



## BWA elects Aussie to follow McCall

by Roy Jennings

Amid challenges from former USA President Jimmy Carter and evangelist Billy Graham and stirred by reports from more than a dozen Baptist bodies almost 8000 delegates to the 15th Baptist World Congress spoke out on issues ranging from religious liberty to terrorism and chose an Australian educator to lead the Baptist World Alliance for the next five years.

During the six-day congress at the Los Angeles Convention Center the delegates, greeted by President Ronald Reagan by videotape and Los Angeles mayor Tom Bradley in person, were treated to a varied program which also drew upon colorful flag ceremonies, drama, exhibits, native costumes, festivals and music to develop the theme, "Out of Darkness into the Light of Christ."

Godfrey Noel Vose, principal of Baptist Theological College of Western Australia, Bentley, won the BWA presidency without opposition, replacing Duke McCall of Louisville.

Besides religious liberty and terrorism, the delegates took positions on racism, conflict in Nicaragua, peace and disarmament, world aid, Christian life styles and the United Nations.

In reaffirming "the cherished principle of religious liberty," the delegates urged all Baptists "to become more informed about the circumstances of other believers and to pray, speak and act in every way possible for the support and encouragement of the many thousands of Christians called upon to suffer for their faith in these days."

Efforts to amend a resolution to single out persecuted Baptists in Russia as an example failed.

The resolutions committee chose not to single out any one nation because it could have named a number of coun-

tries, a spokesman explained.

"Let's not for a moment run into the heresy that it's (the threat to religious liberty) confined to any one part of the world," he said.

In condemning racism in general and apartheid in particular the delegates declared "we urge Baptists everywhere to call upon their government to stand firmly against all forms of support for South Africa as long as apartheid remains on their statute book."

The resolution the delegates approved on terrorism called upon Baptists in every nation to urge their governments to condemn terrorism and to prevent its spread by refusing asylum or support for terrorists.

The practice of terrorism was labeled "a violation of international law and an assault on the conscience of humanity."

The resolution on Nicaragua called on all the powers concerned to "draw back from this dangerous confrontation by discontinuing the arms build-up and the economic blockade.

"We believe these can only add to the suffering already experienced by the people of Nicaragua (and) mean death and disease through lack of essential medical supplies and equipment and increased poverty and hunger through the breakdown of the nation's agriculture, industry and commerce. And it could lead to full scale war."

At the same time the delegates stressed through resolution the need for Baptists to adopt more simple life styles to facilitate sharing and communication throughout the Baptist world family.

"We urge Baptists everywhere to examine their ways of life in the light of scriptural injunctions to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, house the homeless, heal the sick, care for the disadvantaged and visit the prisoners," the resolution said.

Another resolution commended the work of the United Nations on its 40th anniversary for improving world health, curtailing drug traffic, improving the standard of living in developing countries, providing disaster relief and refugee aid, improving food production for the hungry and poor and reducing racial discrimination.

Baptists were challenged in the resolution to use the 40th anniversary to make a new commitment of prayer for the UN, promote interest and support for its programs and encourage worldwide rededication to the principles and purposes of its charter.

The delegates also used the 40th anniversary of the end of World War II to call on nations to end the conventional and nuclear arms race and to welcome current and November talks between leaders of the Soviet Union and the United States.

"We believe that peace and justice, according to the will of God, can be achieved in human society," the resolution said. "We see signs of hope in these days of international tension and we call upon all Christians to pray that these may be fulfilled."

During discussion the delegates also accepted an amendment urging all nuclear powers to enact immediately a verifiable moratorium on the manufacture of all nuclear weapons and to seek mutually the abolition by negotiation of all nuclear arms.

Gerhard Claas, general secretary of



**WORLD BAPTIST HEAD**—Godfrey Noel Vose, an Australian educator, was elected by his peers to head the Baptist World Alliance until 1990. He succeeds Duke K. McCall of Louisville.

the alliance, exhorted Baptists worldwide to strive for reconciliation among peoples and for peace on earth in his "state of the alliance" address.

"We are living under the steady threat of nuclear catastrophe. Baptist people therefore must give their very best possible support to any peace-making efforts. We must try to stop the arms race," Claas said.

Claas reported the alliance now consists of 134 member unions/conventions with a total membership of more than 34 million baptized believers.

Former President Carter drew repeated applause with his plea for fellow Baptists and other Christians to validate their Christianity by meeting human need and leading the fight against any form of human oppression.

The Southern Baptist laymen urged the Baptists to be certain they were following Christ's example in exhibiting qualities of peace, humility, concern for others, forgiveness, mercy, generosity and even a willingness to be persecuted in God's name.

Churches need to speak out more forcefully for the alleviation of human suffering and the protection of basic human rights.

Carter underscored the need to speak out for oppressed people wherever they are—in the Soviet Union, the migrants in this country or in any other nation.

Warning against relying too heavily upon political powers to achieve Christian goals, Carter said the superpowers in particular tend to believe that the "exertion of our enormous military strength is preferable to diplomacy and negotiation in the resolution of international differences and that the sale of military weapons is one of the best ways to expand our influence in the developing world.

"This is a tragic mistake and should never be condoned."

The delegates were buoyed by reports from its departments, commissions and committees, particularly the account of how BWA member bodies administered more than \$21 million in hunger relief around the globe in 1984.

Testimonies from lesser known Baptists like Aubrey Huskey of San Diego and Berhanu Habte, an Ethiopian physician, also stirred the delegates.

Huskey, a 41-year-old carpenter, organized an airlift of food supplies, blankets and medicine into Ethiopia.

Habte described a chilling 33 hours as a hostage of Arab terrorists while enroute to the world congress from Ethiopia and of the opportunity for Christian witness on TWA flight 847.

A project designed to provide a change of clothes for delegates from developing countries turned into a bonanza when generous delegates flooded the congress with extra clothing.

Instead of a single clothing change, departing delegates carted boxes of clothing back to their homelands.

In the presidential address McCall told the delegates that white Christians are a minority for the first time in 1000 years and urged black, brown, yellow and red Christians to move out ahead and lead in the name of Jesus Christ. Besides electing the 63-year-old Vose, first Australian to head the BWA, the delegates also chose 12 vice presidents, including Christine Gregory of Danville, Va., former president of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, as first vice president.

Other new vice presidents are Atinuke Bamijoko, Africa; Samson H. Chowdbury, Bangladesh; Rufese S. Escoe, Costa Rica; Peter Fehr, Minneapolis, Minn.; Roger Fredrikson, Wichita, Kan.; Josip Horak, Yugoslavia; Theodore J. Jemison, Baton Rouge, La.; Birgit Karlsson, Sweden; Billy Kim, Korea; Lorenzo Klink, Argentina; and Joao Makondekwa, Africa.

In other action the delegates voted to hold their next world congress the first full week of July, 1990 in Seoul, Korea.

A big disappointment to BWA leaders at the congress was the small crowd of less than 8000. They expected 20,000.

BWA leaders blamed other Baptist meetings scheduled immediately before and after the congress and the impact of the strong American dollar on other economies for the delegate shortfall.

In the closing address, Graham, the international evangelist, challenged the delegates to become "hard men" for Jesus Christ.

Hard men, Graham explained, are those who deny self and follow Christ even unto death.

"That's the kind of Baptists it's going to take to spread the gospel around the world in these closing years of this 20th century."

Graham urged the delegates to return to their first spiritual love, look for open doors of opportunity and go with Christ's presence and power.

"God will open doors of opportunity for you," Graham declared. "The technology is at our disposal to touch the whole world with the gospel."

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**Jack D. Sanford**

## The Baptist World Alliance

The 15th meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Los Angeles week before last was a sobering, informative meeting in which I learned some important things about our Baptist family.

I learned that the Southern Baptist Convention, though the largest Baptist body in the world, is not alone in internal struggles. We learned from one Baptist group on the other side of the world that an issue disturbing their fellowship is the question: Should the bread be broken before or after partaking of the Lord's Supper? It is a sad commentary on our lack of maturity when quibbles rob us of energy to do significant work for Christ.

I learned there is wide diversity in our Baptist family. For example, the Seventh Day Baptists closed their booth in the exhibition hall on Saturday because that is their day of worship. Every other day they were involved in sharing a good time in prayer, praise and worship with all the rest of us, yet spoke eloquently through that closed booth. We got the message that Seventh Day Baptists have strong convictions not shared by the rest of the Baptist family, yet that did not stop us from fellowship in evangelism and missions.

I learned that the difference among us can be even more far reaching when I saw the Asian booth on the plaza during the fellowship period Wednesday afternoon. The Asians had paper lanterns hanging about their booth which advertised beer and sake—a jarring note to Baptists from North America.

I learned that God is moving in a mighty way among Baptists in many countries, especially Brazil and Korea, where great growth is underway. Billy Kim from Korea reminded us that Pentecostalism did not start in Korea, but the largest Pentecostal church in the world is in Korea; that Methodism did not start in Korea, but the largest Methodist church in the world is in Korea; that Presbyterianism did not start in Korea, but the largest Presbyterian church in the world is in Korea; that Baptists did not start in Korea, but that by the next BWA meeting in Korea in 1990, the largest Baptist church in the world will be in Korea. His confidence in the growth potential of Korean Baptists is not misplaced since these Baptists are growing by leaps and bounds.

I learned the BWA is composed of 134 different member bodies. This world wide Baptist family includes 125,767 churches with more than 34 million members scattered through more than 100 countries of the world.

I learned that many Baptist pastors in undeveloped countries do not have Bibles, much less theological literature. But I also learned our brothers and sisters of the American Baptist Convention raised enough money to provide pastors from these undeveloped countries copies of Barclay's Bible Commentary. More than 600 sets were given to BWA registrants in Los Angeles, with 200 more scheduled to be mailed to libraries in third world countries.

I learned our Southern Baptist people are largely responsible for a mini library project to provide books to our Baptist people in the third world. The mini library project was a dream of Grady Cothen, retired president of the Baptist Sunday School Board. To date, 1100 mini libraries have been distributed to Baptist leaders in 43 countries.

I learned that hatred, bigotry and fanaticism are still part of the religious world. This was illustrated by the constant harassment of messengers on the plaza surrounding the entrances to the convention hall. During the entire BWA meeting persons opposed to communism ranted at messengers for allowing Russian Baptists to display the Soviet flag and participate on the BWA program. During the impressive closing ceremony when the flag of each nation is presented and the word of scripture quoted, one of the radicals leaped onto the platform and attempted to snatch the Soviet flag away from the young man who was holding it. There is no consolation in these ugly displays of ignorance.

Perhaps the greatest lesson I learned from my first BWA as an editor is that God is truly no respecter of persons. His Spirit is at work in the great industrial centers of the west and in the agricultural hinterlands of the third world. He is calling out a people from all races—red and yellow, black and white without regard to color, culture or educational attainment.

The world is ripe for a great spiritual revival and Southern Baptists must get in step with the Holy Spirit. The fields are white and we are able, but do we have the will to commit ourselves to the task of evangelism and missions? God will not wait and unless we get our house in order the Lord will pass us by in favor of others less bogged down in conflict.

Let us pray for one another and give ourselves to the preaching and living of the gospel. We can be leaders among our world wide Baptist family, but we must do it now before our time slips by, and the Lord turns to a more obedient, loving, Christlike people.

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# mountains to the mississippi



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## clear creek comment

### Welcome home

Clear Creek is a school and it is a vital Kentucky Baptist agency. But Clear Creek is also a family and our family togetherness is stressed here. We are a family of the Lord and we are a part of the worldwide family of God.

Our family has a home and Clear Creek stands for home in the hearts of innumerable Baptists. Home is where the heart is and I like to think of Clear Creek as home for those who know the Lord.

We have a hospitable home at Clear Creek. Robert Frost said, "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in." You will always find a gracious welcome at Clear Creek. Come to visit us this summer and prove that my assertion is true.

You will always find the presence of the Lord at Clear Creek. There is a sweet, sweet spirit in this place. If you want to enjoy Christian fellowship, visit us at Clear Creek! Anne Marriott speaks of this in a contemporary poem:

"I sought him in a great cathedral,  
dim/With age, where oft-repeated  
prayers arise,/But caught no glimpse of  
him./I sought him then atop a lonely  
hill,/Like Moses once, but though I  
scanned the skies,/My search was  
fruitless still./There was a little home  
where grief and care/Had bred but  
courage, love and valiant will, I sought  
—and found him there."

Once you have been to Clear Creek you will want to come back. We look forward expectantly to visitors at Clear Creek everyday. We are not surprised that they are just as eager to return for a visit as we are to have them.

May I paraphrase John Payne's classic song:

"Mid pleasures and palaces though  
we may roam,/Be it ever so humble,  
Clear Creek is your home;/A charm  
from the sky seems to hallow us there,  
Which, sought through the world, is  
ne'er met with elsewhere."

In just a few days we will have our annual alumni conference (Aug. 5-6).

Our graduates will be coming literally from all over the earth to see not be again. Even though you may not be an alumnus of this great school, we belong to you and all who love the Lord and preach the gospel belong to us. Come see us at Clear Creek—we'll give you a hearty "Welcome Home"!

### personnel

**Henry T. Parrott** (see photo) became director of missions of Taylor County Association last month.

Parrott has been director of missions in six other Kentucky Baptist associations during the past 29 years. He also has pastored several churches.

Parrott is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville; Campbells-ville (Ky.) College and Georgetown (Ky.) College. He is a native of Willow Town.

**Joe Pat Winchester** (see photo) began duties as pastor of Cerulean Baptist Church, Little River Association, July 14.

Winchester had been pastor of Squiresville Baptist Church, Owenton, Owen County Association. He graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in May.

**Earl Hacker** retired as pastor of Hope-well Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, Mercer Association, after 13 years as pastor. He was honored with an appreciation dinner May 26.

He has pastored churches in Hamilton, Oh. and in Kentucky in Lincoln, Woodford and Mercer counties.

**Jimmy Morrison** will retire as associate pastor of Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Independence, Northern Kentucky Association, July 21.

Morrison, who has been at Hickory Grove nine years, will assume part time duties as director of food services at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

**Sherl Thomas** accepted the pastorate of Kiddville Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

**Ronnie Stone** has been called as youth minister of Northside Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

**Oliver Sanders** accepted the call as pastor of East Fork Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

**Perry Mosley** was called as pastor of Rosine Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

**Jerry Hopkins**, pastor of Reidland Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association, was honored by the congregation for his 25 years in the ministry.

**Robert Copley** was called as pastor of Riverview Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

**Gabriel R. Collett** accepted the call as pastor of Corinth Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

**Bruce Maples** resigned as minister of music at Calvary Baptist Church, Liberty Association, to accept a similar position at Ridgeview Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

**James Horn** resigned as pastor of New Liberty Baptist Church, Liberty Association, and returned to his home in Whitesmill.

