Mr. == (name of representative or senator)
House of Representatives (or Senate Office Building)
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

This is a letter of protest concerning President Truman's action in nominating an ambassador from the U.S.A. to the Vatican.

Such action must be recognized as a flagrant violation of the American Constitution which guarantees the separation of church and state; and it serves no good purpose but rather threatens to destroy our national unity at a time when unity is needed more than ever before.

Please do all in your power to prevent the ratification of the appointment of any American ambassador to the Vatican, and use your good office to maintain the separation of church and state as a vital part of our treasured American heritage.

Respectfully yours,

(Signature and address of writer)

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be adopted.
No discussion. Adopted unanimously.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS there is to be an International Pentecostal Conference in London, England, in June, 1952; and

WHEREAS there are many of us in North America who would greatly desire to attend the conference but who will not be able to do so; therefore

B E IT RESOLVED that we who are gathered in Detroit, Michigan, this first day of November, 1951, in the fourth annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, representing approximately one million Pentecostal believers in the United States and Canada, do ask our Secretary to convey our greetings to the brethren of many lands who shall assemble in London and to assure them that we shall be praying that God will make the conference a time of rich blessing and of lasting good, for His own eternal glory.

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Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be adopted.
No discussion. Adopted unanimously.

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America has received a letter of greeting from the British Pentecostal Fellowship; and

"WHEREAS this letter of greeting has been publicly read by Evangelist Fred Squire at this convention; therefore

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we Pentecostal people, assembled in Detroit, Michigan, in this fourth annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, do express our thanks to our British brethren, and do pray for them; and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America be asked to write a letter of greeting to the officers of the British Pentecostal Fellowship expressing our brotherly love and wishing them God's choicest and fullest blessing."

Moved and favored that the foregoing resolution be adopted.
No discussion. Adopted unanimously.

In the absence of Noel Perkin, J. H. Walker was authorized to call another meeting of the Mission Committee, by the Chairman.

Moved and favored that we adjourn business session until 9 a.m., November 2, 1951. Adopted.

Prayer for dismissal was offered by Zeno C. Tharp.

The Thursday afternoon service was in charge of Devotional Leader, M. P. Cross with Seth Balmer directing the singing. A fine sermon was delivered by Leonard W. Heroo. Adjournment at 4 p.m.

The Thursday night service was opened by Bishop J. A. Synan who introduced the Devotional Leader for the evening, M. W. DeWitt. The song service was in charge of Ralph E. Day. E. J. Fulton made the announcements and received the offering for general expenses. H. L. Chesser introduced the evening speaker, L. C. Heaston who delivered a soul-stirring sermon. Adjournment at 9:30 p.m.

The Friday morning service was opened by Devotional Leader, J. Grundy with a sermon by J. David du Plessis.

The Business Session was opened by Chairman J. A. Synan who requested the Secretary to read the Minutes of the previous session. After such reading, a motion was made and favored that the Minutes be accepted as read. Accepted as read.

The Mission Committee submitted the following report.

"The Missions Committee was called together by its permanent Secretary, Rev. J. H. Walker, in the absence of Noel Perkin, the permanent Chairman. Members present the first meeting were: Phillip Hogan, Rev. Wilson, Rev. Beard, Rev. Turner and Miss Arnold. Additional members joined the discussion the second day. They were: Rev. Cornman and Dr. Wortman.

"The committee's discussion centered around a report which had come as a result of last year's meeting. This report was made up of a contribution by the various missionary secretaries, stating their policy in regard to missionary salaries and allowances in the various fields and other pertinent information relative to the work of missions. This exchange of vital information gave the committee an excellent opportunity to see what other Boards are doing, and offered material for many helpful discussions and suggestions.

"From this discussion came this motion: Resolved that we request the various groups supply in time for next year's meeting a full report of their Bible training programs on the various fields. Stating the location of such schools, number of students, courses taught and different policies concerning support of students and types of practical work offered. This report (to be exchanged among the different secretaries) will help the committee in working out measures for the further strengthening and support of all our training programs in the many mission fields of the world.

"Since only three (3) of the permanent members were present the committee voted to retain its present permanent officers until next session: Noel Perkin, Chairman; J. H. Walker, Secretary.

"The meeting of the committee adjourned for this session with warm response from its members in appreciation for the help and inspiration gathered from the periods of discussion on these vital problems that effect the work of God around the world."

Moved and favored that the report of the Missions Committee be received as read. Adopted.

Moved and favored that we recommend to Mission Secretaries of the member groups of P. F. N. A. that they submit a report on their Bible Training Schools' programs on the various fields, stating the location of such schools, number of students, courses taught and different policies concerning the support of students and types of practical work offered, in time for next year's meeting; and, that this report be exchanged among the different mission secretaries which will help the mission committee in working out measures for a further strengthening and support of all our training programs in the many mission fields of the world." No Discussion. Adopted.

The Youth Committee submitted the following report:

"The Youth Committee met on October 31 and November 1 in profitable sessions.

