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ABOVE: ROLL CALL OF NATIONS—The Liberian flag led the Roll Call of Nations during the 12th Baptist World Congress in Tokyo, as more than 10,000 Baptists from around the world looked on. During the colorful ceremony, the flags of 76 countries represented at the congress were carried across the stage, while a representative from each country said the congress theme—"Reconciliation through Christ"—in his native tongue.

LEFT: NEW BWA PRESIDENT GREETED—V. Carney Hargroves (center), pastor of the Second Baptist church, Germantown, Pa., near Philadelphia, is greeted as the new president of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) by congress delegates. William R. Tolbert (left) is vice president of the Republic of Liberia and outgoing BWA president. Herschel H. Hobbs (right) is pastor of First Baptist church, Oklahoma City. Hobbs, a Southern Baptist, lost the election to Hargroves in a close vote.

(BP Photos By Steve Wall)

WHEN FAITH IS NOT FAITH

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done"—Acts 8:13.

Simon was a magician who enjoyed great popularity and, perhaps, prosperity in Samaria. He "bewitched" or caused the people to stand outside themselves in ecstasy by his tricks. When Philip came to the city preaching the gospel, the people "believed" concerning the kingdom of God (v.12). They saw his miracles of healing which put Simon's magic in the shade (vv.6-7).

Luke says that Simon also "believed", the same word used about the people. He was even baptized (v.13). But his faith was quite different from theirs. They believed Philip's message and acted on it (v.12). Simon believed "the miracles and signs which were done" (v.13). He did not believe in Jesus as Saviour. He only accepted Philip's miracles as genuine, and wanted to learn how to do them himself. "Continued" renders a verb meaning to adhere. He stuck to Philip as though glued to him. He did not want to miss a single **trick**.

When Peter and John came to Samaria they laid hands on the people who had believed in Jesus. And they received the

Holy Spirit as evidence that they had been saved (cf. Eph. 1:13-14). To Simon this was the greatest **trick** of all. He regarded Philip and the apostles simply as super-magicians.

So he tried to buy the secret of bestowing the Holy Spirit (vv.18f). Peter told him that his conduct proved that he was not a true believer. He was on the way to destruction (apōleian, note "apollyon" or Satan the destroyer). So he should take his money to be destroyed with him (v.20).

Here then was a man who "believed". But he believed in the wrong thing for the wrong purpose. Faith should be directed toward Jesus Christ and His work in the human heart, not in **magic** or the tricks of soothsayers. The Bible teaches that the latter is of the devil. But Jesus is God's Son and the only Saviour from sin.



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Devotional

BACK TO THE BIBLE

II Chron. 34:21

By Bernard Campbell, Pastor
Georgian Hills Baptist Church, Memphis

This passage reveals that the book containing the law of Moses had been found among the debris in the house of God.



Campbell

It reveals to us the terrible results that had come to the nation and the people as a result of its being lost.

The strange fact about this incident is that it is so often repeated over and over again. The word of God is being lost in the place where we claim to know it and proclaim it. We desperately need to get

back to the word of God because so many are losing their love for it, their reverence for it, their appetite for it and above all, their belief in it.

We must get back to the **Authority** of the Bible. The Bible is the authority for the life that now is and the life which is to come, the word of God lives and abides forever. The authority of the word of God is extended over life, over nature and over death. But in our day the word of man is being asserted over the word of God. The word of God is to be the authority for our lives because it is absolute, unchanging and abiding.

We must get back to the **Answers** of the Bible. Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life. We discover that in our generation that people are turning everywhere for answers to life's big questions, except to the word of God. Only the Bible has the answers to life's really big questions, where we came from, what we are doing here, and where we are going. Much of the tension that now exists in our society would be greatly diminished if we would accept the answers of the Bible, for the Bible is a book that deals with relationships, both human and divine.

We must get back to the **Assurances** of the Bible. The word of God is the only source of real assurance that we really have in this present life. We have become fearful in these days because we have departed from the assurances that are given to us in God's word. Our real security is to be found in knowing and doing the word of God. Our real purpose and power is to be found in knowing and following the word of God, not in the false promises of men.

When these people found the word of God spiritual life took on new meaning, morals were lifted, they were drawn back to God, injustices were corrected and they began to walk again in the paths of righteousness. Our hope for the present and the future is to be found in our getting back to the Bible.

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

A pastor of a Christian church in Oklahoma City said Sunday's sermon would be: "Going and Doing Likewise."

And that's exactly what he did. While his congregation waited for the preacher, "he had gone and done likewise"—he had skipped the worship service.

This was certainly an object lesson on the importance of church attendance. The only trouble is, if the preacher starts acting like the members of his church someone is sure to suggest that they get a new preacher.

Why, the next thing you know the preacher will be leaving right after Sunday School so he can be the first in the cafeteria line!

Or he'll say he could come to church, but Sunday is his only day to be with his family.

Or call at the last minute to say he has tickets to the Sunday afternoon ball game and he doesn't want the tickets to go to waste.

Yes sir, if the preachers start acting like church members, we'll be in a bad way.

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Personnel Shortage Closes Indonesian Clinic, Stalls Hospital Construction

By Susan S. Cahen

RICHMOND — A medical clinic which had served over 40,000 Indonesians has been closed and the building of a controversial Baptist hospital has been seriously impeded for lack of medical personnel, according to R. Keith Parks, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board secretary for Southeast Asia.

The clinic and hospital site are located in Bukittinggi on the Indonesian island of Sumatra. Earlier this year, the Foreign Mission Board announced that land and a building permit for the hospital had been secured and construction would begin shortly.

Although some opposition continued, a high-level Indonesian government figure gave the project unexpected support in a written document.

"Just as the doors open, . . . we suddenly don't have the personnel to go there," Parks said. "We've got to have a surgeon and a general practitioner just to open the hospital."

Currently, Dr. Kathleen Jones, stationed in Kediri, Java, is the only Southern Baptist missionary physician in Indonesia. Under her supervision, Missionary Nurse Ruth Ford maintained the clinic in Bukittinggi for some time, anticipating the arrival of Dr. Frank B. Owen from the States.