**James Vaughn** was called as pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

**Robert Hanses** was called as pastor of Park City Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

**Tim Najpover**, a student at Campbells-



Parrott



Winchester

ville College, became pastor of Rowletts Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

**John Lott** accepted the call as pastor of Smiths Grove Baptist Church, Warren Association.

**Jackie Cardwell** began duties as interim pastor of Dedicated Baptist Church, Warren Association.

### missions

**Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Benningfield**, members of Cadiz Baptist Church, Little River Association, are in Kenya for five weeks' volunteer service.

Benningfield, director of missions for Little River Association, is teaching pastors in the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) program. Mrs. Benningfield (Norma Lee) is working as a librarian in the TEE program.

**Donald Eugene Phelps**, pastor of Locust Grove Baptist Church, Cadiz, Little River Association, is in Kenya helping to build a house for a teacher in the Theological Education by Extension program.

**Mr. and Mrs. E. Stanton Marcum**, members of Central Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, are doing three to four weeks of volunteer work in Kenya. Accompanying the Marcums are their daughters, Lee Ellen, 19, and Kate Elizabeth, 13.

Marcum is using his skills as an architect to help design church buildings and other buildings for the Baptist Convention of Kenya. Mrs. Marcum (Marjorie) and her two daughters will assist in a clinic ministry at Mathari Valley in Nairobi.

**Cindy Beaks**, a member of First Baptist Church, Russell, Greenup Association, has been appointed by the Home Mission Board to work at the Baptist Center in Tucson, Ariz. this summer.

**Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Duvall**, missionaries to Indonesia, have completed furlough and returned to the field (Box 1, Kediri, Indonesia 64102).

He is a native of Lexington. The former Sarah Eddleman, she was born in Tiberias, Palestine and grew up in New Orleans, La., Louisville and Georgetown.

Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1972 both were practicing medicine in New Orleans.

### ordinations

**Paul Wilson, Cleo Goodlett, John David Lane and Danny Broce** were ordained as deacons May 26 by Hopewell Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, Mercer Association.

**Nathan Whisnant** was ordained to the ministry by Southside Baptist Church, Boonville, Ind. Marvin Whisnant, Nathan's father, delivered the ordination message.

The younger Whisnant is pastor of



**Carol Sutherland** of Madisonville, Baptist Student Union president at Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, discusses ideas with **Mike Weaver**, assistant campus ministries director at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, during a summer training program for BSU presidents at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Clear Fork Baptist Church, Eli, Russell County Association. After he completes his studies at Campbellsville College in December he plans to enter Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

**Roger Greer** was ordained as a deacon by Allen Grove Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

### congregations

**Hyattsville Baptist Church**, Lancaster, South District Association, dedicated a 300-seat sanctuary and educational space May 19.

R. Douglas Sharon is pastor.

**Greasy Creek Baptist Church**, Greensburg, Russell Creek Association, donated \$752 toward the building of two church buildings in Kenya.

The congregation made the donation after learning from C. Benton Williams, director of the Missions and Church Services Division of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, that a Kenyan church building can be constructed for \$500. The church requested a church be built and the remaining portion be used toward construction of another building. Wilburn Bonta is pastor.

**Buffalo Baptist Church**, Severns Valley Association, had its youth group participate in a retreat June 15-21 in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

During the retreat the group presented the musical "Part the Waters Lord" at two churches. As a result of the retreat, one profession of faith was recorded among the youth and two were accepted into the church by baptism.

**Mt. Hermon Baptist Church**, Bedford, White's Run Association, celebrated its 75th anniversary with a homecoming service July 16.

**James Wright**, pastor of the church from 1971-72, was guest speaker. He is pastor of First Baptist Church, Appalachia, Va. Samuel P. Roberts is pastor of Mt. Hermon.

**East Hickman Baptist Church**, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, celebrated its 198th anniversary and homecoming June 30.

Clarence Brock, former pastor of the church, was guest speaker. Richard Wilkins is pastor.

# Louisville church extends welcome to handicapped persons

by Patrick Cole, Staff Writer

When Shively Baptist Church says "everybody is welcome," the congregation is serious about the invitation.

The Louisville church extends its welcome to all including those with mental and physical handicaps.

"If Southern Baptist churches are going to minister to the community, how can we knock on the door and say 'you can come and you cannot come'?" asked Anne Smith, a staff minister.

Mrs. Smith, minister to children, began directing the church's handicapped ministries when she joined the staff seven years ago. While the church tries to meet the needs of physically handicapped people, it is in the area of the mentally handicapped the church has done the most extensive work.

"These people are your next door neighbors, but many churches fail to recognize it," Mrs. Smith declared.

The goal of the ministry is not to separate the mentally handicapped from others in the church but to integrate them into Sunday school classes. Yet the church maintains a separate department for those who are either "profoundly retarded" or simply not yet ready to be mainstreamed.

A team of 12 volunteers staff the special department with four volunteers working each Sunday morning and evening session. "We have as many men ministering (in the special department) as women. This is our goal," explained Mrs. Smith.

Fran Schiesser, who is director of the department, has "compassion beyond any Christian I've seen," Mrs. Smith allowed. She said the lay volunteers often had more patience and understanding with the mentally retarded person than special education professionals.

Many times families cannot attend



A recent vacation Bible school included children who had both mental and physical handicaps.

church because a family member has to stay home with a mentally retarded relative, Mrs. Smith observed. "We will provide as best we can for those (mentally handicapped) persons so families can attend church and Bible study together."

Yet she insists the department is not "just a baby sitting session." Sunday school materials are adapted for each individual in accordance with mental capabilities. Many of the class members are "prone to illness," making absenteeism a common occurrence, Mrs. Smith shared. However, materials are taken to their homes by a teacher along with appropriate activities.

Some of the department's members are not ambulatory and are confined to "care chairs." Others are unable to communicate with the outside world. Yet there are some who will eventually be placed in a traditional Sunday school class.

The department serves retarded adults as well as children. Mrs. Smith

said one young man will soon be transferred into a young adults' class. Class members are anticipating his arrival, and he will participate on Sunday mornings and in other class functions.

Children are mainstreamed into regular classes with both mental capabilities and physical size taken into consideration.

For example, Mrs. Smith said a 12-year-old child with the intelligence of a five-year-old would not be placed in a class for five-year-olds. The child might be placed in a nine-year-old group so physical differences would not be as great. She said too much physical disparity would cause difficulties with the child's self esteem.

What is her philosophy for attending to the needs of retarded children? "A child is more a child than handicapped," believes Mrs. Smith. "The thing that turns on a regular child is the favorite thing of a mentally retarded child."

A favorite activity of many children is

vacation Bible school each summer. The church recently gave its mentally handicapped participants an opportunity to attend.

Regardless of their degree of retardation, all who attended were members of a traditional Bible school class.

Extra volunteers helped with the children who were mainstreamed. Children were also educated about what to expect when they came to Bible school this year.

Mrs. Smith said the children were shy about associating with the handicapped youngsters at the beginning of the week. Yet as the week continued the children began to "gravitate more closely" toward the retarded children.

What about the prospects of retarded persons making professions of faith and becoming church members? "We would present them at their own ability level," answered Mrs. Smith. "We don't expect an eight-year-old to have the same understanding as a 25-year-old."

She believes "God only expects us to take him (the retarded person) as far as his mental ability will allow."

Mrs. Smith stresses that churches have a biblical imperative to minister to those with any type of handicap. "We find Jesus never said come to the tabernacle or come to the temple and receive my father's love," she reminds. "He met them where they were."

Therefore, she maintains churches "must meet people unconditionally."

For churches interested in beginning ministries to the handicapped, Mrs. Smith recommends a booklet titled *Tykoa* written by Wally Miller, associate in Kentucky's Sunday School Department. The book deals with ministries to the deaf, blind and mentally retarded. It may be obtained by contacting the Sunday School Department, Middletown.

## Long Run Association celebrates freedom with outdoor concert

by Susan Shaw, State Correspondent

Americans— young, old, Baptist, non-Baptist, casually attired, dressed up, red, yellow, black and white—gathered on Louisville's Belvedere, overlooking the Ohio River, July 2 to hear Freedom Song '85, a musical presentation by combined choirs and orchestras of Long Run Baptist Association churches.

As the crowd sat in lawn chairs, stood or lounged on the grass, magician David Garrard made "Old Glory" appear and introduced the program as an opportunity to think about the freedom "we enjoy" in America and the freedom "that is ours in Jesus Christ."

The choir, under the direction of Eugene Sutherland, minister of music at Walnut Street Baptist Church, and the orchestra, directed by Larry Mayo, minister of music at Ballardsville Baptist Church, then opened Freedom Song with a heritage medley of "This Is My Country," "My Country 'Tis of Thee," "America" and "God of Our Fathers."

Master of ceremonies Garrard interspersed illusion and sleight of hand throughout the program, along with a simple, but to-the-point presentation of the gospel.

Marilee Herbert-Slater, associate di-

rector of Actors Theatre of Louisville and member of Walnut Street Church, performed a dramatic reading of the Gettysburg Address, accompanied by a background of patriotic music by the orchestra.

Freedom Song '85 was coordinated by Margaret DeWitt, volunteer music director for Long Run Association and member of St. Matthews Baptist Church.

According to Miss DeWitt, Freedom Song was a celebration of freedom in country and freedom in Christ. "As Christians we are good citizens of our country," she said. "But ultimately our freedom is in Jesus Christ."

The audience was receptive and enthusiastic. Mrs. Ivan K. Baker, a member of Highview Baptist Church, pointed out that having watched the hostages' release only a short while earlier she realized what a privilege she had to come to Freedom Song and to talk about freedom.

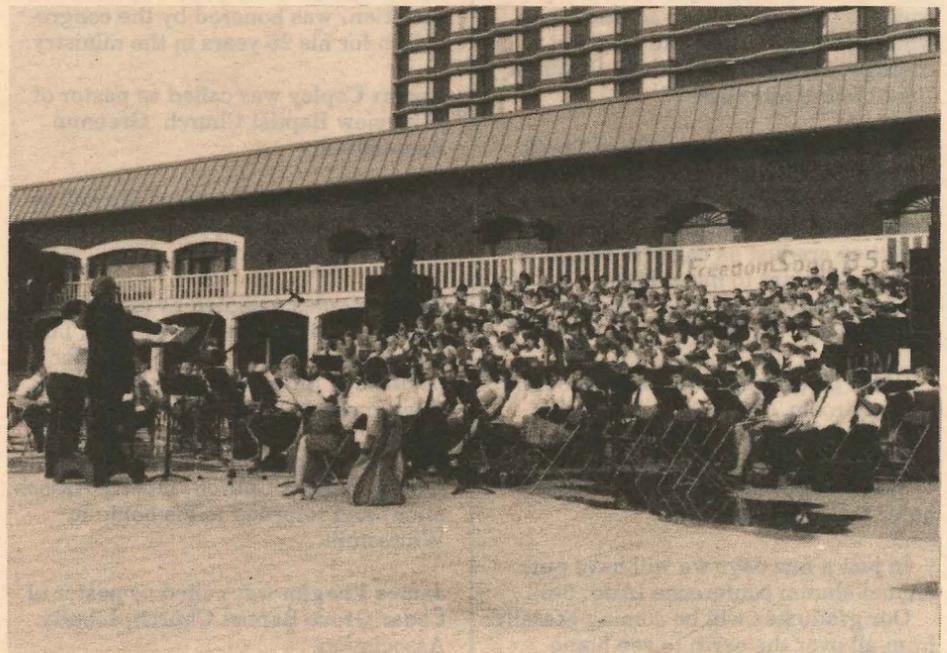
Zora McElwain, a member of Jones Memorial United Methodist Church for 58 years, commented on the impressive variety of music performed by the orchestra and choir. Rebecca Jewell, a member of Midland Park Baptist Church and a former Kentucky Bap-

tist summer missionary to West Virginia, noted the program provided "good visibility" for Christians who are "proud of America."

William P. Tuck, pastor of St. Matthews Baptist Church, described Freedom Song as appealing not only to

Baptists but also to persons on the street. He said the patriotism was authentic without being overly sentimental.

This was the second year of Freedom Song and plans are already underway for Freedom Song '86.



Freedom celebration

Combined choirs and orchestras of Long Run Association churches presented Freedom Song '85, a program of patriotic music July 2 on Louisville's Belvedere. Directing the choir is Eugene Sutherland, and conducting the orchestra is Larry Mayo.

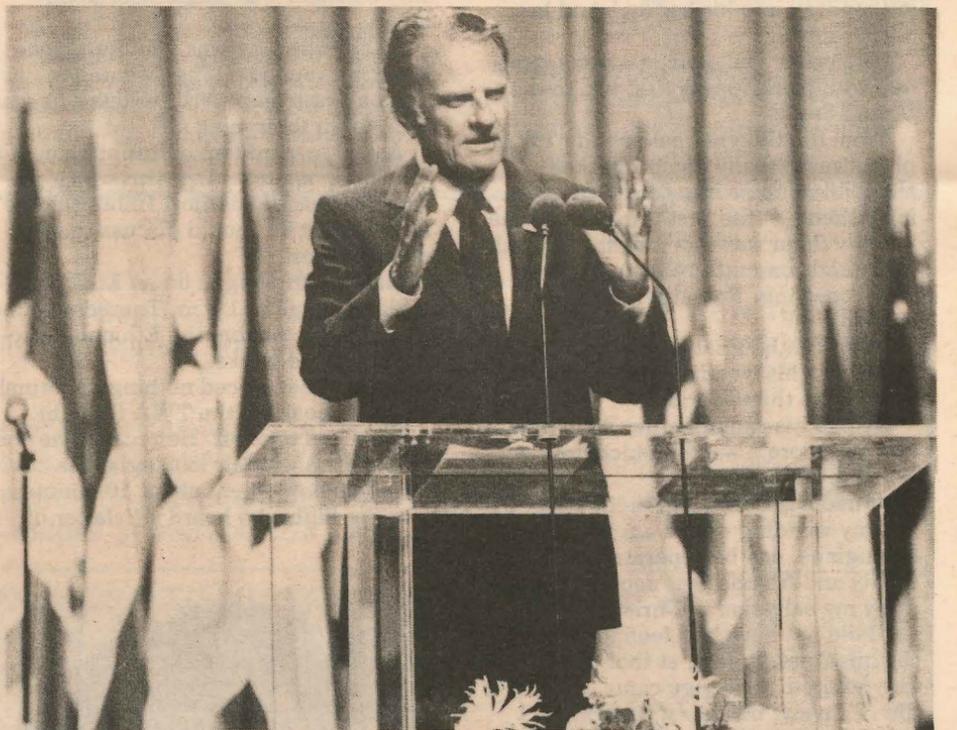


Cultural and ethnic differences of Baptists around the world were evident throughout the 15th Baptist World Congress. A July 4 global fellowship celebration included these dancing Mexican Baptists.