Appreciation:

The Committee wishes to express to the Board of Administration appreciation for the privilege of having conducted its first Youth Seminar in conjunction with this convention. The seminar was held in Berea Tabernacle on October 30, and the youth leaders who attended were unanimous in feeling that it made an invaluable contribution to our youth work in the various groups.

The Committee further acknowledges the consideration shown by the Board of Administration in designating the opening night of the convention as a youth rally.

Election of Officers:

James Montgomery, of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, was re-elected chairman of the Youth Committee, and Lewis J. Willis, of the Church of God, was re-elected as secretary.

Exchange of Youth Publications:

It was agreed that the respective constituent youth leaders exchange national youth publications.

Recommendation:

The Youth Committee recommends that in conjunction with the 1952 P.F.N.A. Convention, a Youth Seminar be held on a national, state and local level, commencing Monday afternoon preceding the convention, and concluding Tuesday night with a youth rally which will be the opening meeting of the convention.

Respectfully submitted,
(s) Lewis J. Willis, Secretary

Moved and favored that the report of the Youth Committee be received as read. No discussion. Adopted.

Rereading of recommendation: "The Youth Committee recommends that in conjunction with the 1952 P.F.N.A. Convention, a Youth Seminar be held on a national, state and local level, commencing Monday afternoon preceding the convention, and concluding Tuesday night with a youth rally which will be the opening meeting of the convention."

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be adopted. No discussion. Adopted.

We will discuss Report of Committee on Publications paragraph by paragraph.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

The committee on Publications recommends that the P.F.N.A. Conference endorse the choice of Gayle F. Lewis to serve as Chairman of the permanent committee.

The Committee further recommends:

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1. That P.F.N.A. member-groups continue to encourage the publishing of suitable articles by the leaders of other member-groups in the fellowship.

2. That the P.F.N.A. secretary shall obtain a list of all periodicals published within this Fellowship along with the names of the editors, and that this list be furnished to each editor to facilitate publications exchange.

3. That a master list of Pentecostal books with their respective authors be completed and be made available to all P.F.N.A. member-groups; and be it further recommended that this list accompany the list of editors of the various periodicals when dispatched.

4. That a news release covering this Fourth Annual Convention be prepared and dispatched to each member-group editor, and any other fundamental periodical, for publication.

5. That the sermons preached in this Convention be transcribed verbatim, and mimeographed, and that copies be sent out on the request of the member-group editors.

6. That the Convention be publicized by the Local Publicity Committee, commencing at least one (1) month prior to the Convention opening, and that all available advertising facilities be utilized for this purpose: newspapers, radio, etc.

7. That the Administration Committee arrange early distribution of a sufficient quantity of programs of the next P.F.N.A. Convention, suitable for handing out or mailing in every part of the country.

8. That each official organ should publicize the coming Convention at least four (4) months in advance. That greater publicity be given the Convention throughout each member-group fellowship. That the Board of Administration provide the editors with announcements, pictures of Convention building and speakers, and background information regarding speakers.

9. That the Board of Administration set the date and place for the next P.F.N.A. Convention at the earliest possible time, in order that the secretary may advise each member-group; and further, that he encourage each member-group to advertise the Convention at its annual and district conferences. Where possible, may each member-group be encouraged to promote the use of its National and local radio programs to announce the P.F.N.A. Convention, at least one (1) month in advance of the Convention.

(s) L. W. Smith (s) Gayle F. Lewis

Moved and favored that the report of the Committee on Publications be received as read. No discussion. Adopted.

Moved and favored that the report of the Committee on Publications be adopted as read. Discussion.

The Chairman suggested that we discuss the foregoing report paragraph by paragraph.

1. That P.F.N.A. member-groups continue to encourage the publishing of suitable articles by the leaders of other member-groups in the fellowship.

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be adopted as read. No discussion. Adopted.

2. That the P.F.N.A. secretary shall obtain a list of all periodicals published within this Fellowship along with the names of the editors, and that this list be furnished to each editor to facilitate publications exchange.

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be adopted as read. No discussion. Adopted.

3. That a master list of Pentecostal books with their respective authors be completed and be made available to all P.F.N.A. member-groups; and be it further recommended that this list accompany the list of editors of the various periodicals when dispatched.

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be amended to read as follows:

"That each organization compile a list of their books and their authors and send same to the P.F.N.A. secretary who will make up a master list of Pentecostal books with their respective authors and will mail a similar list to member groups of P.F.N.A. along with the list of editors of the various periodicals of P.F.N.A. member-groups." No discussion. Adopted as amended.

4. That a news release covering this Fourth Annual Convention be prepared and dispatched to each member-group editor, and any other fundamental periodical, for publication.

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be amended to read as follows:

"That H. T. Spence and Robert Cunningham compile news releases for church publications covering this Fourth Annual Convention and mail to P.F.N.A. Secretary who will forward to the editors of periodicals of member-groups." No discussion. Adopted as amended.

5. That the sermons preached in this Convention be transcribed verbatim, and mimeographed, and that copies be sent out on the request of the member-group editors.

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be amended to read as follows:

That the sermons preached in this Convention be transcribed verbatim, but edited, mimeographed, and that copies be sent out on request of the member-group editors.

No discussion. Adopted as amended.