However, Dr. Owen died en route to Indonesia, leaving Dr. Jones as the only Baptist physician serving Bukittinggi and Kediri, which are about 1000 miles apart and on different islands.

The clinic was closed because Indonesian law dictates that a physician must be on hand to maintain medical clinics, Parks said.

Dr. Owen, who suffered a heart attack in Honolulu, June 24, was returning to Indonesia from a furlough to participate in building the new hospital, selecting its staff and setting up its equipment.

Ross B. Fryer Jr., missionary stationed in Padan, about 70 miles from Bukittinggi, will continue the supervision of the hospital construction.

When Southern Baptists began their ministry in Bukittinggi in 1963 they were the only evangelical Christian mission in a city of about 50,000.

Dr. Owen and his family left the hospital in Kediri to go to Bukittinggi meaning "High Hill"), which is about 70 miles inland from the coast in Western Sumatra.

During his first year there, Dr. Owen sought to buy land for the proposed 50-bed hospital and to receive permission to begin the clinic. By 1964, when he left Indonesia for a furlough in the States, he had purchased the land for the project.

However, a permit was never granted by the local government because opposition from the Muslim faction, which complained that the site was too close to one of their mosques. Another location had to be sought.

During Dr. Owen's furlough, Dr. Jones filled in for him, and by March 1965 she had received permission to begin the clinic operations. She turned the operation over to him when he returned.

Within a year and a half the clinic employed six persons and treated a daily average of 55 patients five days a week. (BP)

(Editor's Note: Susan S. Cahen is a staff writer in the press relations office of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, a bureau of Baptist Press, in Richmond.)

Private Elementary Schools Called Danger to Churches

COLUMBIA, S.C.—A South Carolina Baptist Convention committee has encouraged churches to avoid getting involved in private elementary and secondary education.

A statement issued here by the convention's Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee, said that church participation in such private schools may be costly, deceptive, destructive, divisive and injurious to mission causes.

The committee, comprised equally of ministers and laymen, does not speak officially for the 1592-church South Carolina convention, but is responsible for providing counsel on public, moral and social issues affecting the religious community.

A convention official said the committee's report was prompted by "general unrest" over the condition of schools in the nation.

Although there is no organized private school movement among South Carolina Baptists, he said that several churches in the state have participated in such efforts on a community level. (BP)

MORAL SCENE

● Cardinal Francois Marty, archbishop of Paris, plans to sell some of the valuable furnishings from his official residence. He says that he wishes to get rid of marks of wealth and ostentation which are incompatible with the poverty of Christ and also to make a personal response to Archbishop Helder Camara's appeal for the developing countries. The proceeds of the sale, which are expected to amount to about 135,000 francs (\$24,000), will go to various charities involved in overseas aid and for the enlarging of a home for elderly priests. (*The Christian Century*, 7/15/70)

Personally

By James A. Lester

A long-delayed visit to the dining room at one of the cottages on the campus of the Children's Home in



Lester

Franklin reminded me once again of the security which is evident for members of the large family cared for in love by Tennessee Baptists.

The visit was made because I wanted an opportunity to see more of our home. It might be unfair to

readers to make mouths water, but it must be noted that the bill of fare would make any housewife envious. The peas (fresh) and potatoes (fresh), with pork chops, slaw, cornbread and cherry cobbler made for a near-perfect meal. One youngster at the table had the right idea. He took a piece of "lightbread" and covered it thoroughly with the butter and water the potatoes were cooked in. He enjoyed eating it, and had the editor been a bit braver, he would have done the same thing.

We need to remember with appreciation the excellent ministry in our name which is rendered by the staff of our children's homes. They serve for Christ's sake, and their work is very worthy of the support of every Tennessee Baptist.

Bandits Shoot Up Locals; Missionaries Fly in Help

Seven persons who had been shot by bandits were brought to two Southern Baptist missionaries in a remote part of Ethiopia. One of the missionaries, a medical doctor, did what he could for the victims, but four died in a couple of days. The three remaining patients have recovered.

Dr. Sam Cannata Jr. and his colleague, Ray Lindholm, had traveled two days, with mules, to reach the village of Maranya in the Ethiopian highlands. Months earlier, Cannata had flown there in a helicopter to select a site for an airstrip.

He and Lindholm had previously arranged to be picked up in a plane on the day they arrived with the mules. However, they discovered that the ground had cracked so badly during the dry season that the pilot would be unable to land the plane, and they used rocks to spell out a warning to him.

The pilot dropped a note to them that he would be back three days later. In the meantime, 500 people with hoes worked half a day to smooth out the airstrip.

Children's Homes Campaign

Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes is engaged in a Campaign For Funds For Homes For Homeless Children in Middle Tennessee. Goal of the campaign is to raise \$600,000 in Middle Tennessee between now and December 31 to be applied on the construction of cottages at the campus between Brentwood and Franklin. The original goal of \$675,000 has been reduced by a \$75,000 gift to be applied in this campaign.

The appeal being made by the home is to 24 associations in the Mid-State area. Lucius Hart is campaign staff director under the overall leadership of Executive Director James M. Gregg.

The campaign got under way July 1. Ground has been broken already for two cottages. The fund-raising effort has convention approval, and deserves the prayers of all Tennessee Baptists, and the prayers and support of Middle Tennessee Baptists.

The Franklin home will become a cottage-type campus instead of the present dormitory campus. This change has long been needed in the light of present-day child care concepts.

This ministry is a ministry of, by and for Tennessee Baptists in the name of Our Lord. This campaign therefore is worthy of our support.

"By Faith" It Works!

A news release concerning Oral Roberts university in Tulsa, Oklahoma, should be of interest to Baptists. The release, in summary, says: 1—Construction has begun on a \$5.5 million special events center at the university. 2—According to Roberts, it will be funded "in the same way we have built the other 10 major buildings . . . by faith." 3—The university involves an investment of \$30 million in campus and endowment. 4—It was dedicated in 1967. 5—"The 420 acre campus has received most of its financial support from Roberts' backers outside Oklahoma."

Add all of these factors together and even a casual observer must be aware of something. To us it says, among other things: While Baptists in Tennessee and elsewhere are pondering the future of Christian higher education with some degree of gloom, this university, and others like

it are continuing to grow rapidly. These so-called fundamentalist institutions are getting money. We suspect that a great deal of it is Baptist money.