# Baptist World Congress offers variety of cultures, speakers in Los Angeles



Kentucky Baptist Convention president James Lewis makes a point to Trennis Henderson, associate editor of Word and Way, newsjournal of the Missouri Baptist Convention, and former Western Recorder intern.



Evangelist Billy Graham, aided by a cortisone shot, preached despite doctor's orders after breaking three ribs the week before.



Former U. S. President Jimmy Carter urged Christians to validate their Christianity by meeting human needs and leading the fight against human oppression.



Kentucky native Barry Stricker, manager of the Baptist Bookstore at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal., directed the congress bookstore.

# Ethiopian recalls TWA hijacking enroute to L. A.

by Bob Stanley

A 33-year-old Ethiopian Baptist physician sat quietly behind the speakers' platform at the 15th Baptist World Congress and told how trust in God had seen him through 33 hours as a passenger aboard hijacked TWA flight 847 before his release in Algiers, Saturday, June 15.

Berhanu Habte, a layman and chairman of the Baptist Evangelical Association of Ethiopia, was on his way to the congress in Los Angeles when he boarded the TWA plane in Athens, Greece.

A week before, during a prayer time he has daily when he returns home from work at an Ethiopian government hospital, he said the thought of a possible hijacking had crossed his mind.

"I dismissed it from my mind because I normally have positive thoughts. It was so strange."

But the next day, he was again in his prayer time.

"This time it (the thought of hijacking) came again, very clearly, and came at a time when I was not bothered with details about the trip. I took it seriously and prayed about it. I said, 'I will commit my way into his hands.' And he takes control."

He said he had no fear—and continued with plans for his first trip to the United States.

From the time he realized the TWA plane was actually being hijacked—about 10 minutes into the air after leaving Athens—"the first thing that came into my mind was this prayer. To think that I had committed this to God was very consoling. From the outset, I trusted."

Later, on the final leg of the flight, Habte lost his wedding ring and "a few dollars" to the terrorists.

He had his camera around his neck and also wore a watch, which he wasn't asked to surrender.

"I had a good time of meditation. I lost my wedding ring. I am losing my belongings, can be separated from family and friends, but nobody can take away my salvation in Christ."

"I did not have bad feelings toward the hijackers. In fact, at that point, I got very excited. A change came over my life . . . a joy, boldness, assurance. I told the people around me to have faith in God, he will deliver us."

The man sitting next to him, whose wife had been taken off the plane with most of the other women, asked him if he was a Christian. When the doctor said that he was, the man reached over and hugged him, then called out to another passenger, "Have faith in God—me and this man here are Christians. Everything will be all right."

Habte, a kidney specialist who did two years of advanced study in Glasgow, Scotland, said his wife, Almaz, 27, did not know he had been aboard the hijacked plane until missionaries of the Baptist General Conference informed her after he was released.

He still had not talked with her or their one-year-old daughter, Peniel, a name he said comes from Gen. 32:30, but that he will be "going right back to Ethiopia after the Baptist conference ends."

Until he agreed to an interview in L.A. he said he had not talked with anyone from the press. Not until the hostages had been released, he said, did he feel he could talk about his experiences on the flight.

Habte was one of five persons who gave brief testimonies during a Baptist World Aid report Friday night. In his account of the needs in his country he made no mention of the hijacking. But Archie R. Goldie referred to it in his closing remarks.

The physician said the young American killed by the hijackers was seated two rows behind him (in row 13).

Robert Dean Stethem, a U. S. Navy petty officer and diver, was beaten during the plane's first stop in Beirut.

"They took him off in Beirut. He was beaten and the stewardess helped him back to his seat. Her shirt was stained with his blood. I was hearing him. The hostess offered him some aspirin."

But Habte said he heard the young man for the last time when he was moved up into the first class section of the plane.

"I heard a feeble groaning from the first class coach but I couldn't make out anything else."

He said he did not hear when Stethem was shot.

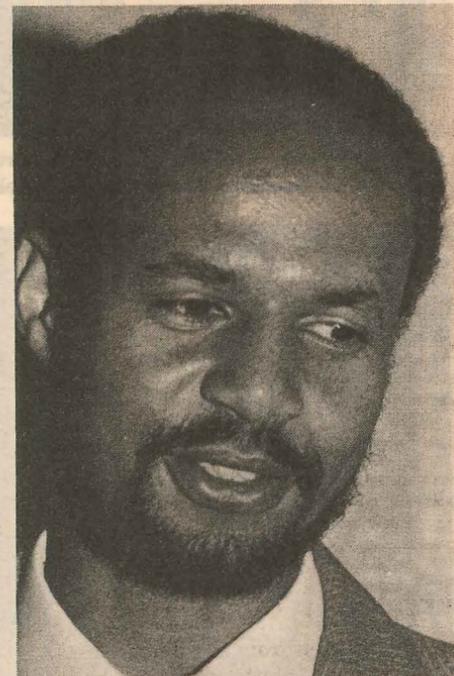
As the doctor recounted his experience, another congress participant standing by asked if he had any idea why Stethem was singled out to be killed.

"They knew he was a military person," he replied. "They wanted to demonstrate they were serious—he was a threat in their mind."

Asked to comment on his opinion of a resolution against terrorism which the congress passed earlier, Habte said he didn't think he should discuss the situation further.

Habte's trip began on an Ethiopian Airlines plane at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 13, in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital where he works.

He said he noticed nothing abnormal when he boarded the TWA flight in Athens and took off. He recalled he was seated by a window looking at the islands below when, about 10 minutes into the flight, he heard a "clatter of noise."



**Berhanu Habte, chairman of the Baptist Evangelical Association of Ethiopia, was enroute to the United States and the 15th Baptist World Congress when terrorists hijacked the plane. Habte, a physician, was among the first hostages released from TWA flight 847 but had not talked about the ordeal with reporters until arriving in Los Angeles.**

"We were then informed that a hijacking was taking place, that we might go to either Beirut or Algiers. There was not enough fuel for Algiers, so it was decided to go to Beirut."

While they were still in the heads-down position they were asked for their passports and if any Israelis were on the plane.

"They were also asking for American diplomats. After this we gave her (the German stewardess) our passports. The hijackers themselves took up some of the passports."

"They moved the first class passengers into the back of the plane, clearing the first class section."

After things stabilized Habte said they were allowed to look up. The hijackers appeared calmer, and they permitted the stewardess to give them drinks of water.

He said most of the passengers were mature; there was a group that had been on a Holy Land tour. But those being transferred from first class were "obviously frightened."

Later, the passengers were allowed to go to the toilet, one by one. The hijackers "sort of conducted traffic," the doctor said.

"As a Christian, I took this (their change of attitude) to mean that another hand of God had restrained these people. I was sorry for them (the hijackers)."

After about two hours they were told to put their heads down again as they approached Beirut. After the plane landed, some passengers were called out by name; some were pointed out to get off.

Habte said it was obvious the hijackers were worried, concerned about their project, but really not appearing very hostile toward the passengers at large.

He felt the beating of the Navy man was a "means of letting us know their objective."

But the doctor found himself calm during the three hours the plane was on the ground in Beirut. "Sometimes I was tempted to take pictures." He didn't.

When they took off from Beirut the passengers were not told where they were going. "I guessed Algiers because I would see the direction, the water and the coastline (through the window)."

It was almost dark by the time they arrived in Algiers. Again, as they landed, the passengers were told to put their heads down. "It was a good time and position for prayer, to really see God was in control. In my mind I turned over God's promises. I was also praying for the hijackers, so young but in a very deadly business. I prayed for everybody there."

Habte said that, although his passport indicated he was a doctor, the hijackers apparently never seemed aware of this fact. He thought there was another doctor, an American, also on the flight.

After some hours—"it was hard to keep time exactly"—he noticed the plane moving again; the sign said to fasten seat belts. Once airborne, they were not told where they were heading, but Habte said he felt it was Beirut. Nothing much happened during the night flight, and they arrived in Beirut about 2 a.m.

This time the hijacked plane was refused permission to land. The passengers were told on the public address system to prepare for a crash landing. There was tension, Habte admits. But

he thought another time: even this he can handle.

After five minutes or so the captain came on the P.A. system, said the problem had been solved. The landing was normal.

There was a moment of silence as the plane stopped. "Then quite a number of people boarded the plane. At first I thought they were policemen; there was a lot of noise, people's names were called out. The name of the woman sitting next to me was called and she was taken off. Her husband, seated on the aisle, was worried (he met her later in Paris)."

Mostly, Habte said, they took women off, also some children.

By that time it was actually dawn. The other passengers were allowed to look up. He recalled the new persons who had come aboard to join the hijackers were "Stout-looking people" carrying weapons. Then he realized they were terrorists.

Among the new group that got on in Beirut was one who spoke English. He explained that the hijacking was to put pressure on Israel to release their friends and that they had "nothing against us."

The passengers were given bread, an orange and an apple. Then the plane took off again about 5:30 a.m. Saturday, June 15.

This time the terrorists took money, jewelry and watches, including Habte's wedding ring and a few dollars.

That was when the doctor experienced the strong sense of God's assurance and began sharing this with those around him.

When the plane landed in Algiers that afternoon they told us the Greek government had promised to free one of their friends who had been detained in Athens.

"If this friend comes to Algiers they told us they would release all Greek persons and all females."

By this time, the doctor said, he wasn't very impressed with their promises.

But soon the hijackers started to separate the Greek passengers and females, asking them to move to the back of the plane. Over 50 were released.

"Towards the end they came to me. An Italian also was released."

He said he felt they knew he was Ethiopian and this was one reason they did not detain him; but a few others, including older persons, also were later released.

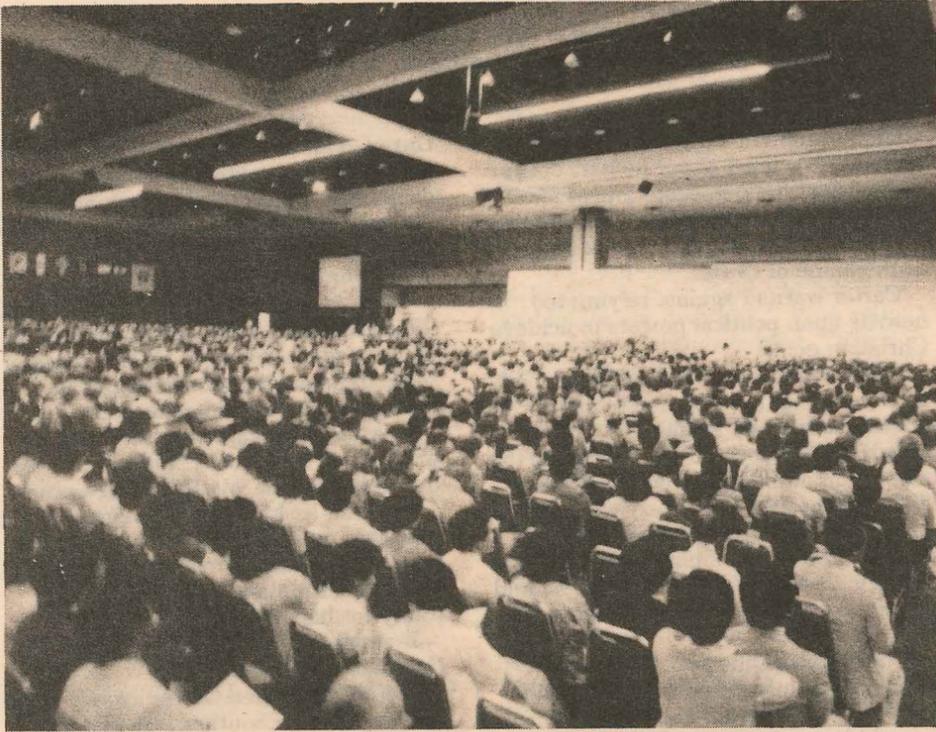
Then the Lebanese who had been held in Athens arrived, and about 6 p.m. Habte and those with him were released.

Asked his sensations on being allowed to leave the plane, he said, "I really felt as secure as ever."

TWA people, the press and U. S. embassy representatives were waiting for him in the airport terminal. He was taken to a hotel in Algiers.

The next day Habte and the others were taken on a chartered plane to Paris. He said everyone was "really very helpful." They got new passports from the American embassy but were told to avoid press interviews for fear it would jeopardize the remaining hostages.

As Habte prepared to leave the Los Angeles Convention Center, delegates wished him well, including one minister who asked to give him \$2000 for Ethiopian relief.



### Kentuckians were there

About 8000 persons participated in the 15th Baptist World Congress July 2-7 in Los Angeles. While many traveled from other continents, Kentuckians were present to support presiding officer Duke K. McCall of Louisville.

## Kentuckians in L. A. find things 'kinda nice'

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

In Dallas, they are called "messengers." In Los Angeles, "delegates."

Only five "delegates" from the Southern Baptist Convention other than program personalities were permitted to attend the pre-Baptist World Congress women's conference at L. A.

Doris Mullendore of Bowling Green was one of the five and Dee Gilliland of Middletown was on the program.

Mrs. Mullendore, immediate past state Woman's Missionary Union president, said she was "startled" and never expected to be "so honored."

She also said she was surprised so much of the congress "has been in English." While congress presiding officer Duke K. McCall of Louisville announced that 208 million Baptists around the globe spoke Spanish to only 196 million Baptists speaking English, Mrs. Mullendore asserted that she's impressed and intends to take a class in conversational Spanish so "I may speak it, too."

She said it appeared at this meeting "the only thing Baptists couldn't control" was the heat. (It was 102 degrees on several days in L. A.) She claimed the absence of dissension so prevalent at Dallas made this a "much more enjoyable meeting."

Mrs. Gilliland, state WMU executive director, picked up on this theme.

It's a "shame" Southern Baptists "are not more tolerant of one another," she allowed. She claimed that in L. A. Baptists of the world were showing a love "that transcends language."

Our basic beliefs and tenets are "the same" while "our skin is different," said Mrs. Gilliland.

She said the women's meetings were "exceptionally good," although she was "disappointed" in the crowd size at the congress itself.

Both Mrs. Mullendore and Mrs. Gilliland led a 15-minute small group prayer time, each morning in one of the

downtown hotels during the congress.

Other Kentuckians in Los Angeles had equally optimistic reactions to the congress.

George G. Ramey, of Williamsburg, director of business affairs at Cumberland College, referred to it as "a good experience." He traveled with 16 Kentuckians on a Western Recorder-sponsored air charter and said it was a "congenial group." The group was housed about 15 minutes' drive from the convention center, and traveled in L. A. by rental vans.

Georgetown College president W. Morgan Patterson and his wife maintained a Georgetown booth in the heart of the exhibit hall during the congress.

He said the school probably had the "best location" in the hall for its exhibit. The Pattersons "met so many (people)" who were "unaware of Georgetown and are interested in it," said the college president, "particularly from American Baptist churches and from other countries." He said the congress had been "very beneficial to us."