6. That the Convention be publicizee by the Local Publicity Committee, commencing at least one (1) month prior to the Convention opening, and that all available advertising facilities be utilized for this purpose: newspapers, radio, etc.

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be adopted as read. No discussion. Adopted as read.

7. That the Administration Committee arrange early distribution of a sufficient quantity of programs of the next P.F.N.A. Convention, suitable for handing out or mailing in every part of the country.

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be adopted as read. No discussion. Adopted as read.

8. That each official organ should publicize the coming Convention at least four (4) months in advance. That greater publicity be given the Convention throughout each member-group fellowship. That the Board of Administration provide the editors with announcements, pictures of Convention building and speakers, and background information regarding speakers.

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be adopted as read. No discussion. Adopted as read.

9. That the Board of Administration set the date and place for the next P.F.N.A. Convention at the earliest possible time in order that the secretary may advise each member-group; and further, that he encourage each member-group to advertise the Convention at its annual and district conferences, where possible, may each member-group be encouraged to promote the use of its National and local radio programs to announce the P.F.N.A. Convention at least one (1) month in advance of the Convention.

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be adopted as read. No discussion. Adopted as read.

Moved and favored that the recommendation of the Committee on Publications for their permanent Chairman, Gayle F. Lewis, be ratified. No discussion. Adopted.

The Resolutions Committee submitted the following additional report:

The following news releases were read:

News release for November 1, 1951
Pentecostal Fellowship of North America

PENTECOSTALS MEET

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, representing an approximate constituency of one and one-half million, met in a great Youth Rally Tuesday night at

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the Cass Technical High School.

An orchestra of 30 pieces rendered the music with congregational singing. The sermon to youth was delivered by Rev. Phillip Hogan, formerly of Detroit and former missionary of Assemblies of God to Formosa and China, now of Florence, S. C.

The Board of Administration met at two sessions on Tuesday at the Tuller Hotel Convention Headquarters.

The formal opening of business sessions took place Wednesday morning at the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church, where daily sessions are being held.

Rev. J. A. Synan, Senior-Bishop of the Pentecostal Holiness church and Chairman of the Fellowship delivered the keynote address Wednesday morning eloquently appealing for a full-measure to the requirements of Christ for Christian discipleship. The challenge of his message was to put Christ first in our lives and to bring the power of Christianity to bear upon our generation in the energy of the Holy Spirit, rather than in mere professional Christianity.

The following Committees were approved by the body of 53 voting delegates who represent the following Pentecostal groups of North America; Assemblies of God, Church of God, International Church Foursquare Gospel, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Pentecostal Holiness Church, Open Bible Standard, International Pentecostal Assemblies, Zion Evangelistic Fellowship, Church of God-Mountain Assembly, Church of the Bible. Such Committees are: Missions, Youth, Education, Nominations, Publications, Finance and Radio.

Rev. Hubert T. Spence of the Pentecostal Holiness Church delivered the Wednesday afternoon message and Rev. Charles M. Leaming of the Open Bible Church delivered the Wednesday evening message. Committees will begin reporting Thursday morning.

Dr. Fred Squires of London, England brought greetings from the British Pentecostal Fellowship and extended an invitation from the Committee in charge to attend the next World Pentecostal Fellowship which convenes June-July, 1952 in London.

News release for November 2, 1951
Pentecostal Fellowship of North America

PENTECOSTALS PROTEST

VATICAN APPOINTMENT

The Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, meeting for the second day in the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church, began receiving and considering reports from several committees, among which was the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

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A Resolution of Protest to the President of his nomination of an ambassador to the Vatican was vigorously and unanimously adopted by the 53 voting delegates representing over one million members of the Christian faith here in the United States.

The resolution that was sent via Western Union to the President was as follows:

RESOLUTION OF PROTEST

WHEREAS, our government is now embarking upon a Universal Military Training Program that will compel all of our 18 years old boys to take military training in some branch of our Armed Forces,

AND WHEREAS, this new procedure will commit our youth to a militaristic program quite different from our policy heretofore, practiced;

AND WHEREAS, this country, under God and by His Mercies, has never been defeated in any war, we, the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, representing a constituency of over one million Christian citizens of this country, do hereby petition our government to refrain from making our citizenry into an army, but rather follow our heretofore successful policy of meeting the emergency by the citizenry of our country determining the policy for the emergency rather than the military dictating to the citizenry. For we must keep inviolate our national motto, in substance

WHEN WE RESORT TO THE MILITARY, WE DO NOT
SURRENDER OUR CITIZENSHIP.

Therefore, we of this Fellowship, meeting in our Fourth Annual Convention in Detroit, Michigan, November 2, 1951, do hereby urge Congress to reject this Universal Military Training bill and continue our military program of training in line with the policies followed by this country since its founding.

That a copy of this resolution to be sent to the proper committee handling this bill in Washington, D. C.

PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP OF NORTH AMERICA

HOUSTON R. Morehead, Secretary

Today will be the closing of this Fourth Annual Convention. Election of officers for the ensuing year will be one of the last items on the agenda. The closing session will be held in Cass Technical High School tonight at 7:30 with Harold Chalfont delivering the main address.