Somewhere along the way, we don't seem to be able to communicate to fellow Baptists our needs in Christian education as well as these groups are doing. It could be one of several things. Either we are talking and the people aren't listening, or we have people listening and we aren't talking in language they understand, and respond to with checks, money orders and cash.

Isn't this somewhat of an anachronism when Baptists have spent so much time and money in developing communications into a fine art? It makes one wonder sometimes if we haven't been guilty of going too much by sight and too little by faith in this and other endeavors!

Sunday School Thrust

The Tennessee Baptist Convention, along with other states cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention, is making big plans for Sunday School. In 1954, Southern Baptists, under the slogan "A Million More In '54," added 597,000 members to our Sunday Schools. Not since that time has a major enlargement effort been undertaken.

Now, along comes 70/70 Launch. Plans for this effort have been in the works for many months. It will require some "regearing" in our thinking about organizational lines, and will require a major effort on the part of members of churches. With prayer and work, Sunday School membership can be enlarged significantly.

The population in Tennessee is increasing about one and one half per cent each year. However, we have lost 21,658 members from our Sunday Schools in the state since 1965, according to Secretary Wendell Price.

Election of Outreach Leaders for classes, departments and the general Sunday School organization is planned so that these leaders might begin work by October 1. According to Price, "six weeks of intensive visitation enrolment will change the concern, attitude, and action of the churches which get serious with God's commission."

These final 70 days of 1970 will launch the program of the Sunday Schools for this decade. Pastors, church leaders and members should welcome this opportunity for participation in 70/70 Launch.

Church Role Emphasized In Life of Mentally Retarded

GLORIETA, N.M.—Although there are more than 6,000,000 mentally retarded persons in the United States, fewer than 60,000 are being reached with a religious ministry by any denomination.

In a recent conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly for workers with the mentally retarded, Mrs. Doris Monroe, consultant, ministry to exceptional persons, church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said that 3.5 per cent of the United States population is mentally retarded. Therefore, in a church with 500 members there could be 10-15 mentally retarded family members to whom the church should minister.

"More than 85 per cent of these people can be contributing members to society," said Mrs. Monroe.

The church is well equipped to help with the social development, education and, sometimes, job training of mentally retarded persons, she said. The curriculum used in working with mentally retarded persons in the church varies in each individual; it must be related to their abilities, wishes and needs.

On-the-Job Training

Curriculum materials from the Sunday School Board were discussed during the week-long conference. The first half of the materials to be used in work with the mentally retarded was published last October, Mrs. Monroe said, and the second half will be available through the Baptist Book Stores on Aug. 1. The materials provide suggestions for Bible study materials, activity, group sessions, day camps and other types of learning situations.

During the conference, workers had the opportunity to receive on-the-job training with mentally retarded children. Seventeen children from Ranch of the Angels near Santa Fe, N.M., were brought to the assembly three mornings for special sessions. The children attend special classes at First Baptist church, Dallas, while at the Kennedy Living Center and in the summer attend First Baptist church of Santa Fe while at the ranch.

British Report: Suicides Declining But 'Potentials' Are On Increase

LONDON—The number of suicides in England and Wales is decreasing but the number of potential suicides may be doubling, according to the international Samaritans organization.

The Rev. Basil Higginson, a Samaritans spokesman, said the number of suicides "may be going down but this is almost certainly because of improved medical care and better methods of resuscitation. It is certainly true that the number of potentially suicidal people is rising rapidly." (RNS)

Speaking of the possibilities for work with the mentally retarded in the church program, Mrs. Monroe said the "church might be the most understanding place" for the children to learn because "it is the best situation in which people can grow."

Thinking Aloud

The Sound and the Fury

By Duke K. McCall

The secular press and numerous others have reported on the sound and the fury of the recent Southern Baptist Convention session in Denver.

There was a raucous, rude, undisciplined, minority—about three hundred messengers who should not have been sent by their churches nor seated by the Convention. The other 12,000 went to Denver to be informed, inspired, and to transact business in the name of Christ. Bless them for their intelligent, constructive actions in the face of harassment and tactics of confusion. From a spectator point of view the Denver program was the best yet.

The future emphasis adopted for programs to be implemented by the agencies were biblical, evangelistic, and embodied the spirit of the Good Samaritan.

This is the sound side of the Convention. Nor for the fury.

Who decided to put the platform at the end of an eight-hundred-foot tunnel (literally two city blocks)? No wonder half the people present felt left out, unco-operative, and frustrated! The issue is not convenience: it is the very character of the Convention sessions, thereby making the facilities of the auditorium more important.

The anti-establishment spirit of the "now generation" is taking over the character of the Convention. The Convention was designed to "elicit, combine and direct" the resources of Southern Baptists through certain agencies to achieve a Christian witness and ministry in a lost world. These agencies are corporate entities operated by directors or trustees or commissioners, chosen at the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention. Traditionally the Convention sessions have revolved around reports from the agencies of the work accomplished and the plans projected. All of this was dealt with at Denver by common consent in about ten seconds, with the result that thereafter the appearance of any official representative of an agency was to defend the agency against some motion designed to usurp the decision-making responsibility of the officially elected directors of the agency.

This change has come about gradually, beginning in 1959, when the reorganization of the Southern Baptist Convention under the Booz, Allen & Hamilton recom-

mendations led the S.B.C. Executive Committee to think that agency recommendations should always come to the floor of the Convention in the Executive Committee report. Decision making by the messengers on issues initiated by the agencies subsequently disappeared. People who had come to make decisions found these agency reports duller and duller.

Unexpected motions began to pop up in the miscellaneous business sessions instead of in response to agency reports. Convention leadership contrived the gimmick of requiring that all motions be scheduled on the agenda by the Committee on Order of Business. This had the effect of piling up motions, varying slightly, but all dealing with the same subject. The result in Denver was that most of the time and thought and actions of the entire Convention dealt with one issue relating to the Christian Life Commission. And the Christian Life Commission has not yet reported either what it did in the previous year or plans for the future. No intelligently structured organization operates that way.