Dr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Quinn of Louisville were "very pleased" by all they experienced at the congress. They were on a tour of the west, having been to the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, to state music clinics in California, the congress and then on to music week at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly.

Quinn is state music director for Kentucky Baptists. Mrs. Quinn has devoted much of her life to working with international students, and found many friends in the crowd at L. A.

KBC president James B. Lewis, pastor of Louisville's Westport Road Baptist Church, called the congress "really kinda nice." He said he saw nothing "to get disturbed over out here," an obvious reference to the Baptist "shoot-out" in Dallas. He liked the absence of the controversy and the smallness of the crowds.

## Congress impressions

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

**CONGRESS OF CONTRASTS.** To Southern Baptists who attended their own convention in annual session three weeks earlier, it would be difficult not to draw comparisons between Dallas and Los Angeles events. These readily come to the forefront.

**SIZE**—Perhaps as many as 60,000 persons in Dallas; less than 10,000 at L. A. Restaurants and rest rooms perennially vacant at L. A., a welcome respite for any Dallas messenger.

**WEATHER**—Unquestionably hot in Dallas as temperatures soared in the high 80s and low 90s, reaching 98 Saturday before the convention opened. But it all seemed like Alaska in L. A. where 102 was the order of the day on several consecutive days. We personally experienced 115 degrees at a pre-congress event at Palm Springs.

**V. LUES**—Costs in L. A. generally no more than Dallas, perhaps less. Facilities equal to or better than Dallas.

**SPIRIT**—Far, far superior in L. A. "Nary was heard a discouraging word." Russell Dilday, Southwestern Seminary president, was warmly welcomed to the platform to lead a Bible study in L. A. He might not have received universal approval in Dallas. All prominent SBC fundamentalist leaders conspicuously absent in L. A. It was a love feast as Baptists of the world gathered as one, even though their skins and tongues were different.

**SCHEDULE**—Much more relaxed in L. A. While the SBC sets three sessions every day except one, BWA plans two daily sessions with afternoons open for small group meetings, relaxation and sightseeing. It was a departure from the rugged routine of Dallas and appreciated by the L. A. crowd.

**IDENTIFICATION**—While plastic badges dotted dresses and lapels of messengers to the SBC, handsome souvenir pins readily identified congress participants in the hall as well as on streets and in restaurants. It was an instant way to know who was in the group, without the obvious method of being "tagged" by a convention.

**IMPACT**—A tremendous influence on the local populace in Dallas, largely due to the sheer volume of people and the controversy surrounding it. Influence almost nil in L. A. Most residents were unaware of Baptists' presence. We personally never read a line in any of the L. A. dailies about Baptists being in town, although a local reporter told us there was a small item one day. This pathetic coverage was unbelievable in light of addresses by President Reagan [via videotape], the L. A. mayor, Jimmy Carter and Billy Graham, plus the fact Baptists have received such notoriety this summer. Even other hotel guests seemed oblivious to any convention going on. The message seemed clear: how quickly Baptists are forgotten when they have nothing to squabble over.

**KENYANS IN L. A.** There were five men and women from the Kenya Baptist Convention in attendance at the congress, including newly elected moderator [president] Arthur Kinyanjui of Nakuru and newly elected vice moderator [and immediate past moderator] Morris Wanje of Malindi. Kenya is Kentucky Baptists' partnership nation and we were particularly interested in these delegates' assessments of their

experience in L. A. Wanje, who traveled with the partnership survey team from Kentucky across Kenya last year, compared the meeting in L. A. to his first Baptist World Congress in 1980 at Toronto, Canada. "One thing that is encouraging to me is the number of Asians and Africans who are here," he said. "Their number is increasing. We are in the majority here. The family of Baptists is certainly growing." He expressed his appreciation for Kentuckians, and said, "We want to learn, and you can help us learn better ways to do the gospel."

**MISCELLANEA.** BWA officials contracted with the Gray Line tour firm for bus service, at cost, for delegates between downtown L. A. hotels and the convention center. While it was all off schedule the first two days, and delegates complained audibly over lengthy delays, by the last half of the meeting it had vastly improved. Delegates were openly appreciative to drivers and dispatchers . . . The first night, a Southern Baptist delegate was overheard saying, "The attendance is so low, it's as depressing as the final session of an SBC meeting" [when 80 percent of the messengers have gone home]. The similarity was there, but the congress had many redeeming virtues—the small crowd translated into short lines, short waits and plenty of close-in parking.

. . . An American Baptist woman from Boston told us she thought, until this meeting, that because Jerry Falwell was from Lynchburg, Va., he was a Southern Baptist. Surely she's not alone in that misconception! . . . Thousands of young people near L. A. were immodestly dressed, heavily into alcohol, vulgarity, and we assume dope, sex and pornography. "We don't bring our kids up this way back in Kentucky," a startled delegate said. "And to think, we [Southern Baptists] are bickering over how to interpret the scriptures while these kids are going to hell!" A valid observation. . . For a group of Cincinnati Reds fans, a game at Dodger Stadium the night before the congress opened was a good and bad experience. It was pleasant in that a surprisingly large contingent of spectators proudly wore Reds caps and applauded Pete Rose and his teammates. But in the seventh inning, when the score reached 8-0 in favor of the Dodgers, it seemed the better part of valor for the Kentuckians to slip quietly out of the ball park. Said one, "I lost out in Dallas, but I hoped I would do better here." Maybe next year?

. . . As far as the program went, Jimmy Carter was our favorite speaker. Despite individual political persuasions, congress participants obviously admired a man who unashamedly took Jesus Christ with him to his nation's highest office, and did not compromise on beliefs and principles he held sacred. It was particularly apparent in L. A. that he was revered mightily by representatives of oppressed and Third World nations for whom his stands for human rights and against human injustice had brought new hope. They applauded him vigorously, frequently and noisily. Duke McCall's address was splendid—"The best I ever heard him," said one delegate—and Billy Graham always rings the bell. There seemed to be something in L. A. for everyone.

## BWA congress reports

## Meet human need, fight oppression, Carter says

Former U. S. President Jimmy Carter issued a fervent plea Thursday night for his fellow Baptists and other Christians to validate their Christianity by meeting human need and leading the fight against any form of human oppression.

Addressing more than 6000 at the 15th Baptist World Congress, Carter said it is the way Christians respond to individual human need that can make others say, "I also want to be a Christian."

Compared to some other denominations, worldwide Baptists have been "expanding rather well" in sharing Christ's gospel with the world, Carter said. But he reminded there is "cause for concern about the inadequacy of our missionary effort. In many areas there is a disturbing dormancy in our dynamic spiritual revival."

The Southern Baptist layman urged Baptists to be certain they are following Christ's example in exhibiting the qualities of peace, humility, concern for others, forgiveness, mercy, generosity and even a willingness to be persecuted in God's name.

Carter, elected U. S. President in 1976 as the first Baptist since Harry Truman to hold that office, said he never found any personal conflict between his government offices as a state senator and a governor in Georgia or as President and his ability to share a Christian witness.

Since he left office, he said, he has continued to try to tell others of Christ and to work at meeting human need through such groups as Habitat for Humanity.

Preparing to tell members of another church group about his work, he said, he did some figuring and came up with a total of 140 people who had accepted Christ because of his witness and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

"I guess God must have been looking over my shoulder," he said, "for all of a sudden I remembered that in the governor's election in 1966, my wife and I had personally witnessed to 500,000 Georgians—and asked them to vote for Jimmy Carter. Five hundred thousand visits for me; 140 for my savior!"

It was a sobering realization, he said. "As Baptists," he added, "there is a danger of our being too proud of what we have done and are doing instead of concentrating on what we ought to be doing."

Carter said the churches need to speak out more forcefully for the alleviation of human suffering and the protection of basic human rights.

There was no Baptist outcry in Georgia or throughout the south a number of years ago when black citizens were illegally segregated and even deprived of the right to vote, he recalled. "It was a Supreme Court, the Congress and others in the political world mostly who broke down the barriers of racism."

"Even now," he said, "some of the last lingering evidence of segregation exists in some of our Christian churches."

But he also underscored the need to speak out for oppressed people wherever they are—in the Soviet Union, the migrants in this country or in any other nation.

Last month, he said, he and his wife Rosalyn visited the Thailand refugee camps. Conditions had not substantially changed since Mrs. Carter had visited there six years earlier, he said.

Baptists must take the lead in speak-

ing out against these "doomed victims of government oppressors in their homelands and those elsewhere who refuse to give them a place of asylum," Carter contended.

He noted that "a few courageous Christians" in churches in the southwestern United States have turned their churches into sanctuaries, some even risking imprisonment, to help those fleeing economic or government oppression in their own lands.

Carter told of receiving a letter recently from Georgi Vins, a Soviet Baptist who came to the United States six years ago, "against his wishes I might add, because he thought he had abandoned his fellow Christians."

Carter said the letter urged him to speak out at the Baptist congress on behalf of "nearly 200 Baptists languishing in Soviet prison camps."

The former President said he did not intend in any way to berate the Soviets, "many of whom share our basic desires for peace, understanding and the alle-

viation of human suffering." But he added: "We must never be part of the silence that the persecuted most fear." He said that "our persistent efforts can be successful if we pray, speak and act in the name of Christ."

Carter warned against relying too heavily upon political powers to achieve Christian goals.

"The superpowers in particular tend to believe that the exertion of our enormous military strength is preferable to diplomacy and negotiation in the resolution of international differences and that the sale of military weapons is one of the best ways to expand our influence in the developing world. This is a tragic mistake," he said, "and should never be condoned." The audience applauded.

There was implied criticism of the Reagan administration in at least one remark: "Now we all know that the search for nuclear arms control is frustrated by mutual distrust between the Soviet Union and the United States.

Hymers said the action was taken to protest the presence of Soviet ministers attending the Baptist World Alliance.

The flag, Hymers said, was of an atheist nation that persecutes Christians. The real Baptists in the Soviet Union are ruthlessly persecuted, jailed and killed by the anti-Christian Soviet regime," he charged.

He accused Billy Graham, who gave the closing address to the congress, of "false prophecy."

When asked if it was a Christian act to pull down the flag, Hymers replied, "It is Christian to pull down the flag of murderers."

### It's great N. Americans stayed home, says Claas

Conflicts with other Baptist meeting dates and a strong American dollar were blamed for a lower than anticipated attendance at the 15th Baptist World Congress at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

The congress was sponsored by the 134 member organizations of the Baptist World Alliance.

Unofficial registration had reached 7684 July 5. Baptist World Alliance officials hoped a large influx of local participants to hear evangelist Billy Graham July 6 would push totals over 10,000.

Congress planners originally expected more than 20,000 delegates, comparable to registration at the 1980 congress in Toronto, Canada. Estimates were revised twice as it became apparent registration would not be that high.

Gerhard Class, BWA general secretary, cited several factors for the lower attendance, including close scheduling proximity of meetings for three North American Baptist groups.

More than 45,000 Southern Baptists participated in that convention's annual June meeting in Dallas. Many Southern Baptists could not afford to attend both meetings, Claas said.

The American Baptist Churches in the USA had its biannual meeting the week prior to the congress, and the North American Baptist Conference triennial meeting was scheduled the week following the world congress.

Claas also said the strength of the American dollar made it "financially

Our own leaders have stated that Soviet people comprise an evil kingdom, are doomed to wind up on the ash heap of history, prefer war to peace, have never negotiated in good faith and do not honor our agreements once reached."

With such presumptions, Carter said, "it is easy to see why little progress is being made in trying to rid the world of some of its nuclear armaments." Again, the audience applauded.

A strong advocate of human rights while U. S. President, Carter was introduced by Baptist World Alliance president Duke K. McCall as the person who has been more effective than any other in speaking out to provide "throughout this world life, liberty and the opportunity for happiness."

In much of the world, McCall noted, Carter is a "genuine hero."

McCall described Carter as one of the two best known Southern Baptists in the world. The other, evangelist Billy Graham, also was scheduled to address the congress.

prohibitive" for many from outside the United States to attend the congress.

Claas said the lower attendance was a "blessing in a sense because we have a truly international meeting not dominated by North American Baptists."

### Baptists aid hungry by \$26 million plus

For the first time the Baptist World Alliance has released a total figure on all hunger relief its member bodies administered around the globe last year.

And it's impressive: \$21,486,709.

Archie R. Goldie, head of the Baptist World Aid division of the alliance, announced the figure at the close of the BWA's world aid committee meeting.

Goldie said the \$21.4 million is "by no means all of it," but it's the first time he's been able to gather this much information about the total aid which all of the BWA's 134-member conventions and unions provide.

"This is only the tip of a great fire of compassion that burns throughout the world," he said.

The total is not to be confused with the money that actually flows directly through Baptist World Aid. In the year that ended Mar. 31 this division received a record \$2.3 million. Add to that the world hunger aid which flows out from major Baptist mission boards, plus money which Baptists give around the world, to get the total.

### Australian elected, resolutions passed

Delegates to the 15th Baptist World Congress elected an Australian, G. Noel Vose of Bentley, as president of the Baptist World Alliance and approved six resolutions on topics ranging from religious liberty to terrorism.

But it refused an effort to single out the USSR in the religious liberty resolution by voting against a change proposed by Frant Bentley of Tucson, Ariz., a retired U. S. Army chaplain.

Resolutions Committee chairman Bernard Green, secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, said the group chose not to single out any one nation in the religious liberty resolution because it could have named "a number of countries.

### Peace and disarmament, Nicaragua get attention

Delegates to the 15th Baptist World Congress approved a resolution on peace and disarmament Saturday after an amendment was added calling for the end to the manufacture of all nuclear weapons.

The amendment, which called "upon all the nuclear powers to enact immediately a verifiable moratorium on the manufacture of all nuclear weapons and to seek mutually the abolition by negotiation of all nuclear arms," was presented by Michael Cleaves, a pastor from Blackburn, England, and William R. Estep, a professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

The purpose of the amendment, said Estep, was to "focus on what we feel is the heartcry of Baptists around the world." It is important to relieve the fear of nuclear holocaust, he said.

Delegates also adopted a resolution on Nicaragua. Resolutions committee chairman Bernard Green, secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, said the resolution attempted "to take no sides."

The resolution expressed concern that Central America has become a focus of tension and urged all powers concerned to draw back "from this dangerous confrontation by discontinuing the arms build-up and the economic blockade."

The resolution came about, Green said, because of appeals from Nicaraguan Baptists urging the need for "the prophetic and evangelistic voices of Christian people to be heard."

### Act mars harmony at non controversial meet

The pastor of the Fundamentalist Baptist Tabernacle of Los Angeles took credit for the disruption of the roll call of nations which ended the 15th Baptist World Congress.

R. L. Hymers Jr., pastor of the church, said it was his associate pastor, J. Richard Olivas, who leaped onto the stage and attempted to rip the Soviet flag off the pole. He was immediately wrestled to the floor and escorted from the area.