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Pentecostal Fellowship of North America

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PENTECOSTALS PROTEST

U M T PROGRAM

The Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, an association of over one million churchmen, closed their Annual Convention last night in the Cass Technical High School.

Yesterday's sessions were highlighted with a completion of committee reports. The following committees were approved by the delegating body for the ensuing year: Missions, Education, Youth, Radio, Publications and Sunday Schools.

A resolution protesting the Universal Military Training Program was heartily approved by the churchmen. (See attached copy of resolution)

A letter to the President protesting his nomination of an Ambassador to the Vatican was read by the Chairman of the Committee on Resolution and was unanimously approved.

Rev. Fred Squires of England addressed the body giving us information about his International Bible Training Institute in Sussex, England.

The same Executive officers were unanimously re-elected with the exception of one. Dr. Howard P. Courtney of the International Four-square Gospel church was elected as Vice-Chairman. The officers re-elected are: Bishop J. A. Synan, Pentecostal Holiness church; J. Roswell Flower, Assembly of God; Houston R. Morehead, Church of God, and E. J. Fulton, Open Bible Standard Churches; serving as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, respectively.

Rev. James Keiler of the International Pentecostal Assemblies was the only new elective on the Board of Administration. Those Board Members retained are: H. L. Chesser, Clayton Lawson, R. Bryant Mitchell, Herman D. Mitzner, Dr. C. M. Wortman, Wesley R. Steelberg, Edward B. Hill, Hubert T. Spence, John C. Jernigan.

The Convention expressed its preference of Los Angeles for the next Convention. The Board of Administration will make the final decision in its April, 1952 meeting. The next Convention will occur about the same dates as this year.

Rev. C. D. Smith addressed the Convention Friday afternoon with a sermon. The closing message was delivered by Dr. Harold Chalfont at Cass Technical High School.

A registrar report revealed that 26 states, Alaska, Canada, England and Finland were represented in this Convention. Also 15 denominations were presented.

The following telegram to President Truman was read:

NIGHT LETTER
WESTERN UNION

Mr. President:

IN REGISTERING THE ATTACHED PROTEST WE ARE DECLARING OUR STAND IN FAVOR OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL HERITAGE OF SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE WHICH HAS BEEN PURCHASED WITH MANY SACRIFICES MADE BY OUR FOREFATHERS.

THE VATICAN CANNOT BE A CHURCH AND A STATE AT THE SAME TIME. IF IT IS A STATE IT SHOULD DECLARE ITSELF AS SUCH AND THUS BECOME OBLIGATED TO CONFORM TO ALL OF THE LAWS OF OUR COUNTRY AS REQUIRED OF ALL FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED IN THESE UNITED STATES.

IF IT IS A CHURCH IT SHOULD BE LEFT OUTSIDE OF THE DIPLOMATIC INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS.

IT IS NOT A MATTER OF HOW MUCH INFORMATION THE VATICAN MAY HAVE ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING "BEH IND THE IRON CURTAIN".

IF THE PRESS REPORTS ARE TRUE THAT THE VATICAN HAS AGENTS IN ALL COMMUNISTIC COUNTRIES WHO ARE SUPPLYING THE VATICAN WITH VITAL INFORMATION WHICH IN TURN MAKES THE VATICAN THE "WORLD'S LISTENING POST" THEN IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC HEIRARCEY HAS ASSUMED THE ROLE OF AN INTERNATIONAL INTELLIGENCE FORCE AND HAS INFILTRATED ALL GOVERNMENTS, MORE OR LESS, WITH A ZEAL EQUAL TO COMMUNISM THROUGH IN THE NAME OF RELIGION. FOR OUR COUN TRY TO RECOGNIZE THIS QUESTIONABLE CHANNEL ON A PAR WITH OUR REGULAR DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS IS TO UTTERLY SET ASIDE OUR CONSTITUTION ON THE VITAL POINT OF SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE AND MAY WE REMIND YOU MR. PRESIDENT THAT THIS ACT WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF ONLY ONE CHURCH WHICH RELIGIOUS PRACTICES HISTORY REVEALS HAVE FAILED TO PRODUCE A SINGLE STRONG GOVERNMENT OF PROSPEROUS PEOPLE.

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ONLY IN COUNTRIES THAT ARE PREDOMINANTLY PROTESTANT HAVE STRONG GOVERNMENTS AND PROSPEROUS PEOPLE, WITH LIBERTIES SUCH AS OURS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE. THESE FACTS ARE NOT STATED WITH ANY MOTIVE OTHER THAN TO KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

WE REFUSE TO ACCEPT A DUAL AMBASSADORSHIP TO ROME WITH ONE TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ONE TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

THUS WE APPEAL TO YOU MR. PRESIDENT TO WITHDRAW YOUR NOMINATION OF AN AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN AND REMOVE IT FROM YOUR CONGRESSIONAL AGENDA.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED IN THE NAME OF CHRIST AND IN THE INTEREST OF OUR AMERICAN UNITY AND FREEDOM.

PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP OF NORTH AMERICA

Houston R. Morehead, Secretary

Following the reading of this telegram, the convention broke out into vigorous applause. H. T. Spence, Secretary of Resolutions Committee requested Houston R. Morehead to read Psalm 37:39, 40, which reads as follows:

39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

40 And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

Prayer by the entire convention followed.

The congregation sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee".

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring!

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My native country, thee,
Land of the noble, free,
Thy name I love:
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills,
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song:
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

The congregation then sang "The Lion of Judah".

The Lion of Judah will break every chain.
And give us the victory, again and again.
The Lion of Judah will break every chain.
And give to us the victory, again and again.

RESOLUTION OF PROTEST

WHEREAS, our government is now embarking upon a Universal Military Training Program that will compel all of our 18 years old boys to take military training in some branch of our Armed Forces,

AND WHEREAS, this new procedure will commit our youth to a militaristic program quite different from our policy heretofore, practiced;

AND WHEREAS, this country, under God and by His Mercies, has never been defeated in any war, we, the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, representing a constituency of over one million Christian citizens of this country, do hereby petition our government to refrain from making our citizenry into an army, but rather follow our heretofore successful policy of meeting the emergency by the citizenry of our country determining the policy for the emergency rather than the military dictating to the citizenry. For we must keep inviolate our national motto, in substance

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Therefore, we of this Fellowship, meeting in our Fourth Annual Convention in Detroit, Michigan, November 2, 1951, do hereby urge Congress to reject this Universal Military Training bill and continue our military program of training in line with the policies followed by this country since its founding.

That a copy of this resolution to be sent to the proper committee handling this bill in Washington, D. C.

PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP OF NORTH AMERICA

Houston R. Morehead, Secretary

Moved and favored that the foregoing Resolution of Protest be adopted. Discussion. Adopted unanimously.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Brother L. Hokkanen has brought greetings to this convention from the Pentecostal brethren of Finland, with the assistance of Brother B. Snokas who interpreted his remarks into English; and

WHEREAS our hearts have been inspired with the reports of the devotion of our Finnish brethren to the work of God and of the way in which God is working with them and confirming the Word "with signs following"; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, representing approximately a million Pentecostal people in the United States and Canada, be asked to write a letter of greeting to the chairman of the Pentecostal churches in Finland, assuring all our Finnish brethren of our brotherly love and expressing our hope that the revival fires may be fanned with a rushing mighty wind from heaven so that every part of their own land and neighboring lands as well shall be ablaze with the presence and power of the blessed Holy Spirit.

Moved and favored that the foregoing resolution be adopted as read. No discussion. Adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS much thought and effort have been contributed by the ministers and members of the churches represented in the Pentecostal Fellowship of Greater Detroit to entertain this convention and make it a success; and

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WHEREAS the congregation and board of the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church have been very kind in granting the use of their building for this convention; and

WHEREAS Dr. Washer, the pastor of the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church, has been particularly hospitable and considerate in providing every possible convenience; and

WHEREAS the Detroit school board has granted the use of the auditorium of the Cass Technical High School for our night meetings; and

WHEREAS the music of the orchestra has been a great blessing in the night meetings; and

WHEREAS great courtesy has been shown by the management and staff of the Tuller Hotel, the convention headquarters; and

WHEREAS J. W. Butler of ^{Goldsboro} Greenville, North Carolina, has rendered a valuable service as publicity agent, and the Detroit Times has carried news of the convention; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the secretary of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America be asked to write letters of thanks to the proper individuals for these and all other favors shown, in order to convey the heart-felt gratitude of all members and officers present at this fourth annual convention of the Fellowship.

Moved and favored that the foregoing resolution be adopted as read. No discussion. Adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

1. The Board of Administration recommends that a Sunday School Committee be set up by the P.F.N.A. as a standing committee, and that the P.F.N.A. member organization's national Sunday School officer serve on this committee.

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be adopted. Discussion. Adopted.

2. That the Fifth Annual Convention of the P.F.N.A. convene preferably in the city of Los Angeles, California.

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be adopted. Discussion. Adopted.

3. That the Fifth Annual Convention of the P.F.N.A. convene preferably during the last week of October, 1952. That if necessity requires a change of date, that the date may be adjusted either one week prior or one week after last week of October, 1952.

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be adopted. Discussion. Adopted.

4. That the Executive Board of the P.F.N.A. meet annually in the spring of the year and that they appoint a representative to go to the Convention City two months ahead of the Convention date to do advance planning for Convention, to work with the local Pentecostal groups in co-ordination of the Convention plans and promotion. Be it further agreed that expenses of said representative to be taken care of by the P.F.N.A.

Moved and favored that the foregoing recommendation be adopted.
Discussion. Adopted.

The Chairman requested the member groups to name their member of the Sunday School Committee as their denomination name was called.

Paul Copeland, Assembly of God
Lewis J. Willis, Church of God
Harold Schalfont, Int'l Church Foursquare Gospel
James Montgomery, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
Dallas M. Tarkenton, Pentecostal Holiness
W. Crawford Jones, Open Bible Standard
Jack Vivian, International Pentecostal Assemblies
W. K. Wilson, Zion Evangelistic Fellowship

The following member groups did not name their member to the Sunday School Committee: Mt. Assembly Church of God, Church of the Bible, Pentecostal Church of Christ.

