

Report to the Executive Committee of the Urantia Brotherhood concerning the transactions of the of the Governing Committee of the First Urantia Society regarding the expelling of Mr. Robert Burton from its membership and *DECEMBER 4, 1972* *epso facto* from from the Urantia Brotherhood

As directed by the Governing Committee of the First Urantia Society, I herewith submit a report of the transactions to date concerning the expelling of Mr. Robert Burton from the First Urantia Society and *epso facto* from the Urantia Brotherhood.

A special meeting of the Governing Committee was first called on Sunday, November 19, 1972 to consider action to take with respect to the expelling of Mr. Burton. At this time a letter ~~was~~ written by the Membership Committee <sup>Chairman</sup> was read and approved to be sent to Mr. Burton informing him of the charges placed against him and an invitation to be present to defend himself of the charges. Also that this was <sup>a</sup> hearing and not a trial to determine if the Governing Committee felt that his case should be submitted to the membership of the First Urantia Society for formal action in expelling him. This letter was approved and was mailed to him on Monday, November 20, 1972 via registered mail to be presented to the addressee and return receipt showing that such letter had been received by the addressee. The date of the meeting for Mr. Burton was set for 4:15 P. M. December 3, 1972 and was incorporated in the body of the letter sent to him.

On December 3, 1972 all members of the Governing Committee were present and as requested by Mr. Herman Shell, President of the First Urantia Society, Mr. Alvin Kullieke conducted this meeting. After the meeting had been called to order, Mr. Kullieke instructed the members of the Governing Committee how he intended to conduct the meeting. First by bringing to the attention of Mr. Burton the charges that had been placed against him and then allowing him make his defense to each charge. After these instructions Mr. Burton was invited into the meeting. He placed on the table his attache case and from it he took three paper back copies of

books he had purchased from a book store one of which was a Bible at a cost of \$1.00 each, another religious book selling for three for a dollar and the third of the New Testament at a price of twenty five cents.

He then proceeded to inform the group that he had received the letter sent to him but that the charges were so general and ambiguous that he could not prepare a defense to the charges made against him. Further he

*It was explained to him at that time that this was the purpose of the meeting*

asked if there were present any members of the Executive Committee who had accused him of <sup>not</sup> being a loyal member of the First Urantia Society and the Brotherhood. He was informed that only Mr. Kulieke and Mr. Burch, who are members of the Executive Committee, were present and that the

charges as made were by the Executive Committee as a whole and not by any individual members of that committee. Mr. Kulieke informed Mr. Burton <sup>It was pointed out that Mr. Kulieke and Mr. Burch were members of the governing committee of the First Society</sup>

that he would first read in its entirety the resolution as passed by the Executive Committee of the Urantia Brotherhood and then would take

each charge against him <sup>individually</sup> and read it and then would allow Mr. Burton to give his rebuttal <sup>or defense</sup> to the charge. Mr. Burton objected to this procedure

but <sup>at the insistence</sup> ~~(over the objections)~~ of the members of the Governing Committee he consented to allow Mr. Kulieke to read the entire resolution. Then Mr.

Kulieke proceeded to the individual charges and Mr. Burton would not approve of this procedure. In fact Mr. Kulieke was unable to complete

the reading of the first charge <sup>giving</sup> ~~(a background)~~ <sup>of evidence</sup> for the charge being made against Mr. Burton. After vehement objections on the part of Mr.

Burton he contending the committee was not allowing him to present his case he commented that the "hatchet committee had done its work well and

he herewith submitted his resignation. Also that he was leaving his normal presentation of his defense for those who might wish to read it."

He then left the meeting.

*He also referred to the meeting as a drum head trial.*