"Let's not for a moment run into the heresy that it's confined to any one part of the world."

Duke K. McCall, president of the Baptist World Alliance who presided at the business session, announced that he had received a letter from the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists representatives at the congress taking exception to remarks former U. S. President Jimmy Carter made to the congress based on a letter from Soviet dissident Baptist Georgi Vins.

Carter quoted Vins as saying nearly 200 Baptists are "languishing in Soviet prison camps" and urged world Baptists to speak out for their release.

McCall said he has preached at Vins' former church in Kiev, had met with ministers of that region and felt that constructive talks are underway between Baptist factions in the USSR.

He reminded that it was the Baptist World Alliance which appealed to President Carter while he was still in office to use his resources to effect Vins' release.

McCall, who has traveled extensively in the Soviet Union during his five-year term, implied that he personally favors "quiet negotiation" and prayer to making a loud noise in trying to bring change in situations where religious freedom is violated.

In an emotional appeal, McCall called for prayer for every such situation.

"If you know of anything to effect their liberty, God give you the courage to do it!" he exclaimed.

In the vote that followed on the proposed amendment which would have named the USSR, McCall ruled the chair was sustained in rejecting the amendment.

Some delegates commented after the session that while the congress had refused to be specific in the religious liberty resolution it had taken a strong stand against Southern Africa in another resolution on "Racism in General and Apartheid in Particular."

The Baptist body restored words that had previously been deleted from the resolution against apartheid (the system of racial separation practiced in South Africa) that further strengthened its wording despite an appeal by the resolutions chairman.

As revised, the resolution says: "We urge Baptists everywhere to call upon their government to stand firmly against all forms of support for South Africa as long as apartheid remains on their statute book."

Other resolutions condemned terrorism, reaffirmed support of the United Nations on its 40th anniversary, commended the congress theme "Out of Darkness into the Light of Christ" as an essential message to be carried throughout the world and urged the richer Christians of the world to adopt a simpler lifestyle to provide more aid to the world's needy and hungry.

In addition to electing Vose as its new president, the congress elected 12 vice presidents. Christine Gregory, Danville, Va., former president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Woman's Missionary Union, was elected first vice president. She was the only Southern Baptist elected.

## New BWA president faces diversity issue

Dealing with diversity—among Baptists and Christians in general—was the focus of the first news conference of the newly-elected president of the Baptist World Alliance, Godfrey Noel Vose.

Vose, principal of the Baptist Theological College of Western Australia, Bentley, since its founding in 1963, was elected for a five-year term by participants in the 15th Baptist World Congress. He is the first Australian to be president of the BWA, an international organization of 134 Baptist bodies with a total membership of more than 32 million.

"We (Baptists) demonstrate our strength when we celebrate our unity and honor our diversity," Vose said. However, he acknowledged, "Sometimes we celebrate our unity and don't honor our diversity."

Vose, who chaired the BWA commission on doctrine and inter-church cooperation for the last five years, said he personally wrestled with the decision to conduct conversations with the Roman Catholic Church because "there are many diverse opinions among Baptist people."

He said the purpose of the dialog has been "to gain an understanding on those things on which we agree and those on which we don't agree. We must talk to one another."

Asked if the dialog amounted to a courtship of the Roman Catholic Church, Vose said, "The word courtship is not only unfortunate. It is incorrect. It is not courtship; it's an exercise in understanding and humility."

Vose said he believes there will be "many red faces in heaven among those who damn one another on earth."

"If anyone says Jesus Christ is Lord, I must, in light of the holy scripture, call him brother," said Vose. "I have heard this week members of the Catholic Church speak of salvation in terms I understand."

While his career has been spent in theological education, Vose said, "The local church is the key to it all in terms of our Baptist life. My first responsibility is to a local church called Dalkeith."

While he lauded the Baptist emphasis on autonomy of the local church, he called for a greater emphasis on interdependence.

"We must match one with the other or we could fall into heresies," he warned.

Vose said he expects to travel about three months per year as BWA president while maintaining his position as principal of the theological college of 70 students.

Vose was president-general of the Baptist Union of Australia from 1975-78. He received the Jubilee Medal from Queen Elizabeth II in 1977. He and his wife, Heather, are parents of two children.

## Carter attention getter at global celebration

A 30-minute visit by former President Jimmy Carter highlighted the global fellowship celebration of the 15th Baptist World Congress.

Carter, surrounded by at least six Secret Service agents, stopped by three of the six booths set up on the plaza of the convention center but spent the majority of his time standing in the 95 degree heat and shaking hands with admirers.

At one point a brightly dressed woman from El Salvador grabbed Carter and jumped up and down while posing for a picture. When her friend was unable to operate the camera, Carter took the camera, advanced the film and handed it back before linking arms and assuming the requested pose.

The former President's appearance at the event was not publicized except by word of mouth but when he appeared at

3:30 p.m. he was immediately surrounded by about 150 Baptists from around the world.

A woman performing rope tricks at the North America booth was unable to continue her demonstration when the crowd would not give her enough space to work—even after Carter asked several times for people to make room.

Only after Carter moved toward the next booth, most of the crowd trailing behind, was she able to unleash her ropes. When the remaining handful of people applauded her first trick, Carter turned back, smiled and gave a thumbs-up sign.

The celebration was an opportunity for the estimated 8000 delegates to the congress to break from the heavy schedule of meetings and speeches.

## Prayer is the same despite the language

Prayer took an international flavor as Baptists prayed for the 15th Baptist World Congress.

Prayer time resembled old-fashioned prayer meetings. Baptists from Africa, Asia, Canada, Great Britain, the United States and other countries prayed in the custom they were used to.

Some Baptists remained seated while others stood or knelt to pray. There was a mixture of silent prayers along with muffled ones. Some prayed in their native language while others used broken English.

## Let's get going—McCall in president's address

"What are we going to do here as Baptists of the world? Talk or fish?" Those were the questions Baptist World Alliance president Duke K. McCall asked participants in the 15th Baptist World Congress.

In a stirring challenge punctuated with stories of his travels among Baptists throughout the world during his five-year tenure as BWA president, McCall said, "The power that created the universe is the power required to create a new heart."

"But, beloved, our God is in the business of creating new hearts and we are the instruments he is willing to use if we will quit talking and go fishing. We have the message and we have the miracle of God's intervention in a lost world. Let's get going!"

McCall, chancellor of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, noted that during the last five years "the world shifted the center of its gravity from the West to the East, from the North to the South."

Each day in North America and Europe approximately 7000 Christians are lost to the faith while in Africa 16,400 persons become Christians each day, he said.

"Today for the first time in 1000 years, white Christians are a minority," said McCall.

McCall said Baptists of the world must unite to love, pray and believe in miracles.

"Let's turn the dynamite of the gospel loose and that will open the light in the darkness of the world," he said.

Earlier in the evening, Baptist work in Asia was presented through a videotaped presentation and statements by Edwin Lopez, regional secretary, and Alan Prior, president of the Asian Baptist Fellowship.

"Let me remind you that Christianity was born in Asia," said Prior. "Jesus was born and died there. He was raised from the dead there. The first pouring

out of the Holy Spirit was in Asia.

"God is saying to us, let us unite at this time in that mission by which this dark world may yet be brought to the light of Christ."

Jorge Pastor, director of communications and media for the Baptist Evangelical Union of Spain, told of a burgeoning Baptist radio and television ministry in the country.

## Exhibit hall includes two Kentucky schools

A world perspective of Baptist and non Baptist evangelical work was reflected in the exhibits of the Baptist World Congress.

The 8000 congress participants bought books, cassettes, videotapes and other gift items and received free materials from various countries in the 37 different exhibits.

The most popular exhibits were those selling books and gift items.

Lois Clark of Covina, Cal., co-manager of the American Baptist Churches worldwide gifts shop, said business was so good the shop sold out of many items the first day, including buffalo horn carvings from Thailand priced at \$60 to \$70.

The shop featured only native items from American Baptist mission points around the world, including an olive wood nativity for \$70 and crocheted dresses from the Philippines for \$43.

Shirley Madsen, coordinator of the congress souvenir exhibit, said sales had gone "extremely well," with pens, T-shirts and mugs among the most popular items. Prices of the 24 souvenir items ranged from a \$45 desk set to envelopes and patches for \$1.

Ten Baptist conventions from around the world were featured in the exhibit hall.

The largest exhibit was the Southern Baptist Convention effort, covering more than 1500 square feet. The 19 SBC boards, agencies and institutions joined in a cooperative display which featured the convention's work in four major areas: missions, education, literature and communications.

A television monitor in the exhibit provided previews of programs produced by the convention's mission boards, Sunday School Board and Radio and Television Commission.

Educational institutions were the largest group of exhibitors, with 12 different colleges or seminaries represented.

J. Michael Dudit, director of communications for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, said his institution wanted to honor its chancellor, Duke K. McCall, outgoing president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Another Kentucky school, Georgetown College, featured McCall and his wife, Winona, in its exhibit materials. Mrs. McCall is a Georgetown graduate and is on the college's board of trustees.

## Louisvillian Bob Hughes playwright for first night

The Baptist World Congress opened with a videotaped message from President Ronald Reagan, live greetings from Los Angeles mayor Tom Bradley and the pageantry of a dramatic presentation of the apostle Paul's conversion.

A crowd estimated at 8000 lifted tiny lights high in the darkened hallway of the Los Angeles Convention Center at the conclusion of the drama as they

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## homes for children

### Spit and polish

Several terms describe a job well done, with everything in order. The well known nautical term for this is "shipshape," meaning everything is in good order, well arranged, trim and tidy. Another term often used is "first rate," which means first class, excellent, very good. An old term not heard often today is "spit and polish." This expression indicates great care in maintaining smart appearance and crisp efficiency. It is the way things look after spring house cleaning or when the yard has been beautified with flowers and the grass is cut with the edges neatly trimmed. This is the way we want things to look when company is coming.

"Spit and polish" describes our children's homes as the Spring Meadows and Glen Dale campuses prepared for Child Care Days. Our facilities are open for visitors any day, and those who come are always welcomed warmly and given a tour of the campus. However, we have given a special invitation for churches and/or associations to bring groups in buses, vans and cars for a visit of one of our campuses on a certain summer day.

Such visits are times of excitement for staff, youth, and those who come from various parts of the state. These occasions give us a chance to "show and tell" what is being done in the lives of youth in our care, and provide an opportunity for those from the churches to see what their prayers and gifts mean through this ministry. Those who visit for the first time or the fifth time go away with a warm feeling about what they have seen.

"Spit and polish" was evident everywhere at Spring Meadows on Saturday, June 29 and at Glen Dale on Saturday, July 13. People came from east, west, north and south Kentucky to visit their children's homes. The staff and youth on each campus worked especially hard to have everything "shipshape." They had not only prepared the cottages and grounds for "company," but the youth were ready to lead tours and explain what it is like to live at Spring Meadows or Glen Dale.

Those who were able to visit one of the campuses were blessed by what they saw and heard. They went away feeling good about what their prayers and gifts are accomplishing in the lives of youth who hurt. They plan to visit again and bring others with them.

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sang, "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine."

In his videotaped message to the congress, Reagan said the United States includes persons with no religious faith but "we remain overwhelmingly a nation of believers."

"Your faith knits you together as one community united under a single Lord. You are indeed carrying out the great commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves."

Bradley, who was inaugurated July 1 for an unprecedented fourth term as mayor of Los Angeles, arrived at the congress after inspecting the site of a massive fire believed set by arsonists in a residential neighborhood that afternoon.

"Los Angeles is known as the city of angels, though I know there are sometimes devils among us," said Bradley. "There is evil, there is hatred in the world. Your mission becomes even greater because of it. I know the strength of your commitment based on your dedication to Jesus Christ."

The drama, "Out of Darkness," was written by Robert Don Hughes, associate professor of communication and mass media at Southern Theological Seminary, Louisville. The cast included Ragan Courtney of Southern Seminary and members of the Act 1 Sunday school class of First Baptist Church, Van Nuys, Cal.

Hughes said when he thought of the conference theme, "Out of Darkness into the Light of Christ," he immediately thought of the apostle Paul and his blindness and conversion on the road to Damascus.

He said the message of the drama is stated in Paul's description of himself in the play, "What can God do with one blind failure of a Pharisee?"

"The message I wanted people to receive is that if God can do that with Paul then surely he can do that with me," said Hughes. "Our focus as Christians is letting God use us to bring people to the light."

### Editor Sanford warns of possible principle loss

Seventy Baptist communicators from 11 countries examined challenges of "communicating Christ in changing times" at a four-day conference at California Baptist College, Riverside.

The second international Baptist communication seminar, held prior to the 15th Baptist World Congress, also provided Baptist communicators a time for sharing experiences, dealing with common problems and exploring new insights and opportunities.

Jack Sanford, editor of Western Recorder, identified three principles Baptists are in danger of losing—autonomy of the local church, priesthood of believers and separation of church and state.

These principles are in danger, Sanford said, because of "almost charismatic-like leaders" who are saying to people, "We have the answers, we'll do the thinking—trust us."

Sanford called for Baptist communicators to know their heritage and "to use valuable newspaper space to be teachers." He also urged seminar participants to "seek to be mediators in all conflicts which face us."

Dan Martin, news editor of Baptist Press, Nashville, reminded communicators that Christian history is replete with controversies.

"Controversy develops when people

have different views and free expression of those views," he said.

Martin said reporting does not cause controversies but in fact may help to ease them as it seeks to confront rumors.

### Baptist seminary to be established in USSR?

The possibility of establishing a seminary in Russia to train religious workers surfaced at the 15th Baptist World Congress in reports of two Baptist leaders.

Gerhard Claas, general secretary, told of progress of the proposed theological training center in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR).

In a report to the BWA General Council, Alexei Bichkov, general secretary of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (AUCEB) in the USSR, said his union recently received approval to seek a building site or an existing building to house the proposed seminary. The approval came from the government's ministry of religious affairs, which has power to eventually require local authorities to release a satisfactory site or an existing building for the union's purpose.

Evangelical Christians and Baptists have attempted throughout their 120-year history in the country to begin a seminary for the formal training of prospective pastors and church leaders. Several times classes were begun with high hopes, but those efforts lasted no more than two to three years.

### A Christian in Russia: no tougher than elsewhere

Russian Baptists were described at a women's meeting as living Bibles who, by their behavior, witness for Christ.

Valentina Garkusha of Moscow, a delegate to the Baptist World Alliance women's department leadership conference, used the characterization to describe the seriousness of commitment required of Russian Christians.

In Moscow Baptist Church, where Mrs. Garkusha is a member, believers may not be baptized until they are 18. They may be baptized then only after they pass a test and provide witnesses who testify to their Christian lifestyle.

Baptisms are held in rivers, brooks, oceans, or anywhere possible in public to "provide a witness for non-believers," Mrs. Garkusha said.