Nominations were then received for Chairman Pro Tem for Sunday School Committee:

James Montgomery
Lewis J. Willis
Paul Copeland

Paul Copeland was elected unanimously to serve as Chairman Pro Tem for Sunday School Committee.

The Nominating Committee presented the following report:

The Nominating Committee consisting of the following:

Vincent R. Bird - Chairman
William H. Fitch
Clayton Lawson
M. W. DeWitt
Edward B. Hill

Met Thursday, 1:30 p.m. --November 1st. They submit the following nominations to the P.F.N.A. Convention Body held in Detroit, 1951.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman

Bishop J. A. Synan --- Pentecostal Holiness Church

Vice-Chairmen

Dr. Howard P. Courtney -- International Church of the
Foursquare Gospel
J. Roswell Flower --- Assembly of God

Secretary

Houston R. Morehead --- Church of God

Treasurer

E. J. Fulton --- Open Bible Standard Church

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

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 of Foursquare Gospel
Dr. C. M. Wortman	Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
Wesley R. Steelberg	Assemblies of God
Edward B. Hill	Zion Evangelistic Fellowship
Hubert T. Spence	Pentecostal Holiness Church
John J. Jernigan	Church of God
James Keiler	Int'l. Pentecostal Assemblies

Moved and favored that the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted as read. Discussion. Adopted.

The various officers just elected who were present at this time gave brief expressions of their appreciation of the confidence the P.F.N.A. had placed in them by this election.

Moved and favored that the P.F.N.A. Business session adjourn. Adopted.

The Friday afternoon service was in charge of Devotional Leader, C. L. Hardy with W. B. Standler directing the singing. A fine sermon was delivered by C. B. Smith. Adjournment at 4 p.m.

The Friday night service was opened by Bishop J. A. Synan who introduced the Devotional Leader for the evening, Orie L. Robinson. H. T. Spence made the announcements and received the offering for general expenses. Vincent Byrd introduced the evening speaker, Harold Schalfant who delivered a soul-stirring sermon. Adjournment at 9:30 p.m.



Houston R. Morehead
Secretary

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For Immediate Release:

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Pentecostal Fellowship of North America
Announces Program for 4th Annual Convention

Q.W. Butler
Greenville
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Detroit, Michigan --- The Pentecostal Fellowship of North America has completed its program for its 4th. Annual Convention convening in Detroit October 30 through November 2, according to announcement from Bishop J. A. SYNAN, Chairman, presiding bishop of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, Memphis, Tenn., and chairman of the Fellowship.

The convention will be held at the Cass Technical High School Auditorium and the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church in this city. The keynote address will be given by Bishop SYNAN.

Nine Pentecostal bodies comprise the membership of the Fellowship, with a chairman, two vice-chairmen, a secretary, a treasurer, forming the executive committee and 10 members of the board of administration serving as a policy-making unit.

For months, members of the Board of Management of the 1951 convention, all Detroit Area ministers, have been setting up convention plans and have completed details for the local Pentecostal Fellowship committees. More than 150 Detroit area churches are participating in the convention this Fall.

From across the United States and Canada and parts of Mexico, interest in the convention has increased and a record attendance is anticipated for the four-day meeting in America's motor city. Convention registration headquarters will be opened in the Tuller Hotel on Monday, October 29, to care for the early convention arrivals attending this history-making convention.

Serving on the executive committee with Chairman Synan are J. Roswell Flower, Assemblies of God and R. S. Dunbar, International Pentecostal Assemblies, vice-chairmen: Houston R. Morehead, Church of God, secretary; E. J. Fulton, Open Bible Standard Churches, treasurer. Members of the Board of Administration include: H. L. Chesser and John C. Jernigan, Church of God; Clayton Lawson, Church of God Mountain Assembly; R. Bryant Mitchell, Open Bible Standard Churches; Herman D. Mitzner, International Church of the Four Square Gospel; Wesley R. Steelberg, Assemblies of God; C. M. Wortman, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada; Edward B. Hill, Zion Evangelistic Fellowship;

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H. J. Smith, International Pentecostal Assemblies; Hubert T. Spence, Pentecostal Holiness Church.

The Detroit Committee Chairmen, forming the Board of Management, are: B. L. Bresson, general chairman, Assembly of God; E. O. Byington, Publicity Committee, Church of God; S. H. Wilson, Finance Committee, Assembly of God; R. F. Koshewitz, Entertainment Committee, Church of God; M. W. DeWitt, Program Committee, Church of the Open Bible; S. Balmer, Music Committee, Assembly of God; W. B. Standler, Roster Committee, International Church of the Four Square Gospel; A. Spreeker, Usher Committee, German Assembly of God; A. S. Bucho, Hotel Committee, International Pentecostal Association.

The program for the four-day meeting follows:

Tuesday, October 30

9:00 A. M. --- Registration

10:00 A. M. --- Meeting of Executive Committee and Board of Administration, Chairman SYNAN presiding.