The basic Southern Baptist Convention structure is sound. It is being jimmied by the assumption that co-ordination through the S.B.C. Executive Committee is more important than the autonomy of the Convention-elected boards of the agencies. It is being jimmied by the messengers' impatience with due process and their determination to vote now on complicated matters where even the essential issues have not been explained. It is being jimmied by the bylaw which prevents the messenger from making his motion about an agency's program at the time the Convention is dealing with the work of that agency. It is being jimmied by compliance with the anti-establishment mood of America today which demands dialogue but shouts down the official who tries to share the wisdom which got him elected in the first place.

The saddest thing at Denver was not the burst of righteous indignation provoked by the bitter words of black students, who had been voted time to speak. The saddest thing at Denver was not the righteous indignation of messengers who felt that more time was given to speakers from the platform while the three-minute limit was imposed on speakers from the floor. The saddest thing at Denver was the collapse of the official leadership (elected and employed) of the Southern Baptist Convention. Some of us have acquiesced in the name of expediency to changes which make all future Conventions a debacle. Some of us have ignored the storm warnings that were flying by hoping somebody else would make appropriate preparation. Some of us have refused to speak up for "the establishment" because we are a part of the establishment and to do so would appear that we coveted privilege or power.

Editor's Note—Dr. McCall is president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. (Reprinted from *The Tie*)

Turkey Bars Americans Seeking Noah's Ark

ANKARA, Turkey — Government officials here have barred an American expedition seeking to explore Mount Ararat for evidence of Noah's ark.

The officials cited "security reasons" for their action, but gave no further elaboration. The mountain is located in the north-eastern region of the country near the Soviet border.

Ralph E. Lenton, chief of the expedition sponsored by the SEARCH Foundation of Washington, D.C., said he was applying to the Turkish Foreign Ministry in an attempt to have the decision reversed.

A Briton who works with the Arctic Institute of North America, Lenton said the expedition applied last April for permission to climb the 16,946-foot mountain this Summer.

They received no answer, he said, until the 11-man team arrived in Turkey and were told that their application was being denied.

Observers speculated the Turkish government may have been influenced by other factors in addition to questions of military security in the area. Possible reasons suggested were the present government's shaky political situation, articles in opposition newspapers claiming involvement by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, government fears of foreign involvement in separatism among the Kurds of the area, and nervousness about Moslem reactions.

The expedition hoped to find wood that could be identified as remains of the

ark that the Bible says came to rest on "the mountains of Ararat" (Gen. 8:4). In addition to questions about the historical accuracy of the original story, however, many scholars assert that the modern Ararat is not the same as the area known by that name in biblical times. (RNS)

'CONCESSIONS' RUMORED AS POPE CONCLUDES TALKS WITH PRELATE

ROME—Amid rumors of some concessions by Pope Paul in the priestly celibacy issue, Bernard Cardinal Alfrink of Utrecht flew back to the Netherlands after three days of "secret talks" with the Pope and other Vatican officials.

Unofficial but credible Dutch and Italian sources here stated that the Pope, although reaffirming all points in his Feb. 2 letter to Jean Cardinal Villot, Vatican Secretary of State, did admit that married priests in Holland are remaining in their pastoral roles and that there was some chance they could be readmitted to the ministry, although on a level below the priesthood itself. (RNS)

HMB Staffer Elected To State Convention Post

ATLANTA—E. C. Watson, staff member of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of missions, has been elected director of Baptist missions efforts in South Carolina, effective Sept. 1.

Watson will direct the varied mission ministries, including Baptist centers, ministries to the deaf, Christian social ministries and migrant missions.

He will also serve as liaison between the Home Mission Board and the South Carolina convention.

A native of Lumberton, N.C., Watson served as a consultant on associational administration for four years at the Home Mission Board.

He came to the board from the North Carolina Baptist State Convention where he was associate secretary of the Sunday School department.

He is a graduate of Wake Forest, N.C., University and Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky. Previously he had served as superintendent of missions in the New South River and Cabarrus Baptist Associations of South Carolina. (BP)

Carson-Newman Names 12 Faculty Members

JEFFERSON CITY—Twelve new faculty members will join the Carson-Newman college faculty when classes begin this fall.

Robert W. Patterson will teach Russian and German. He will receive the M.A. degree in August from Vanderbilt university. He served as director of the language laboratory and instructor of German at Belmont college, Nashville, this past year.

James R. Austin will join the music department. He received the Bachelor of Music degree in Voice Performance from Stetson university, DeLand, Fla., and the Diploma in Spanish from the Defense Language Institute, Monterey, Calif. This past June, Austin received the Master of Music degree from Converse college, Spartanburg, S.C.

A 1966 graduate of Carson-Newman, **James T. Wolfenbarger** will return to the C-N business administration department. He has completed the residence requirements and preliminary examinations for the Ph.D. degree in economics at the University of Tennessee. At UT Wolfenbarger was a proctor in charge of a televised introductory economics class section and was a teaching assistant.

Also returning to his alma mater will be **Chris Jones**. He will be assistant basketball coach and teach in the physical education department. He received the Master of Education degree from the University of Mississippi.

New to the physical education department will be **Sam B. Green**. In addition to teaching responsibilities Green will serve as the Eagle football team's defensive secondary coach. He attended The Citadel

and received the B.S. and M.A. degrees from Wake Forest university.

Vaughan E. McClellan will be a member of music department. He received the B.M.E. degree from Central Missouri State college, Warrensburg, Mo., and the Master of Music degree from Northwestern university.

Joining C-N as a pre-admission counselor will be **Phillip C. Kindred** of Clyde, N.C. A native of Harriman, he received the B.S. degree in forestry from Duke university and the M.A. degree in guidance from Western Carolina university.

Newton Neely of Greenboro, N.C., will come to the speech and drama department. He holds a B.A. degree in journalism from the University of South Carolina and a M.F.A. degree in acting and directing from the University of North Carolina.

Dal Shealy has returned to his alma mater at the helm of the football team. He holds the B.S. degree from C-N and the M.A. degree from George Peabody college. He has held coaching positions at C-N, Mars Hill college, and at Laurens, S.C.

Joining the physics department will be **Thomas N. O'Neal**. He received the B.S. degree in 1960 from Mississippi college and the M.S. from the University of Fla.