Even with six services a week, Mrs. Garkusha's 5000-member church is bursting at the seams and has insufficient room for all who come. With three choirs and a small orchestra these Russian Baptists sing and pray and worship together for as long as two hours at a time.

"We are free to do whatever we like in the church. If somebody is punished it is not because he is a Christian. It is because he has broken the law," Mrs. Garkusha said.

For Mrs. Garkusha, being a Christian is neither helped nor hindered by politics, nationalities or changing times.

"To be a real Christian is hard in any country. Temptations are in any place we live."

### Congress may put BWA \$100,000 in the red

In a two-day meeting preceding the 15th Baptist World Congress the Baptist World Alliance general council approved a 1985-86 operating budget, elected a new staff member and heard a myriad of reports from commissions,

committees and regional fellowships.

Two representatives from Mainland China also spoke briefly. Their appearance marks the first time Christians from China have been allowed to attend a denominational meeting outside their country, though others have been permitted to attend ecumenical gatherings.

The budget of \$832,860 was approved without debate. However, budget committee chairman Jack Jones, a layman from Washington, D. C., expressed concern about the financial condition of the alliance.

He praised BWA staff members for careful financial management but noted that the five-day congress could operate at a deficit as high as \$100,000 because registration was expected to fall short of early projections.

The congress budget was based on a projected attendance of 20,000. However, Jones said attendance may not reach 10,000.

John Wilkes, 52, a Southern Baptist and director of the European Baptist Press Service, was elected to a newly created position as director of the division of communications effective Dec. 1, 1985.

### Shooting at L. A. church casts gloom on congress

The pastor and senior deacon of Los Angeles' First Chinese Baptist Church were shot to death during a Sunday morning worship service by a former member of the church later slain by an off-duty sheriff's deputy attending the service.

Los Angeles County sheriff's homicide investigators said assistant pastor Gregory R. Owyang, 36, and senior deacon Li Fook King, 58, were gunned down by Dang Bong Jow, described by church officials as emotionally disturbed. Sheriff's investigators said Jow apparently was bent on also shooting his former wife and members of her family who attended the church but hadn't arrived at the time of the shooting.

First Chinese Baptist Church with 1000 members is one of the largest churches affiliated with The Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

The bizarre shooting happened on the eve of the 15th Baptist World Congress. The Chinese church had been helping prepare for the congress.

### McIntire stirs fuss over visiting Russians

As delegates to the national meeting filed into the Los Angeles Convention Center they were met outside the meeting hall by anti-Soviet demonstrators.

The self-styled, anti-Communist movement, led by veteran protestor Carl McIntire, editor of the Christian Beacon, Collingswood, N. J., protested Russian Baptists' participation at the congress.

McIntire and about 15 associates distributed copies of the Christian Beacon and urged delegates not to applaud the Soviet flag when it was presented during opening ceremonies.

McIntire, who also is president of the International Council of Christian Churches, accused Russian Baptists attending the congress of being Soviet spies.

One sign attacked Alexei Bichkov, general secretary of the All-Union Council and a member of the BWA general council, charging him with being a "KGB Agent."

# baptist forum

## Where's Stanley's message?

I have a question for you. Why has Charles Stanley's sermon to the convention not been published in the Recorder? I would like for everyone to be privileged to read his great message.

The convention sermon of Charles Fuller was published weeks ago. Some of us were privileged to see and hear the convention by way of satellite in our church.

Please let everyone have the right to at least read Stanley's great message.  
Mrs. Hubert Houchens  
Bowling Green

*Editor's note. Several persons have written asking why we have not printed president Stanley's sermon. He has not made available a manuscript and we cannot print what we do not have. If Stanley provides a manuscript, Western Recorder will print his message.*

## Objectivity essential for peace

I appreciated your editorial stance in the July 2 issue. If we want to see reconciliation and restoration of peace in our convention, it is imperative that our denominational papers deal with issues objectively and refuse to disseminate propaganda.

There are intelligent and spiritual people on both sides of the present controversy. Why throw hateful labels and ugly insinuations at the brethren with whom we have some differences? Almost all of us Southern Baptists have

much more in common than we do in discord.

Regardless of pressures, I hope you will emphasize our unity under the lordship of Christ and continue to speak the truth in love.

L. D. Kennedy, Campbellsville

## There must be a better way

I received my college and seminary training in Southern Baptist institutions. As a college student pastor I volunteered two and a half years, paying my own expenses and without salary. I have been a cooperating Southern Baptist pastor for 39 years, having served 17 of those years in eastern Kentucky before the coal money boom. Then as a local missionary in Floyd County five and a half years and county missionary in Wolf County two years. I have not written letters to the editor. I feel as one faithful Baptist that I must let my voice be heard. I am sorry (and sick) that our intellectual leaders are so willing to hurt our cause and mission of Christ by being on such programs as the PTL Club and the Phil Donahue show. I know of no denomination which is so free and willing at any cost to put before lost people and the general public our dirt.

It seems to me that there must be some better way for us. It would appear that sometimes we think more of getting ourselves before the media than we do of the good of our churches or denomination's good name, and this by sincere men hindering the Lord's message and our witness. What's wrong

with the Baptist Faith and Message of 1925 or 1963? Is it now dangerous or wrong for our members or young ministerial students to believe the great Bible truths we were once taught? Let's get on with Good News America, God Loves You (and so do we love one another and you).

Guy M. Deane, Maceo

## A response to Dallas

The SBC in Dallas has left me with a great deal of hurt and anger. The witness for Jesus which the world needs was simply not present. And what of my place in the convention? I've drawn a few conclusions.

First, and basic to all else, I feel like the proverbial "man without a country." I simply don't fit in any camp that has been publicized. I agree with Paige Patterson's statement about a solution to our conflict: "One thing there must be is an agreement not to question the truthfulness, the historicity, or the authority of the scriptures." But the effort to bring the SBC to this agreement has come from a concerted, politicized effort. The cause is not wrong, but the political thrust has left a bitter taste, a combative spirit and a wounded people with a weakened witness for our Lord.

But I am out of place in other "camps." I have not seen them turn the other cheek. What I have witnessed is only a matching of sword for sword, thrust for thrust. As the SBC in Dallas ground to an end I heard people almost gloat that this was not as it had been in

Kansas City: "They didn't steamroll us this time!" What the "us" group had done this time had been to turn parliamentary rules into a mockery, instigate confusion at every hand, mock the president of the SBC with disregard and bring the meeting to the brink of utter chaos.

My experience leads me to a second conclusion: we have not heard with our hearts 2 Chron. 7:14: "... if my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." People in our SBC have desired many things, but we have not yet desired with a whole heart revival.

But I am not without hope. As I look around me I must also conclude that God is not done with us yet! The unscheduled and unannounced nomination and election of Winfred Moore as first vice president was, I believe, a movement of God's hand to force people of both "sides" to look honestly at each other and deal with each other. Though feeling like a man without a country, I claim this hope as a servant within the kingdom of God which has Jesus as savior, our heavenly father as ruler, the Holy Spirit as divine guide and scriptures as revelation of God's authority and guidance.

Ed Mitchell, Brandenburg

I can't go, but the prayers I pray  
For missions day by day  
Can help the missionaries know  
We're with them all the way.

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# VICTORY!

FROM HERE TO VICTORY is the single most important time period in the 8.5 by '85 emphasis. Thousands of lost and unchurched persons will be reached for Bible study, for Christ, and for church membership. Let every Southern Baptist Sunday School actively participate in this historic event.

Your church should be a part of this great effort. Decide now to be involved. Order the materials you will need to help make it a success. Begin a great effort of prayer for victory, and lead your church to be victorious in 8.5 by '85.

In addition, strongly urge Sunday School leaders not to drop persons from class/department rolls for lack of attendance. These persons need the spiritual ministry of a Sunday School class. Only three reasons are proper reasons for dropping a person from the Sunday School roll: (1) death of a member, (2) moving Sunday School membership to another Sunday School, and (3) moving residence out of the church field.

Your church can play a vital role in the climactic conclusion of the 8.5 by '85 emphasis. Southern Baptist Sunday School enrollment has now reached almost 8,000,000; the highest enrollment in history. *But the job is not finished yet!*

The final efforts of 8.5 by '85 are planned for July, August, and September of 1985. These efforts, entitled FROM HERE TO VICTORY, challenge every Baptist in the Convention to become involved by enrolling at least five persons in Sunday School before September 29, 1985.

## FROM HERE TO VICTORY — REACH 5 IN '85

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
7 "I KNOW AN ADULT" PROSPECTING USE VBS TRANSFER PLAN VISIT TO ENROLL ADULTS	4 "EVERY FAMILY MEMBER ENROLLED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL" • Enroll families of Sunday School members • Analyze records • Visit to enroll ethnic families	1 "CALL FIVE" CONTACT PLAN/ INCLUDE ETHNICS
14 "I KNOW A YOUTH" PROSPECTING VISIT TO ENROLL YOUTH ADULT START-A-CLASS NEW UNIT START AN ETHNIC ADULT UNIT	11 "EVERY FAMILY MEMBER ENROLLED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL" • Enroll families of Sunday School members	8 "CALL FIVE" CONTACT "SHARE SOMEBODIES" PROSPECTING
21 "I KNOW A CHILD" PROSPECTING VISIT TO ENROLL CHILDREN	18 "EVERY FAMILY MEMBER ENROLLED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL" • Enroll unenrolled church members START-A-CRADLE ROLL	15 HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY • Emphasize enrolling everyone present
28 "I KNOW A PRESCHOOLER" PROSPECTING VISIT TO ENROLL PRESCHOOLERS	25 "EVERY FAMILY MEMBER ENROLLED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL" • Enroll unenrolled church members	22 CLASS/DEPARTMENT WEEKTIME FELLOWSHIPS (Records check, etc.)
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IMPORTANT NOTE</b></p> <p>If your church was unable to begin this emphasis on June 30, begin when you can, even if only a few weeks remain in the church year.</p>		29 CELEBRATION SUNDAY • Super Sunday • Report enrollment and attendance to your Director of Missions

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# baptist news in brief



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## fourth estate

### A select little circle

Anyone my age or beyond will recall the pop song of a bygone era that included the line, "Those wedding bells are breaking up that old gang of mine." Are you, too, showing your age?

Today, for me, it's not wedding bells any more, but many of my long term friendships are being altered through retirements.

Consider the Baptist Building: In the decade since I've been here we've seen the departure of stalwarts such as Roy Boatwright, T. Hicks Shelton, Forrest Sawyer, Franklin Owen, Byrd Ison, James Whaley and A. B. Colvin.

In addition, more associational missionaries than I can remember have arrived at quitting time, along with a half-dozen agency heads—J. M. Boswell, Robert Mills, D. M. Aldridge, Homer Coggins, C. R. Daley, Kathryn Akridge. Many of their associates have also turned in their keys.

When Grady Randolph told me he would be leaving this year, my mind wandered back over the good times. In 1975 I stumbled onto a select little group which regularly (once or twice a week) fellowshiped together over lunch. It included the likes of Forrest Sawyer, Calvin Fields, Byrd Ison and Grady Randolph. Occasionally, there was another staffer or two who joined in, but that was the usual lunch bunch.

They were kind enough to invite this newcomer in, and over the years I remember literally scores of lunches with them at favorite fish and barbecue palaces, some of which don't even exist any more.

Any day Forrest went you knew he was going to drive and you might as well not ask "Where are we going?" You went where he took you. I remember one spot we must have had a hundred meals in. Forrest would peruse the menu as if he had never seen it, then casually call for a "dressed hamburger, cup of coffee, piece of chess pie." His request didn't vary once in those 100 visits; in fact, I would quote it to the waitress with him, and Calvin would hold his sides laughing.

Byrd and Grady had a story for every occasion, often quite humorous experiences. Calvin and I, as the "subdued" members, listened intently and provided most of the guffaws.

For everything there is a season, Ecclesiastes tells us. And with the departure of Grady from the staff, maybe those good old days are gone forever. Yet, a wealth of stories and memories remain, ones I will cherish.

I salute Forrest and Byrd and Grady and the memory of our beloved friend Calvin. They have made life a little more joyful for me across these years. Faithful servants, all. I proudly claim them as friends.

### New club seeks to aid Baptist travelers

An organization has been formed to provide hospitality for Southern Baptist travelers.

The Southern Baptist Bed and Breakfast Club (S3BC) will put traveling members in contact with members in areas they are visiting. The hosts will provide guests lodging and breakfast at no charge.

Eligible to become members are denominational workers, pastors and lay persons involved in mission work. The club will check references of potential members and provide contact and identification for both host and traveler, said H. Max Daley, the organization's president.

The club has no official connection with the Southern Baptist Convention or any of its agencies, according to Daley, who is nearing retirement as director of missions for central Washington.

Persons wanting more information should send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to S3BC, 604 W. Orchard, Selah, WA 98942.

### ABS supplies paper for Chinese scriptures

One hundred tons of Bible paper, enough to print 100,000 Chinese Bibles, has arrived in the People's Republic of China, the American Baptist Society reports.

The lightweight paper, specially made for printing scriptures, has been supplied to the Amity Foundation by the United Bible Societies, the international partnership for Bible work which ABS helped found.

The Amity Foundation, set up in March of this year by the China Christian Council to "undertake humanitarian programs as their witness and service to society," took delivery of the Bible paper in the city of Nanjing. The paper was supplied to speed up Bible production and thus help alleviate a current shortage of scriptures in China.

It is expected that all of the 100,000 Bibles now being printed will be ready before the end of 1985. The Bibles are to be in the Union Version, first published in 1919, the version most commonly in use in Protestant churches in China.

### Stanley, Moore deny their lives threatened

Although both candidates for president of the Southern Baptist Convention were heavily guarded during the denomination's recent Dallas meeting, each has denied threats were made on his life.

W. Winfred Moore—defeated in his bid to unseat incumbent Charles F. Stanley—and Stanley spokesman Fred Powell told Baptist Press neither candidate received threats before leaving for the convention or during the meeting June 11-13.

Rumors swirled in Dallas that Moore, pastor of First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., had been persuaded to contract with a private security firm for protection during the convention. But Moore, in interviews with Baptist Press June 11 in Dallas and June 20 from his office, emphatically denied he was threatened.

"Absolutely nothing that I ever saw or felt or sensed" either in Amarillo or Dallas led him to believe he was in danger, Moore declared. "I saw nothing . . . of a threatening nature."

But Moore did confirm what many observers in Dallas noted, that he was constantly accompanied by a young, armed guard from Dallas' Metro Protective Services.

Powell, associate pastor of Atlanta's First Baptist Church, confirmed Stanley too was guarded during the convention. But like Moore, Powell strongly denied the 53-year-old Stanley had been threatened. "There were no threats" made on the Atlanta pastor and television preacher in either Atlanta or Dallas, Powell declared.

