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Mr. L. Howard Jenkins
L. H. Jenkins, Inc.,
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

As you already know important meetings of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance are scheduled to take place at Tølløse, near Copenhagen, Denmark, August 5-8, 1952. Immediately preceding these meetings the first All-European Baptist Conference of the newly organized European Baptist Federation will take place at Copenhagen, July 29-August 3.

Quite a number of the U.S.A. members of the Executive Committee will be going to Europe in order to attend these meetings. To my knowledge the following are definitely going:

From the Southern Baptist Convention:

Louie D. Newton
Theodore F. Adams
J. D. Grey
Robert S. Denny (Chairman B.W.A. Youth Committee)
Mrs. George R. Martin (Chairman of BWA Women's Committee)
R. Paul Caudill (Chairman of BWA Relief Committee)

Dr. Sadler expects to take part as a proxy for Ayorinde, of Nigeria. Mr. George B. Fraser is as yet undecided. E. D. Head, Duke K. McCall and Walter P. Binns have informed me that they cannot go. (Dr. Binns has appointed J. Nordenhaug his proxy.)

From the American Baptist Convention:

Reuben E. Nelson
Roger Frederikson
E. H. Pruden
Mrs. Frank Wigginton

Besides these, Jesse Wilson and John Skoglund of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and William Lippard and John Slemp of "Missions" magazine will take part as proxies (Slemp acting as proxy for Ramirez of Mexico.) The New York headquarters will thus be well represented.

Elmer Fridell and Luther Wesley Smith are, as far as I know, still undecided. E. T. Dahlberg is not going.

The Past-President, Oscar Johnson, is not likely to go, because of his recent accident.

All the European members of the Executive Committee are expected to be at Töllöse. From Burma we shall have U Ba Hmyin.

This meeting at Töllöse is not simply the annual business meeting of the B. W. A. Executive Committee. As many members as possible of the various B.W.A. Commissions are invited to be present, likewise a number of European leaders. A large part of the time will be given to sessions in which commission reports will be considered. In view of the World Conference on Faith and Order- the first such meeting since 1937 where Dr. Sampey gave his well known statement on the doctrine of the Church- which takes place at Lund, Sweden, August 15-28, it is of special importance that the Töllöse meeting should, if possible, be able to issue some statement concerning the Baptist view of the doctrines of the Church and of Baptism. It is evident that if such a statement is to be issued, we should be in a position to feel sure that it is truly representative of the main shades of Baptist thinking. A number of representatives from Britain and the American Baptist Convention are going on from Töllöse to Lund.

Furthermore, it is likely that the subject of European Baptist mission strategy, which received such attention at the London Conference of 1948, may play an important part in our deliberations. You may recall that secretaries Rankin and Sadler took part in that important meeting. I am happy to know that Dr. Dadler is planning to be at Töllöse. I trust that you will not think me importune if I express the hope that it might be possible for Dr. Rankin to go to Europe this summer. With his wide grasp of mission problems I feel that he can render us a distinctive service.

I feel sure that if Rankin, or Means(who took part in Cleveland), or Gill or you yourself could be with us at Töllöse, I shall have no difficulty in arranging for proxies for each one of yourfrom members like Head, McCall, Kawano, Canellini or Soren.

I know you will understand my purpose in writing to you on these matters. I am anxious that the meeting at Töllöse should be truly representative; and I am anxious that no Baptist leader in a position to contribute anything of value to our deliberations should be absent because he might think he might not be wanted.

May I in closing express my confidence that you will do what you can to insure that the Foreign Mission Board is represented as strongly as possible at the Töllöse meetings.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

ATO/JRF

A. T. Olson

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RETURN TO
MR. DEANE

Mr. Everett L. Deane
2037 Monument Avenue
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Dear Everett:

I am getting an early start this month and sending in the checks on the first day. You will find them inclosed.

Dr. Ohrn is expecting to be in Richmond from the 10th through the 15th, for Religious Focus Week at the University of Richmond. He will most likely be dropping by to see you folks some time during his stay.

We have been having a big time here with the Billy Graham meetings. He is drawing around 7,000 and 8,000 every night. I hope that much good may be done, for it is certainly needed. One night last week three delegations from Richmond came up, Grove Avenue Church, Woodland Heights and Hatcher Memorial. Many hundreds have come from Pennsylvania.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jessie R. Ford
Secretary to Dr. Ohrn

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Dr. Everett Gill
2037 Monument Avenue
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Dear Dr. Gill:

A Mr. Sowell here in Washington called me up today and informed me that Rev. Ricardo B. Alvarez from Montevideo is to be here in Washington on Sunday, February 17th, and that he wishes preaching engagements here on that date. He says that Mr. Alvarez is collecting money for some purpose. I suppose that the proper thing for me to do is to turn the matter over to Dr. Stith? *organ*

But I would like to check a matter with you: In the Copenhagen report of the Baptist World Alliance, page 169, I find a Rev. Ricardo Alvarez Blanco listed as a member of the Executive Committee representing Latin America. Am I right in assuming that this is the same man? That his name is Ricardo Alvarez Blanco, Spanish style, and Ricardo Blanco Alvarez, English style?

Re: Dr. Lord's tour. Some time ago the Baptist World Alliance received a contribution from El Salvador. We sent a letter of thanks, and mentioned the possibility of a visit from Dr. Lord.

Today I received a letter from the general missionary of Mision Bautista de el Salvador, Thomas F. F. Dixon, whose address is Apartado 84, San Salvador, El Salvador, C. A., Mr. Dixon writes:

"We were greatly delighted to hear of the trip of Dr. Townley Lord to Latin America in the fall of this year. By all means, do we want him to come to Salvador, if possible for more than one day, but for a day at least. If you will advise me please of the date of his arrival, I shall be very happy to arrange for him to see as much of our work as possible and for him to meet our pastors and people."

I thought you would like to have this information.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

ATO/JRF

Arnold T. Ohn

February 11, 1952

Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn
1628 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Dr. Ohrn:

In reply to your letter of February 4, Rev. Ricardo B. Alvarez of Montevideo is the individual who attended the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen as a representative of Latin America.

I have just received word from Dr. Lord concerning his tentative tour, and we are planning definitely for him to stop off in San Salvador. Thank you for the word from Mr. Dixon, whom I know quite well.

Sincerely,

Everett Gill, Jr.

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