Verner T. Hansen will be a member of the mathematics department. He received the B.S. degree from Livingston State college (Ala.) and the M.A. degree from Louisiana State university.

Returning to C-N after a leave of absence is **Dr. Clark Bryan**, dean of students. A native of Kingsport, Bryan was director of student activities at C-N from 1964-68.

Senate Passes Extensive Family Planning Program

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate passed a bill providing for extensive development of family planning programs and services, especially for all American women who cannot afford them.

This action is in harmony with a Southern Baptist Convention resolution approved in 1967. The Convention commended "the judicious use of medically approved methods of planned parenthood and the dissemination of planned parenthood information."

The bill now goes to the House of Representatives where its advocates hope that hearings will begin soon and that action will be taken before the year is out.

Although the bill was sponsored by Sen. Joseph Tydings (D., Md.), it was co-sponsored by a bi-partisan group of 30 other senators. During the discussion on the Senate floor it was pointed out that the bill "will give substance to President Nixon's words" of last year. The President said:

"No American woman should be denied access to family planning assistance because of her economic condition." (BP)

Baptist World Congress Ends, Emphasizing Peace, Reconciliation

By Jim Newton

TOKYO—The 12th Baptist World Congress, after hearing a score of speeches on the themes of racial equality, peace, justice, hunger, disease, evangelism, Christian unity, and reconciliation between people and nations, adopted a manifesto, a message to its churches, and a half-dozen resolutions dealing with the same basic issues.

The six-day congress ended with a message by Evangelist Billy Graham on the roles and responsibilities of youth, while about 50 Japanese young people protested the prominent clergyman's presence on the program.

Theme for the congress was "Reconciliation through Christ," with most of the speakers repeating and amplifying the topic again and again.

The 8556 registered Baptist delegates from 76 countries, though voicing their unity repeatedly in sermons and the resolutions, frequently displayed their differences.

For the first time in the 65 year history of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), the presidential nominee suggested by the nominating committee of the 31-million member organization was contested from the floor.

Vote 841 To 636

But the delegates, in a sparsely-attended business session, elected the committee's nominee, V. Carney Hargroves, 70, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Germantown, (Philadelphia), Pa., as president, 841 to 636.

Hargroves, a former president of the American Baptist Convention, won over Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

While the 15,000 seat Budokan Hall, built for the Olympic judo matches, was filled with as many as 10,000 persons on the opening and closing nights, many of the delegates and guests went sightseeing in Tokyo, Osaka, Nikko, Hakone and other scenic Japanese spots during the daytime sessions.

The congress opened with a keynote address by Theodore F. Adams, retired minister from Richmond, Va., who issued a plea for Christians to unite in breaking down the barriers of racial prejudice, social customs, and political differences that divide nations and individuals by applying the reconciling gospel to life.

While the former BWA president spoke, about 30 Japanese youth passed out copies of a resolution critical of the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Tokyo. It decried the renewal of the U.S.-Japanese Security Treaty. A later leaflet opposed Billy Gra-

ham's presence on the program because of Graham's close ties with U.S. President Richard M. Nixon.

Protests Shouted

No real demonstrations occurred, however. The most vocal opposition came while Graham was speaking. Youths sitting in the balcony began to clap and shout a Japanese word meaning "nonsense". Graham patiently waited for a moment and then went on with his address when the noise subsided.

A protest was also shouted out during the opening "Roll Call of Nations" when the Russian flag was carried on the stage along with those of the other nations represented. A former Rumanian Jew converted to the Lutheran Church, Richard Wurmbrandt of Burbank, Calif., shouted, "The blood of Christians is on that flag" as the Russian Baptist representative walked off the stage. Later, police quietly removed Wurmbrandt, who was not a delegate or a Baptist.

The Roll Call of Nations, one of the most colorful ceremonies of the congress, combined with dramatic presentations on Baptist work in each continent, music from the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra and numerous international musical groups to add inspiration and drama to the congress.

Issues were discussed mostly in morning panel presentations, evening addresses and in the resolutions, manifesto and message to the churches.

U.N. Strengthening Urged

On the subject of peace, the congress urged world statesmen to intensify efforts to find world peace by strengthening the United Nations and making it representative of all peoples.

The peace resolution adopted by the delegates declared: "We cry out against the continued tragedy of the conflicts in Indochina and the Middle East and urge that the killing be stopped."

In two of the strongest speeches during the congress, United Nations General Assembly President Angie Brooks-Randolph of Liberia and former Minnesota Governor Harold Stassen, now an attorney in Philadelphia, Pa., called for strengthening the United Nations as a means of reaching world peace.

Stassen, a several-time candidate for the U.S. Presidential nomination in the Republican Party and one of the original signers and drafters of the U.N. Charter, told the congress he believed the charter should be rewritten to include both Chinese governments, both German governments, both Korean governments, and both Vietnamese governments.

The Librarian United Nations official, Mrs. Brooks-Randolph (nee Angie Brooks), said that while the world's masses want justice and peace, world government leaders show by inaction they really don't want this. She said the church, by its silence, is failing to prod government leaders to obtain peace.

If the church does not speak out on the issues of peace, poverty, war, human environment and others, the church might ultimately find it is not able to be a positive influence in the world, she said.

Must Take Initiative

Another major speaker, German Baptist executive, Gerhard Class, said he felt sure that the Baptists from each of the 76 countries represented were convinced that each country really does desire world peace, and yet all efforts to obtain world peace have failed.

Class said the task of Christians is to take the initiative in reconciling mankind as the major step toward world peace.

On the related subject of race relations, a Black pastor from Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles, Calif., Thomas J. Kilgore, hit hard at racism in the church and in America, saying the North American church is the worst offender in racial injustice.

"The churches have more to repent of than anyone else," said Kilgore, immediate past president of the American Baptist Convention. "They have failed to fulfill their role."

Another Negro Baptist pastor from America, John W. Williams of Kansas City, Mo., said in the congress sermon that Christians cannot permit, without protest, a divided world that pits brother against brother because Christianity proclaims that "every homicide is a fratricide and every war a civil war."

