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Ruling in legal dispute over existence of "General Anthroposophical  
Society (Christmas Conference)" expected by end of week

Dornach, 3 February (NNA) - In a marathon session lasting more than  
eleven hours, the Dorneck-Thierstein district court in Switzerland  
yesterday heard the case disputing the legal existence of the "General  
Anthroposophical Society (Christmas Conference)".

The summary judgement is expected by the end of the week with a detailed  
ruling following about a month later.

The outcome of the case will also determine whether the extraordinary  
general meeting of the Christmas Conference 2002 is allowed to stand and  
whether the resolutions adopted at the general meetings last November  
with regard to the planned fusion of the "General Anthroposophical  
Society" (GAS) and the "General Anthroposophical Society (Christmas  
Conference)" can enter into force.

While the "Gelebte Weihnachtstagung" grouping disputes the continued  
separate existence of the Christmas Conference society because it became  
one in February 1925 with the administrative Building Association which  
then continued under the name of General Anthroposophical Society,  
another group of plaintiffs associated with Andreas Wilke and Karl  
Buchleitner claims that the Christmas Conference society ceased to exist  
altogether and only remains as a historical event.

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