Powell did say, however, that at his suggestion, Stanley had agreed to take a member of the church's full time security force to the convention and contract with a Dallas security firm to provide two other guards to accompany the SBC president during the convention. The actions were taken "for crowd control," Powell said, adding Stanley often encountered difficulty getting from one place to another. (BP)

### Lebanese leader wants Baptist help continued

Ghassan Khalaf, president of the Lebanese Baptist Convention, came from "the valley of terror" to Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center to plead with Southern Baptists not to give up on Lebanon.

Noting that as he left Beirut he saw the plane which had been hijacked June 14 by terrorists, he said he felt God could use the American hostage crisis to spotlight the needs in his country. To the 1800 gathered June 27 for Foreign Missions Week, the 39-year-old pastor said he was coming from the "valley of terror but I'm holding a rose in my hand to testify the Lord is faithful."

Despite the turmoil in his country for the last 10 years, he stood on the speaker's platform with his wife and eight-year-old daughter and said, "Our decision is to stay there, to live there, and to die there." He said he'd rather die there than see "Christianity abolished from the land where our savior was born." His wife's brother was killed in the conflict last year.

"Sometimes we feel we cannot continue like this but everyday the Lord gives us new grace to remain." According to Khalaf, every home on the Christian side is welcoming another family from among the thousands "kicked out" of their homes by Muslims. "We are living together, helping each other," he said, and then thanked Southern Baptists for all the help they have sent. Twenty-six Southern Baptist missionaries are assigned to Lebanon and more than \$308,000 has been given

for relief during the last 10 years.

In an earlier interview, Khalaf said Lebanon is the only free country in the Middle East where Christians can openly say they are Christians and express their doctrines, their way of life without any pressure. "Pray with us that the Lord may keep this country free."

Thirteen or 14 million nominal Christians live in the Arab world, he said, and "they look to Lebanon as Muslims look to Mecca. When Christianity in Lebanon is safe and free, the morale of all Christians in the area is high." (BP)

### Senate panel approves silent prayer amendment

Taking the first step in what supporters hope will result in nullifying a recent Supreme Court decision, a Senate subcommittee recommended June 26 a constitutional amendment approving periods of silent prayer in public schools.

Led by chairman Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, the Subcommittee on the Constitution voted 4-1 to send S.J. Res. 2 to the full Judiciary Committee for further consideration. If that panel approves the measure, it would then be put on the Senate calendar for full debate.

The subcommittee vote came one week after a one-day hearing on the measure was held, during which senators heard both proponents and opponents. Hatch said then he called the hearing in the aftermath of a June 4 Supreme Court ruling that struck down an Alabama law prescribing a minute of silent prayer or meditation at the beginning of the school day.

At its June 26 meeting, the panel took only 10 minutes to vote approval. Alone in objecting was Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill. Those besides Hatch voting to approve were Sens. Strom Thurmond, R-SC; Charles F. Grassley, R-Iowa; and Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz. Most Senate observers believe the full Judiciary Committee is likely to approve the measure. But its chances for achieving the necessary two-thirds majority in the full Senate are seen as unsure. (BP)

### Church-state expert calls sabbath ruling reasonable

The U. S. Supreme Court struck a "reasonable balance" between competing constitutional interests last month in its decision on a Connecticut law regarding employees who desire to observe their sabbath, according to Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

In an 8-1 decision June 26 the high

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Dear sir,  
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You see, I should very much like to correspond with someone from Kentucky who has similar interests to myself. Briefly, I am 39 years old and married and I live in the north of England. I attend Salendine Nook Baptist Church and I work in the Electricity Board office here in Huddersfield.

Among my interests are music (I like all types of music), the theatre, reading, poetry, swimming, animals and, although I live in a town, I enjoy the countryside. We have a Labrador dog so I get plenty of walking which I also like.

I will be pleased to hear from anyone who wants a pen pal.

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Church supports Charles Stanley

Resolution

Whereas, Dr. Charles E. Stanley has been elected to lead our Southern Baptist Convention in the capacity of president; and

Whereas, 1 Tim. 5:17 says "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine" (KJV); and

Whereas, Dr. Stanley has done much to further the influence of Southern Baptist influence around the United States through First Baptist Church Atlanta's "In Touch" television ministry, and his strong commitment to sound biblical teaching and preaching.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Hebron Baptist Church located in Hebron, Ky. pledges our affirmation of Dr. Charles E. Stanley as president of the Southern Baptist Convention; and

Be it further resolved, that we pledge our prayers and support of him as he leads us this year.

Hebron Baptist Church  
Northern Kentucky Association

## Americans United agrees with school aid ruling

Americans United for Separation of Church and State hailed the Supreme Court's decisions striking down government aid to religious schools.

In a New York case involving federal (Title 1) aid to parochial schools, the court ruled 5-4 on July 1 that such assistance unconstitutionally promotes religion and entangles church and state.

A similarly divided court also struck down a Grand Rapids, Mich., program operating in parochial schools.

"The United States Supreme Court has clearly reaffirmed the great American principle of the separation of church and state," said Robert L. Maddox, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, which challenged the "parochial aid" programs.

"Sectarian schools have an important role to play in the life of the nation, but they must not ask the taxpayer to spend money to support their efforts," he declared.

## CP historical marker to be unveiled in Murray

An historical marker commemorating Kentucky's contribution to the establishment of the Cooperative Program will be unveiled Sunday, July 28 at First Baptist Church, Murray.

A ceremony will follow First Baptist Church's 10.45 a.m. (CDT) worship service. A potluck lunch will be served after the ceremony.

Participating on the program will be Greg Earwood, pastor of First Church, Murray, Wendell H. Rone, chairman of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission, William W. Marshall, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and Michael Duncan, chairman of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society.

In the early part of the 20th century, under the direction of pastor H. Boyce Taylor, the Murray congregation became a leader in giving a definite percentage of its receipts to missions and promoting unified giving among churches.

The General Association of Baptists in Kentucky (now the Kentucky Baptist Convention) adopted its first "budget plan for the collection of funds" in 1915. This move by Kentucky Baptists was a precursor to the establishment of the Southern Baptists' unified world mission budget plan, the Cooperative Program, in 1925.

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court ruled against the state statute because it "impermissibly advances religion." The justices said the law gave sabbath observers "an absolute and unqualified right not to work on whatever day they designated as their sabbath."

The justices noted that "the statute takes no account of the convenience or interests of the employer or those of other employees who do not observe a sabbath."

The decision seems to leave intact federal anti-discrimination laws which require employers to "reasonably accommodate" the religious practices of employees, unless to do so would cause undue hardship to the employer's business.

"The court seems to have struck a reasonable balance," said Robert L. Maddox, executive director of Americans United. "The court has reaffirmed past decisions which strictly uphold church-state separation." Yet the justices have left the door open for protecting employees who want to observe their sabbath."

## Baptist ethicist urges action against smut

A Southern Baptist ethicist has urged a special commission on pornography to propose bold initiatives and concrete actions to deal with "not just a minor social irritation, but a major, far-reaching, influential malady" in America.

Harry N. Hollis Jr., of the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission, testified June 19 at the first of a series of hearings to be held by the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography.

The 11-member commission will conduct a year-long study of the problem of pornography and make recommendations on ways to control its production and distribution. Alan Sears, an assistant U. S. attorney from Louisville, Ky., and a member of the SBC's Executive Committee, is serving as the commission's executive director.

While previous studies often faltered because of debates over empirical evidence of pornography's effects on society, Hollis challenged commission members to consider common sense arguments in the case against pornography. Common sense, he said, "may be all that can lift us out of the continued confusion brought on by waiting for conclusive empirical data everyone can agree on."

Hollis argued pornography is harmful to society because of its negative impact on both character and conduct. Southern Baptists and others oppose pornography, he said, "not because it deals with sex, but because it exploits and degrades sex." In contrast to Christianity's holistic view, pornography presents a selective and distorted picture of sex, he added.

One of pornography's "worst sins," Hollis said, is the way it "has served, along with other cultural forces, to generate between the sexes hostility instead of fellowship, exploitation instead of love, anger instead of affection, one-dimensional sex instead of true intimacy and crafty manipulation instead of compassionate mutuality." (BP)

## Missionaries still at work in world's trouble spots

Terrorists, wreaking havoc in the Middle East, Latin America and elsewhere last month, shoved their way onto network newscasts and the front pages of

the world's newspapers. Southern Baptist missionaries, continuing to share the gospel in many of the world's trouble spots, got no such attention. They don't want it or need it, unless it comes in the form of prayer.

Bill O'Brien, executive vice president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, said the recent escalation in global turmoil is "a reminder that missionaries continue to live in a real world marked by this kind of terrorism. As Baptists see the datelines from (news) stories around the world, it should be a call to prayer for missionaries and nationals who are faithfully working to reconcile people to Christ."

"We are all being careful as we go about our activities and ministries," wrote a missionary in El Salvador, adding, "Please keep us in your prayers." She noted the cafe where leftist gunmen shot and killed four Marines, two U. S. businessmen and seven Salvadorans June 19 in San Salvador is about two miles from where missionaries live.

Bill Stennett, literature missionary to the Central American country since 1977, addressed the memorial service for the Marines in the U. S. embassy in San Salvador. A fellow missionary reported "security was tight and everyone was solemn, as could be expected." But Stennett wants Baptists to see a more important dimension of his work. In 1983, for example, "I must have baptized over 100 people," he said. "But that didn't get out. What got out was the one day we almost got our car stolen" by a band of urban guerrillas.

Beirut, Lebanon, a city of about two million people, is "just one of a great many places in the world where people are trying to go on with their lives" in the midst of strife, said Nancie Wingo, missionary educator on furlough from there. Countless Lebanese "want to get on with their lives . . . want to do something good with their lives," she said. "There are more people who relate to each other in very kind and loving ways than those who are perpetrating all the meanness."

Foreign Mission Board policy gives each missionary family full latitude to decide whether to continue working in a trouble spot or move to a safer location. Yet even when tension isn't at a peak, missionaries still face understandable concerns. One missionary in strife-torn Zimbabwe, realizing she had to come to grips with her fear, prayed, "Lord, I can't live this way here. Take it from me, or I can't stay here." The prayer was answered, she says. The fear left.

Especially encouraging to missionaries in trouble spots are letters from family, friends and church members in the United States. "A lot of times, a whole Sunday school class would sign" a card or letter. (BP)

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## oneida journal

### Renewed like the Eagle

Murdered! Many small children, teenage boys and girls, and even larger numbers of adults are being killed every day in some of the countries of our world.

God has used our school in recent years as one of his instruments in helping to save some foreign young people from probable and in some cases almost certain death. These have been able to flee circumstances almost unimaginable to us and have found their way to us. We were aware of some of them before they succeeded in getting across their country's borders.

Several years ago the 19-year-old sister of one of our students was deliberately and fatally shot in the family courtyard by soldiers of her government. The family was not allowed to even touch her body or to evidence any sign of mourning. They had to watch her body slowly decompose day by day. Reportedly all neighbors and friends who came to the home to express condolences to the family were arrested as "enemies of the government."

Recently a long letter came from a beautiful girl, now a graduate of our school, who might have died in her homeland but her life was spared.

"Oneida Baptist Institute has meant so much to my life. When I first came I didn't like it at all. In fact I hated that place. I was crying and complaining against God and wishing to be with my family. I was confused as to how I was supposed to act in a culture and environment so different. As time went on I got used to some circumstances, I

made some friends and began to have fun.

"But the time when I really got happy came about when I asked Jesus Christ to take my life and change me. He did change me. I am different. He gave me peace, joy and love. And this was when I finally got to realize the purpose of God in taking me to Oneida. OBI was a place for me too. I did not have some of the problems that many have. However, I had a problem with my soul that no human could solve, and which for me couldn't be solved some other place but there.

"And praise the Lord he set me free and gave me the love I was searching for. He also gave me people who needed love. He helped me to love them and that was a great joy.

"Every member of the staff at OBI has helped me in some way and I'll always remember all of you in my prayers.

"I miss you all. I miss OBI very, very much. I wish I could be there more. Thank you for letting me go there. I left my country to save myself from dying, but God's purpose was to save my soul from going to hell.

"My gratitude for every help is great. May the Lord help you in everything you do. With loads of love."

When with David of old she praised the Lord making reference to Ps. 3: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. . . . and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thine diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed."

More than 10 years ago a mother of several children died in another state. The father abandoned the children some months later and his whereabouts were unknown for nine years. We have two of the children here.

Their guardian of many years is a Methodist pastor. He recently wrote, while sending us a \$100 donation, the following: "I feel good about the progress the children have made and continue to make, and the education they are receiving at the school. The many opportunities available to them there provide many good experiences. Thank you for the interest you take and the motivation you provide."

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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JULY 21, 1985

Life and Work Series

### My redeemer lives

**Job 19:13-20** Bodily disease and mental anguish caused Job to become so emaciated that he resembled a skeleton. Those who had been subservient to him had to be begged to continue their service for him. Those immediately outside his household abandoned him. Those in whom he had confided and to whom he had given his love had turned against him as violent opponents. His diseased body made him offensive to his wife. The youngsters taunted Job and many others poured contempt on him. Nobody pitied him or sympathized with him. Job appealed to those from whom he should have received compassion but it was in vain.

**Job 19:21-24** Unable to acquire sympathy from his un pitying friends, Job turned back to God with sublime confidence and implicit faith. He came to the conclusion that the chastening to which he had been subjected was for his personal benefit and to show others what God could do with and through a man who was fully dedicated to him.

His contemporaries had not believed him but had subjected him to slanderous statements. Firmly believing that the truth which he was about to utter would prove to be of real value to all those who might live after him, Job expressed his desire to inscribe it so that it would be read after his death. Great truths should be carefully treasured and

accurately transmitted for the benefit of all succeeding generations. All of us are the beneficiaries of the printed page and shall ever be indebted to those who have discovered great truths and recorded them for our learning.

**Job 19:25-27** Job knew he was destined to die, that his body would be buried in a grave and eaten by the worms. Believing he was something more than a body of mere clay, Job reached through doubt and darkness to faith in a life after death and triumphantly declared: "I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skins worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God."

International Series

### Love engenders hope

**Hosea 11:1-4** As Hosea was wounded deeply by the unbecoming conduct of his unfaithful wife, Gomer, so God was wounded and grieved by the sins of the Israelites. God reminded the Israelites he had chosen them, not because of any merit on their part, but out of his great love for them. Out of his compassionate and redeeming love he had delivered them from bondage in Egypt, had protected them from harm, supplied their needs and brought them to the promised land.

**Hosea 11:8** Their sinfulness tended to cause God to give them up, but his heart yearned for them and he refused to do so. Because of his great concern and love for them, God would not carry his anger to completion in executing the punishment they deserved.

**Hosea 14:1-4** The backsliding of the Israelites was an indisputable fact. Backsliding is that condition of the life of a child of God in which communion with God is broken, love for him is diminished and joy has departed. If any person is in a backslidden condition, he is unhappy and miserable. When God's children backslide, they also lose their usefulness in his service, subject themselves to divine chastening and bring upon themselves remorse of conscience.