In another major address, David S. Russell of London, England, said the issues of race and world poverty are "ugly-headed monsters which strike deadly blows at decency and dignity and must be resisted and slain in the name of God who came to destroy the dividing walls between man and man."

Pledge To End Racism

Russell, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland said that the church must be interracial at all levels and must eliminate "social hatred and prejudice and bigotry of all kinds."

A resolution on reconciliation and racial discrimination called racism a "repudiation of the teachings of Jesus Christ." It also lamented the presence of racism in "our own places of worship and in some of our respective communities and nations."

The resolution pledged efforts toward "the total elimination of every vestige of racism" in the church and said, "We repent of the sins of racism."

A black Baptist minister from the States, William Lawson of Wheeler Avenue Bap-

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Tennessee News Briefs

First Baptist church, Pulaski, is planning their 75th anniversary service Aug. 30. **J. P. Colvin** is program chairman and **Willie Brindley** chairman of arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Huffine of Madison Heights Baptist church, Madison, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently.

Dr. F. Richard LaMar will join the faculty of Belmont college, Nashville, as professor of music this fall according to **Dr. Glen E. Kelley**, academic dean of Belmont. **LaMar** is currently serving as associate professor of music at Texas Technological university, Lubbock, Texas. He is married to the former **Doris Davis** of Chattanooga.



LaMar

J. Bruce Ousley retired as pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist church, Robertson County Association, effective July 5. He had completed 27 years as pastor at Mt. Carmel which included two pastorates. **Ousley** returned to the church as pastor in 1955 from a church in Texas. He is available for supply and interim work. His address is 221 Fairway Drive, Nashville, Tenn.

A former pastor of Murfreesboro First Baptist church (1946-49), **Dr. Griffin Henderson** is now in foreign mission service at 169 Boundary St., Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Haywood Hills church, Nashville, has purchased property on Locuswood Drive adjacent to church property which fronts on Haywood Lane. Plans are to construct a sanctuary. **Roger Shelton** is pastor. Building committee includes **Billy DeBerry**, chm., **Mrs. Juanita Powell**, **Mrs. Helen Sherrill**, **Bob Freeman**, **J. O. Smith**, **Harold Rosson**, **Garland Gaither**, **George Barnes**, **Richard Todd** and **Earl Mitchell**.

The Cocke County Area Crusade for Christ is under way with **Rev. Jesse M. Hendley** as guest speaker each evening at 7:30 with special music and singing under the direction of **Rev. Russell Case**. Services began July 20 in a tent on the Cocke County High School grounds and will continue through Aug. 1.

Dr. and Mrs. Darrell Mullins (Juanita Parks) recently were guests at Pleasant Grove church near Newport for a special program under the direction of the WMU. They were presented with a check for \$1000 for use in their mission work when they return to Indonesia. **Clyde Surrent** is pastor.

A youth seminar on drug abuse was held recently at Forest Hill Baptist church, Parrottsville, with visiting speakers who gave information and answered questions on the subject. **Edward McGregor** is pastor.

Frank G. Charton began his 16th year as secretary of the Church Music Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention July 1.

The Alpha Baptist Association is sponsoring a Youth Retreat at Camp Linden Aug. 7-8 for those 12 years through Young People.

In a recent revival at Bethlehem church, Robertson County Association, there were eight professions of faith, two of these husband and wife in their 60's, three additions by letter, and more than 50 rededications. **James A. McKeithen** of Lakeland, Fla., was the evangelist. **Charles Fouraker** is pastor.

Carter P. Morell is one of nine men in the nation to be awarded a Merrill Fellowship for study at Harvard Divinity school for 13 weeks this fall. **Morell** is pastor of Oak Grove church, Church Hill. While he is on leave **Dr. Walter B. Shurden**, associate professor of Religion at Carson-Newman college will serve the Oak Grove church.



Morell

Idus V. Owensby was one of eight persons from throughout the Country to be honored by the officers and members of the National Association of Church Business Administrators (NACBA) at the association's annual banquet in Berkeley, Calif., July 23. **Owensby**, church administration consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, was recognized for his completion of an extensive study program and was awarded Certification as a Fellow in Church Business Administration (F.C.B.A.).

Dr. and Mrs. Merrill D. Moore Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries who have completed furlough, were scheduled to leave July 14 to resume their work in Gaza. Their address is Box 44, Ashkelon, Israel. **Merrill Jr.** is the son of **Dr. and Mrs. Merrill D. Moore Sr.** of Nashville.

The Baptist Center of the Nashville Association concludes on July 31st the summer day camp. The camp enrolled some 500 children from the inner city. Busses for transportation were provided by Grace and Eastland churches.

Baylor University Reimburses Students \$45,000 In Tour Losses

WACO, Tex.—Baylor University's board of trustees has commended the university's decision to reimburse 50 of its students who paid about \$45,000 to a tour agency which has declared bankruptcy.

Herbert H. Reynolds, Baylor's executive vice president, told the trustees that World Academy, which had headquarters in Cincinnati, approached the Texas Baptist school last fall about collaborating in a program in which students would travel to foreign countries to study courses offered by Baylor professors.

Early in July World Academy made headlines by declaring voluntary bankruptcy and leaving about 3000 students from the States stranded in Europe.

Two Baylor tours arranged through World Academy were to have left the United States for Europe in late July.

"Baylor university was not legally liable to these students, who paid directly to World Academy," Reynolds told the trustees. He said the costs were absorbed because the Baylor administration feels "morally obligated." (BP)

C. M. Harbin, Greenville, S.C., father of **J. William Harbin**, pastor of First Baptist church, Maryville, died June 24.

William F. Lingerfelt, missionary in Hiwassee Association, has retired for health reasons. His future plans were not announced.

First Baptist, Cleveland, sponsored a week-long camp for Juniors last week at the Hard Labor Creek State park, Rutledge, Ga. **William E. Cropper** is pastor.

Memphis evangelist, **Rev. Don Johnson**, has been elected to the Executive Board of the National Religious Broadcasters' Southeastern Chapter. **Don** produces weekly programs which are carried on 34 radio stations throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico and Alaska. In Tennessee his broadcasts are presented on stations in Erwin, Maryville, Chattanooga, Paris, Humboldt, Sevierville, and Memphis.