7:30 P. M. --- Devotionals, Youth Committee in charge of meeting, with Emil A. Balliet of Springfield, Mo., preaching.

Wednesday, October 31

9:00 A. M. --- Devotionals, keynote address by Bishop J. A. SYNAN, Chairman of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America; business session related to organization.

12:00 Noon --- Recess.

2:00 P. M. --- Devotionals; Sermon by the Rev. Hubert T. Spence, Memphis, Tenn., general treasurer of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

4:00 P. M. --- Adjournment

7:30 P. M. --- Devotionals; Sermon by Dr. Charles M. Leaming

Thursday, November 1

9:00 A. M. --- Devotionals, speaker to be announced; business session.

12:00 Noon --- Recess

2:00 P. M. --- Devotionals; sermon by the Rev. Leonard W. Heroo, Providence, Rhode Island.

4:00 P. M. --- Adjournment

7:30 P. M. --- Devotionals; sermon by the Rev. L. C. Heaston, Cleveland, Tenn.

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Friday, November 2

9:00 A. M. --- Devotionals; speaker to be announced; business session.

12:00 Noon --- Recess

2:00 P. M. --- Devotionals; sermon by the Rev. C. B. Smith.

4:00 P. M. --- Adjournment.

7:30 P. M. --- Devotionals; closing sermon, the Rev. Harold Jeffries, Los Angeles, California.

Members of Pentecostal churches and friends are invited and also are urged to attend any or all the sessions of the Fellowship convention.

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"Pentecostal Fellowship"

NEWS RELEASE from the
Pentecostal Fellowship of North America
Houston R. Morehead, Secretary
Cleveland, Tennessee

1951

DETROIT, MICHIGAN--Strong protests against Universal Military Training and against the appointment of an American ambassador to the Vatican were made by representatives of a million Pentecostals, meeting here in their fourth annual convention.

The four-day meeting of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America ended November 2 with unanimous passage of the resolutions of protest. Pentecostals all over the United States were urged to let President Truman and Congress know how deeply they feel about both of these issues.

Delegates from twenty-six states, Alaska, and Canada registered for the event. Visitors came from Cuba, Finland and England. More than 150 Pentecostal churches in Greater Detroit played host at the convention meetings which were held in the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church during the mornings and afternoons and in the Cass Technical High School each night.

The main purpose of the convention was to permit the ministers and laity of the various Pentecostal denominations to enter into a closer fellowship one with another, and the devotional meetings held three times a day made this possible. People from fifteen denominations sang together, prayed together, and heard outstanding gospel sermons by representative speakers from the member groups.

There was a brief business session each morning at which the voting delegates elected officers, heard committee reports, and passed a number of resolutions. Only fifty-three men were recognized as voting delegates, the number from the various bodies being based on the membership of those bodies. The other delegates had the privilege of the floor but were not permitted to vote.

J. A. Synan of Franklin Springs, Georgia, was elected to serve a second year as Chairman of the Fellowship. J. R. Flower of Springfield, Missouri, was re-elected to serve as a Vice-Chairman; and both Houston R. Morehead of Cleveland, Tennessee, and E. J. Fulton of Des Moines, Iowa, were returned to their offices of Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Howard P. Courtney of Los Angeles, California, was elected to be a Vice-Chairman.

Eleven bodies comprise the membership of the Fellowship, as follows: Assemblies of God, Church of God, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Pentecostal Holiness Church, Open Bible Standard Churches, International Pentecostal Assemblies, Zion Evangelistic Fellowship, Church of God Mountain Assembly, Church of the Bible, and the Pentecostal Church of Christ. Each of these bodies is represented on the Board of Administration, which serves as a policy-making unit.

The Pentecostal Church of Christ, Ashland, Kentucky, was received into membership during the convention.

Greetings were sent from the convention to the Pentecostal churches in Finland and Britain, and to the World Convention of Pentecostals which will be in London, England, in June, 1952. David J. duPlessis of Stamford, Connecticut, who serves as World Secretary for Pentecostal Churches, extended an invitation to the World Convention. He stated that a ship probably will be chartered to take several hundreds of Americans and Canadians to London for the event, which will be the third of its kind.

Evangelist Fred Squire of Sussex, England, told the convention about his International Bible Training Institute at which a number of young Pentecostals from behind the "Iron Curtain" are preparing to go back to Europe to preach the gospel in Red-held lands.

Numerous committees met during the convention, giving each organization the opportunity to get acquainted with what the other organizations are doing in the fields of Missions, Publications, Radio, Christian Education, and Youth Work.

The Youth Committee sponsored a one-day seminar for youth leaders which preceded the convention. It decided to have a two-day seminar for youth leaders prior to the 1952 convention, with separate divisions for local, state and national leadership levels.

The convention expressed its preference to have the next general meeting of the Fellowship in Los Angeles during the last week of October, 1952. The Board of Administration will make the final decision as to time and place when it meets next April.

In re-registering its protest to Universal Military Training, the convention pointed out that "this country, under God and by His mercies, has never been defeated in any war." It asked the Government "to refrain from making our citizenry into an army, but rather to follow our heretofore successful policy of meeting the emergency in the way in which the citizenry may decide, rather than have the military dictating to the citizenry.