Here, as elsewhere in the scriptures, God appeals to backsliders to come back to him and to have delightful fellowship with him. If you have backslidden and lost the joy of the Lord out of your life, then heed the call of God to come back to him, confess your sins to him, tell him that you are sorry that you did wrong and ask him to forgive you and cleanse you.

### Another side of Baptists

and placed it in my hand. Gasper River is a small association as Kentucky associations go—25 churches. And if Kentucky Baptists had a list of so-called "prosperous" associations, Gasper River would not be included.

Yet there it was—a check for \$12,095 over \$10,000 of which was designated from the association itself. All of it earmarked for "World Hunger—Africa."

Gasper River could have used that money for legitimate causes within their association. Local churches and associations have needs, too.

But Gasper River had determined that African hunger needs were more urgent to them than those needs closer to home. The warm smile on Joe's face validated the deeper joy that always accompanies sacrificial giving. And I saw in his smile, the smile of an association.

The event whisked me back five months to the December board meeting when James Watt Jr. presented for world hunger a \$200,000 check from

small Belfry Baptist Church.

That sacrificial giving pricked the conscience of America. Watt was interviewed more than 50 times in two or three weeks following that event, including a Christmas Eve appearance on CBS "Nightline" with Bob Hope.

Since that time they have received and disbursed an additional \$30,000 for hunger.

Ironically, such giving has its critics. And some criticism of "sacrifice" will inevitably flow out from those who unfortunately equate "sacrifice" with foolishness and waste.

It might surprise some to know that not all of the calls and mail to pastor Jim Watt were favorable.

Belfry is a "small" church, Gasper River, a "small" association. Yet both exemplify a side of Southern (Kentucky) Baptists that is Christ-like and contagious.

How I wish America could see this side of us, instead of the side we've given them to view these days.



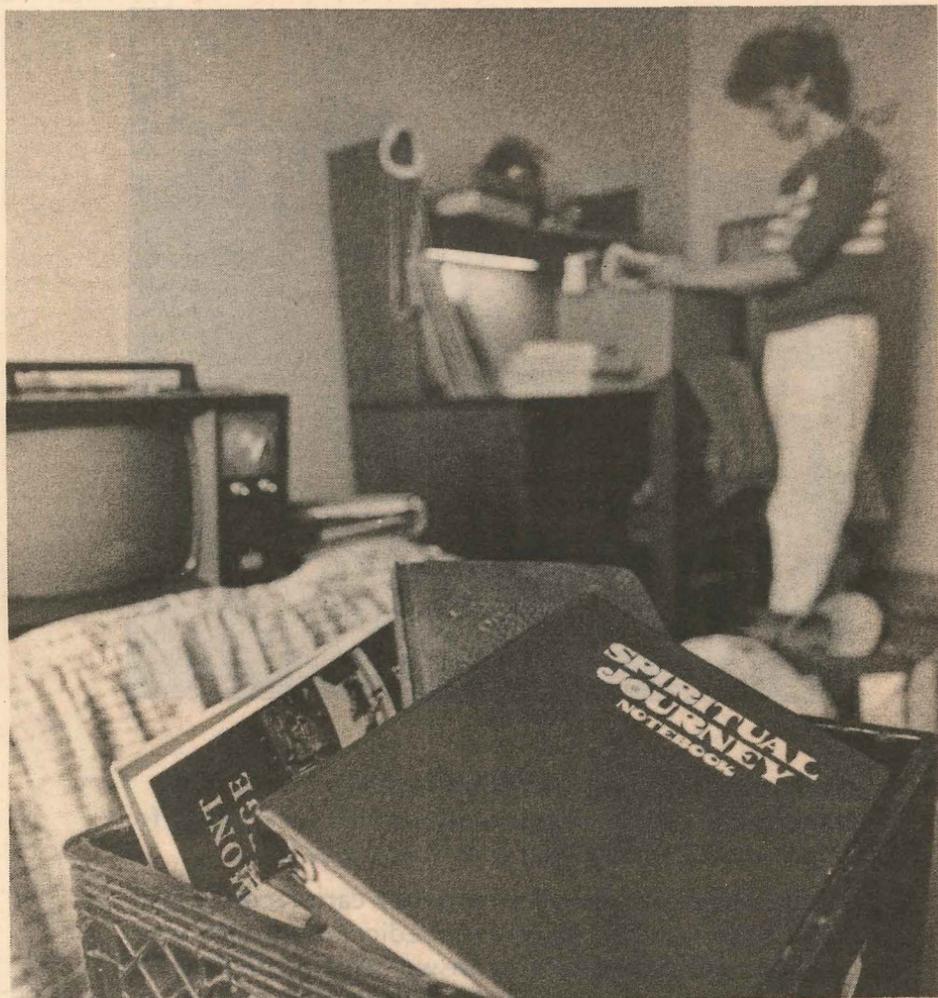
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## on mission together

Kentucky Baptist executive board members, coming in from all over our state, gather for refreshments in Boone Lodge dining hall just prior to the first session of each May board meeting, traditionally held at Cedarmore.

Of the 122 members who finally arrived, perhaps 60 or 70 were gathered at various tables. As I made my way from table to table, shaking hands and interrupting conversations, Joe Bunch, board member from Gasper River Association, called me aside.

From his pocket he withdrew a check



College student ministries' On To College theme is "Christ—the Foundation" focusing on Christ as the best foundation for college students as they explore new areas. Lynn O'Kain, Greenbrier, Tenn., included a Spiritual Journey Notebook and her Bible when she moved into a dorm room at Belmont College, Nashville.

## Satellites help church reach enrolment goals

Nogales Avenue Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., lacks 56 members reaching its Sunday school enrolment goal of 1900 by Oct. 1, 1985.

The plan for "From Here to Victory" may be the key to reaching that goal, according to Cecil Walmer, Sunday school director at the church.

Walmer and the church's minister of education, George Green, are attending the Sunday School Leadership Conference at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center where plans for "From Here to Victory" are being discussed in conference sessions.

"From Here to Victory" is the final, three-month effort to reach a Bold Mission Thrust goal of 8.5 million persons enrolled in Sunday school by Oct. 1, 1985.

The Nogales Avenue Sunday school already has increased 154 in enrolment this year for a total enrolment of 844, up from 690 at the beginning of the church year.

Using the "From Here to Victory" plan for reaching parents of children and preschoolers enrolled in Sunday school, attempting to enrol church members who are not already Sunday

school members and seeking new prospects will help the church reach its goal, Walmer said.

The enrolment has already doubled from 460 enrolled when Walmer became Sunday school director in 1979.

This year, the church has started Sunday school groups at a retirement center, a state home for the mentally retarded and a shelter for battered women. These "satellite" Sunday schools have boosted the enrolment and are similar to the work the church has done in a nursing home for more than 20 years.

"Now, the church doesn't have enough workers to go around," Walmer said.

Reaching out has been a key to growth for the church that is the second oldest in Tulsa and once had a Sunday school enrolment of more than 1000.

The turn-of-the-century community offered a healthy environment until the community began to decline when expressway construction cut it off from the city, Walmer explained.

Walmer, 72, has been a member of the church for 45 years and has taught Sunday school since he was 22.

"Finding new areas for service was the only way for us to grow," Walmer explained.

The growth has been based on prayer by the leadership and commitment from the Sunday school workers.

The enrolment has already topped the 121 that the Sunday school workers committed themselves to enrol.

Now the church is expecting victory with the goal of 1900 enrolled, Walmer said.

## Bible in every home is goal of People Search

Placing a New Testament in every home without a Bible is the goal of a Southern Baptist scripture distribution and the October People Search Plan.

More than six million paperback New Testaments will be distributed in the project which is a joint effort of the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Home Mission Board.

A second element of the project is to find prospects for enrolment in Southern Baptist churches, according to Jim Fitch, Sunday School Board coordinator of the project.

"We are looking for evangelistic prospects—unchurched, lost people," Fitch explained.

Bibles for the project are being made available to Southern Baptist churches at cost by the Holman division of the Sunday School Board.

Gene Skelton, retired editor of the Sunday School Board, presented suggestions for implementing the project in sessions of a Sunday School Leadership Conference at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Skelton recommends the Sunday school be the organization used to conduct the scripture distribution and People Search.

Even before the target dates of Oct. 20-26, Sunday schools should create outreach organizations, set a goal for prospects equal to the number enrolled in Sunday school and get the outreach organization working, Skelton said.

Canvassers for the project should be enlisted with a goal of one canvasser for 10 persons enrolled in Bible study. Each team of two canvassers can visit about 30 homes during the week, Skelton pointed out.

After canvassing is completed, prospects should be maintained in a file and Sunday school members should be

made conscious of the need to visit prospects.

"Members will need to be trained at soul winning to carry out the visitation," Skelton pointed out.

One Sunday school director whose church has already participated in a pilot project for the scripture distribution and People Search, recommended at the Glorieta sessions that careful attention be given to training and planning before the project.

Texas churches conducted a pilot project for the program last year. Charlie Fortenberry, Sunday school director of First Baptist Church, Cross Plains, Tex., was involved in the pilot program.

"At the time we didn't see the benefit of the project because we didn't get all that many prospects," Fortenberry said.

However, the Cross Plains church baptized 62 persons during a revival several months later. Fortenberry said the scripture distribution possibly helped to create an awareness for the church and its outreach that added to the success of the revival.

More prospects might have been found in the Cross Plains effort if the canvassers had been trained to look for them, Fortenberry said.

"We were more involved in passing out New Testaments than finding prospects," he pointed out.

Leader training for the project will be available in several hundred Baptist associations conducting the scripture distribution and People Search, Fitch said.

Information about the August and September training sessions is available from state Baptist conventions or from the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

## Musicians opened their Bibles after rehearsals in Colombia

What do a cellist, two trombonists, a violinist and a Southern Baptist pastor have in common?

In Bogota, Colombia, the five North Americans started a Bible study for English-speaking members of the Colombia Symphonic Orchestra.

Their three-year fellowship ended this June when their careers headed in new directions.

Bob Polk was a missionary associate with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and pastor of the Bogota Baptist Chapel from 1981 until June 1985 when he returned to the United States. He is temporarily living in Butler, Tenn., while looking for a state-side pastorate.

Political turmoil in Colombia, caused by drug traffickers and leftist guerrillas, was one reason several of the Bible study participants have left or are planning to leave the South American country, Polk said.

Another reason, he said, is the musicians want to further their careers in the United States.

The Bible study met each Tuesday after the orchestra's morning rehearsal.

The chain of events that led to the fellowship began in the fall of 1981 when several orchestra members participated in a chapel talent program. A

young cellist named Richard began attending worship services at the chapel and, within a few weeks, became a Christian.

He soon shared his faith with his roommate, David, a trombonist, and the two new believers were baptized. They discussed the possibility of a Bible study with Polk and began it when a young couple, Bob, first trombonist in the orchestra, and Becky, a violinist, opened their home.

Becky and a French horn player named Penelope became Christians and were baptized. Penelope and David also became husband and wife.

Attendance at times reached as many as a dozen people, including two other regulars, Tony, a violist from Scotland, and Rusena, a cellist and a refugee from Czechoslovakia.

The fellowship attracted only periodic Colombian visitors, musicians who were curious or interested in practicing their English. Otherwise, as Catholics, they tended to regard evangelicals as "fanatics," Polk said.

He intends to maintain contact with the musicians in the states. "All of us will remember that time with a lot of fond memories and, at the same time, the commitments we made to the Lord and with each other."

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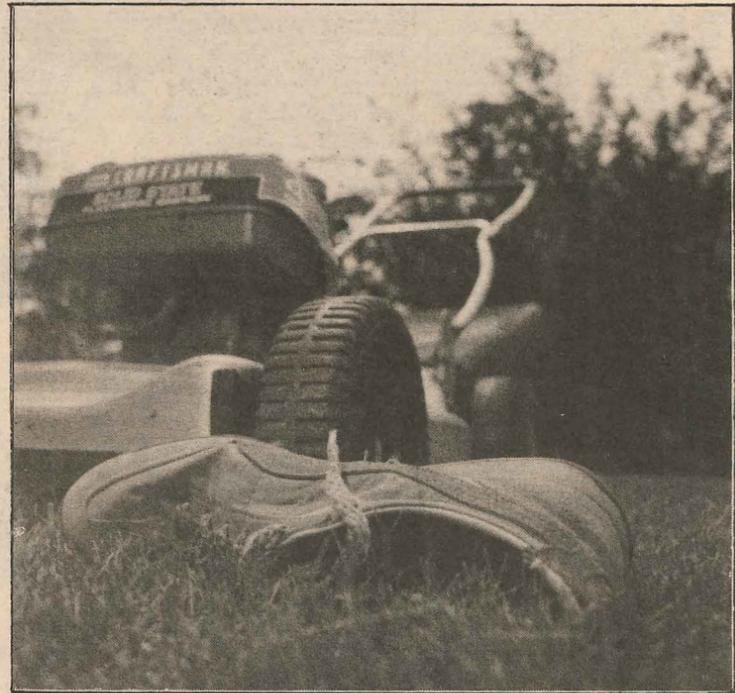
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At Baptist we recognize that all emergencies are of major concern and our hospitals are equipped with highly trained physicians, nurses and technicians skilled in the practice of evaluating, stabilizing and treating life- and limb-threatening illnesses and injuries. As part of the newest medical specialty, emergency physicians provide this care, in addition to aiding all other patients who seek medical care in emergency departments.

Because all emergencies are different, minor emergency treatment programs now provide separate facilities for minor bumps and bruises which means separate treatment from major, sometimes upsetting, trauma cases.



At Baptist Hospitals, and other facilities in the state, minor emergency programs offer multilevel pricing for minor emergencies. That means you pay less.

Baptist Hospitals and all emergency care facilities will need to prepare an extensive medical record on you, and you should be ready to answer several medical and financial questions. If you have insurance, it will be helpful to have the company name and policy number ready.

### What Is An Emergency?

Prompt action in treating a medical problem as an emergency often means the difference between life and death. Physicians at Baptist Hospitals recommend that anyone who thinks he or she might have a medical emergency see a physician as soon as possible. There are seven warning signs of a medical emergency:

- Chest pain or upper abdominal pain or pressure (A heart attack is frequently mistaken for indigestion.)
- Difficulty in breathing or shortness of breath
- Fainting or feeling faint
- Dizziness, sudden weakness, or a sudden change in vision
- Sudden severe pain anywhere in the body
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Suicidal or homicidal feelings

While not all of these warning signs may ultimately be an emergency, only a physician can evaluate your problem.

Your emergency may be anything from a lawnmower accident to a heart attack. Remain calm and follow these emergency care guidelines. Prompt action in a medical emergency often means the difference between life and death.