Mrs. Sue Phelps, wife of **Paul Phelps**, director of the Protection Plans department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, went home Monday from Baptist hospital where she had undergone successful surgery a few days earlier.

Bill Highsmith, RA secretary in the Brotherhood department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, underwent surgery at University hospital, Knoxville, Sunday evening. He became ill while attending camp at Camp Carson, Newport, last Thursday.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

To the Editor:

In the last issue of **Baptist And Reflector** there was an article headed "Baptist Aging Homes Leaders Urge Stronger Social Security." The paragraph truthfully stated the situation concerning Tennessee Baptists which read: "We too often neglect these senior citizens and carelessly overlook the contributions they can still make to our churches and to society."

My heart's desire and prayer that Tennessee Baptists will awake to the fact they need to supply a home for their retired people and not expect the government nor any other agency to provide for them.

Near Franklin, Tenn., is a lot of acreage that belongs to Tennessee Baptists. Here we provide homes for many children and that is good. A person who has lived past their three score and ten years deserve as much attention as a lot of children.

In Psalms 71:18, we find David is saying to God, "Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God forsake me not until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to everyone that is to come." A purpose in life, something to look forward to instead of feeling in the way or thinking life is over for them, they should be in a home where they are loved and protected. What more worthy cause could we Baptists contribute to than to provide a home such as this for our senior Baptists?

Mrs. Shelby T. Gregory
2209 Abbott-Martin Road
Nashville, Tennessee

To the Editor:

In answer to Mr. Petty's letter about dancing at Carson-Newman college, Mr. Petty sounded more like he was trying to convince himself more than his readers, granted Christ didn't say anything about dancing, neither did he say anything about gambling, but we know gambling is wrong.

There are a lot of things that Christ did not name. He did not mention L.S.D. or the "dope" traffic. Christ did say, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's," in Mark 12:17, and anything that had his brand belonged to him. So Christ said, "Let Caesar have what belongs to him."

Now, the dancing we are talking about has got the world's brand on it, and if every trustee and all the rest at Carson-Newman had voted for dancing, that would not have erased the world's brand.

These fifty years I have been trying to tell lost people about Christ, I have never found a "soul-winner" among those that followed the dance. I pray for Carson-Newman, and that includes Mr. Petty. Can this thing bring honor to Christ? If not, it had better be given back to the world, the ones it belongs to.

This summer was my twenty-ninth summer at the Preachers' School at Carson-Newman. I noticed a coldness among the students I had never seen before. If young people and the trustees think they can bring honor to Christ with dancing not in spite of, let them know that the churches and the people back home have a right to speak out too.

P. H. Hooker
"The Mountain Preacher"
Benton, Tennessee

To the Editor:

Mr. Nixon's appointment of Henry Cabot Lodge as a "personal emissary" to the Vatican is a violation of this country's tradition of separation of church and state and a raw appeal for Roman Catholic votes. The appointment is strictly a religio-political ploy. It will not enhance Mr. Nixon's image either here or abroad.

Mr. Nixon's "hush, hush" and "hurry, hurry" method might be justified by some of the Cambodian situation but is no justification for such a strategy in the appointment of government representation to the Vatican. The Senate is entitled under our Constitution to know of such a move and to uphold or disapprove. As a result of this move, Mr. Nixon will be remembered by historians as a political opportunist rather than a statesman.

Any information Mr. Nixon might obtain from the Catholic or any other church could be sent to our government by any church official or member without any necessity for diplomatic or quasi-diplomatic representation.

Why should taxpayers be saddled with the extra expense of Mr. Lodge's "semi-official Roman holiday." This semi-official envoy is like the semi-official war in Vietnam. While a semi-official envoy to the Vatican may not be as objectionable to some as a semi-official war in Vietnam, the two acts are based on the same ultimate disregard for principle. It is all rather peculiar for a President who preaches law and order. Mr. Nixon's clerical caper will be remembered by the majority of the American people as a cynical move to accomplish a political end, namely, buying Catholic votes from the Democrats.

I came to this country fifteen years ago so that I could enjoy religious freedom, which can truly exist only when the state is completely separate from the church. The year before I was born, the Mussolini dictatorship made treaties with the Vatican which destroyed religious freedom in Italy, and even after the Second World War, the deals between these two powers—one temporal and the other spiritual—continue to interfere with the liberties of the Italian people. Now if the United States allows the wall of separation of state and church to be torn down, where will my children have to go for religious freedom? The president's move will only polarize our society and our nation at a time when we so desperately need unity.

Gioele Settembrini
Assistant Executive Director
Americans United for Separation of
Church and State
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910



(BP Photo by Steve Wall)

ADAMS KEYNOTES BWA—Theodore F. Adams (left), former Baptist World Alliance (BWA) president and retired pastor from Richmond, Va., delivered the keynote address at the 12th Baptist World Congress in Tokyo. Adams is now visiting professor of preaching at Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

To the Editor:

I believe it would be very helpful to some Tennessee Baptists to know that Paul Clark, Calvary Baptist church (Lexington Avenue at Tomlin Street, Jackson) will be happy to assist in making arrangements for alumni and group banquets and meetings when our Tennessee Baptist Convention meets at the West Jackson Baptist Church this fall. I have had some inquiries regarding this information; and, I am sure as the time gets closer, there will be others needing to have this information. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Ralph Norton, Pastor
Red Bank Baptist Church
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Leadership Changes

Wolf Creek church, Tennessee Valley Association, has called **Harlan Williams** as pastor. He served formerly as associate pastor and youth director of Big Springs Baptist church, Cleveland. A graduate of Belmont college, Nashville, he is married to the former **Brenda Denton** of Cleveland.

B. Aldon Dixon, director of student-related development at Belmont college, Nashville, has been appointed dean of students at Ouachita Baptist university, Arkadelphia, Ark. He is married to the former **Mary Betty Powers** of Nashville. They have two children, **David Aldon** and **Christopher Noel**.

Robert Oldham, former pastor of First Baptist church, Monterey, will leave his Lansing, Mich. pastorate the last of August to become teacher of Bible, English, and Speech at the Missouri Baptist college, St. Louis.