The protest concerning an ambassador to the Vatican was based on the principle of separation of church and state. It appealed to the need of national unity and the need of treating all religions alike, while pledging "unalterable opposition to Communism" and a "determination to pray and work for the preservation of human liberty in every land."

A telegram of seven hundred words was sent to the President informing him of the convention's strong sentiment against the diplomatic appointment.

(NOTE: Copies of convention resolutions and the message to President Truman are attached on separate sheets.)

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS this convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America has unanimously adopted a resolution of protest to President Truman concerning his appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we ask every denomination in this Pentecostal Fellowship, and every District Conference, and every local church, and every individual member of our Pentecostal churches to lodge their protest with their Congressmen, and to notify President Truman of their action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we recommend to all editors in this Fellowship that they publish the resolution of protest which has been adopted and also our Secretary's message to the President; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that we ask the editors to publish the following form as a guide to those who will write a letter of protest:

(Date)

Honorable Mr. ... (name of Senator or Representative)
Senate Office Building (or House of Representatives)
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

This is a letter of protest concerning the President's action in nominating an ambassador from the U. S. A. to the Vatican.

Such action must be recognized as a flagrant violation of the American Constitution which guarantees the separation of church and state. It serves no good purpose, but rather threatens to destroy our national unity at a time when it is needed more than ever before.

Please do all you can to prevent the ratification of this appointment, and use your good office to maintain the separation of church and state as a vital part of our American heritage.

(Signed with name and address of writer)

R E S O L U T I O N O F P R O T E S T

WHEREAS our Government is now embarking upon a Universal Military Training Program that will compel many of our eighteen-year-old boys to take military training in some branch of our Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS this new procedure will commit our youth to a militaristic program quite different from our policy heretofore practiced; and

WHEREAS this country, under God and by His mercies, has never been defeated in any war;

We, the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, representing a constituency of over one million Christian citizens of this country, do hereby petition our Government to refrain from making our citizenry into an army, but rather follow our heretofore successful policy of meeting the emergency in the way in which the citizenry of our country may decide, rather than have the military dictating to the citizenry. For we must keep inviolate our national motto, in substance:

"WHEN WE RESORT TO THE MILITARY, WE DO NOT SURRENDER OUR CITIZENSHIP."

Therefore, we of this Fellowship, meeting in our fourth annual convention in Detroit, Michigan November 2, 1951, do hereby urge Congress to reject this Universal Military Training Bill; and provide that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Senate Committee now debating this bill in Washington, D. C.

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PENTECOSTALS PROTEST

VATICAN APPOINTMENT

The Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, meeting for the second day in the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church, began receiving and considering reports from several committees, among which was the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

A Resolution of Protest to the President of his nomination of an ambassador to the Vatican was vigorously and unanimously adopted by the 53 voting delegates representing over one million members of the Christian faith here in the United States.

The resolution that was sent via Western Union to the President was as follows:

(See attached copy)

Today will be the closing of this Fourth Annual Convention. Election of officers for the ensuing year will be one of the last items on the agenda. The closing session will be held in Cass Technical High School tonight at 7:30 with Harold Chalfont delivering the main address.

PENTECOSTALS PROTEST

U M T PROGRAM

The Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, an association of over one million churchmen, closed their Annual Convention last night in the Cass Technical High School.

Yesterday's sessions were highlighted with a completion of committee reports. The following committees were approved by the delegating body for the ensuing year: Missions, Education, Youth, Radio, Publications and Sunday Schools.

A resolution protesting the Universal Military Training Program was heartily approved by the churchmen. (See attached copy of resolution.)

A letter to the President protesting his nomination of an Ambassador to the Vatican was read by the Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions and was unanimously approved.

Rev. Fred Squires of England addressed the body giving us information about his International Bible Training Institute in Sussex, England.

The same Executive officers were unanimously re-elected with the exception of one. Dr. Howard P. Courtney of the International Foursquare Gospel church was elected as Vice-Chairman. The officers re-elected are: Bishop J. A. Synan, Pentecostal Holiness Church; J. Roswell Flower, Assembly of God; Houston R. Morehead, Church of God and E. J. Fulton, Open Bible Standard Churches; serving as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, respectively.

+ Rev. James Keiler of the International Pentecostal Assemblies was the only new elective on the Board of Administration. Those Board members retained are: H. L. Chesser, Clayton Lawson, R. Bryant Mitchell, Herman D. Mitzner, Dr. C. M. Wortman, Wesley R. Steelberg, Edward B. Hill, Hubert T. Spence, John C. Jernigan.

(The Convention expressed its preference of Los Angeles for the next Convention. The Board of Administration will make the final decision in its April, 1952 meeting. The next Convention will occur about the same dates as this year.

Rev. C. D. Smith addressed the Convention Friday afternoon with a sermon. The closing message ~~was~~ was delivered by Dr. Harold Chalfont at Cass Technical High School.

A registrar report revealed that 26 states, Alaska, Canada, England, and Finland were represented in this Convention. Also, 15 denominations were represented.