Ron Hammonds has been named music and youth director for the Central Baptist church, Martin. **Hammonds**, presently serving in the same capacity at Englewood Baptist church, Jackson, receives his degree from Union university, Jackson, this summer. He is a native of Jackson, and will assume the work at Central Aug. 2.

William R. Whitlow has resigned as pastor of Highland Park Baptist church, Jackson, to become pastor of First Baptist church, Clinton, Ky., Aug. 1. **Whitlow** has served the Jackson church more than six years. Following the evening worship service on July 19, the church honored the **Whitlows** with a reception.

Don L. Peek will begin his work as pastor of Calvary church, Elizabethton, Aug. 2. He resigned recently as pastor of Tusculum Baptist church, Greeneville.

John D. Bolton is new pastor of the Grace Baptist church in Springfield. A graduate of New Orleans seminary, **Bolton** has served for seven years as missionary in the Salem Association.

Wayne Allen is new pastor of the East Park Baptist church, Memphis, after two and a half years as missionary in the Indian Creek Association.

Selective Service Issues New Rules for CO Classification

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON—Selective service Director Curtis W. Tarr has issued a list of criteria for the classification of conscientious objectors to war.

The new regulations are for the use of local boards as they implement Section 6(j) of the Military Selective Service Act of 1967 and the recent rulings of the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court has been broadening progressively the interpretation of "religion" as used in the Selective Service Act. Section 6(j) of the act reads as follows:

"Nothing contained in this title shall be construed to require any person to be subject to combatant training and service in the armed forces of the United States who, by reason of religious training and belief, is conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form.

"Religious training and belief in this connection means an individual's belief in a relation to a supreme being involving duties superior to those arising from any human relation, but does not include essentially political, sociological, or philosophical views or a merely personal moral code."

Welsh v. United States

In *United States v. Seegar* (1965), the Supreme Court expanded the concept of religion beyond the traditional theistic views. Recently in *Welsh v. United States* (1970) the court expanded qualification for conscientious objection even further. A key paragraph in this decision is as follows:

"If an individual deeply and sincerely holds beliefs which are purely ethical or moral in source and content but which nevertheless impose upon him a duty of conscience to refrain from participating in any war at any time, those beliefs certainly occupy in the life of that individual 'a place parallel to that filled by . . . God' in traditionally religious persons. Because his beliefs function as a religion in his life, such an individual is as much entitled to a 'religious' conscientious objector exemption under Section 6(j) as is someone who de-

rives his conscientious opposition to war from traditional religious convictions."

In his July 6 memorandum to local boards, Tarr pointed out that "compulsory military service legislation in the United States has always recognized conscientious objection."

He then stated that in order for a person to be classified 1-O or 1-A-O he must meet three basic conditions:

"(A) That a registrant be opposed to participation in war in any form;

"(B) That his objection be founded on religious training and belief; and

"(C) That his position be something other than 'essentially political, sociological, or philosophical views, or a merely personal moral code.'"

Objection Applies to All Wars

Tarr further explained that the objection must be to all wars and that it must be to war within the meaning of the Selective Service law, not a theocratic or spiritual war between the powers of good and evil.

"The primary test that must be used," Tarr told the local boards, "is the test of sincerity with which the belief is held."

He said that "the board should be convinced by information presented to it that the registrant's personal history reveals views and actions strong enough to demonstrate that expedience is not the basis of his claim."

Selected portions of the new criteria for conscientious objection follow:

"The term 'religious training and belief' as used in the law may include solely moral or ethical beliefs, even though the registrant himself may not characterize these beliefs as 'religious' in the traditional sense, or may expressly characterize them as not 'religious.'"

"The registrant's conscientious objection to war must stem from his moral, ethical, or religious beliefs about what is right and should be done and what is wrong and should be shunned, and he must hold these beliefs with the strength of traditional religious conviction.

Not Necessary to Be Church Member

"The registrant must demonstrate that his ethical or moral convictions were gained through training, study, contemplation, or other activity, comparable in rigor and dedication to the processes by which traditional religious convictions are formulated. The registrant must show that these moral and ethical convictions, once acquired, have directed his life in the way traditional religious convictions, of equal strength, depth, and duration have directed the lives of those whose beliefs are clearly founded in traditional conviction.

"The law does not require that a regis-



(BSSB Photo)

Albert Dusek (center) receives the final gold seal on his Bible Reader's Certificate, signifying 10 years of continuous Bible study from adult Training Union quarterlies. An employee of the Wadel-Connally Co., Tyler, Tex., he is pastor of Brookside Baptist Church, Tyler. With Dusek are John Hendrix (left) and Reuben Herring, both editors of adult curriculum materials in the church training department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

HUNGARIAN BAPTIST FAMILIES LOSE HOMES IN FLOODS

All Baptist families in Géberjen in northeastern Hungary lost their homes in the widespread, late spring flooding that befell large areas of eastern Europe.

Two small Baptist churches, at Kisar (population: 2000) and at Csenger (population: 8000), were destroyed. Each church has about 30 members. In at least two other communities, homes of Baptist pastors were also lost.

Baptists throughout the country have been seeking to counsel their brethren who were victims of the floods and to relieve their physical distress. There are about 20,000 Baptists in Hungary.

Information on flood destruction there was conveyed to Baptists from other parts of the world by the Hungarian delegation attending the Baptist World Alliance Congress in Tokyo, Japan. (EBPS)

trant claiming conscientious objection be a member of a 'peace church' or any church, religious organization, or religious sect, nor does the law require affiliation with any particular group in order to be classified as a conscientious objector.

"Beliefs which are real and valid to some may be incomprehensible to others. Boards are not free to reject beliefs because they consider them 'incomprehensible.' Their task is to decide whether the beliefs professed by a registrant are sincerely held and whether they govern his actions both in word and deed."

The complete text of the "Criteria for Classification of Conscientious Objectors" should be available from local boards or from the national headquarters of the Selective Service System in Washington, D.C. It is based on "Local Memorandum No. 107" issued on July 6, 1970. (BP)

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World Congress Ends

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tist Church, Houston, spoke on the program instead of Mrs. Coretta Scott King, widow of slain Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. Mrs. King had been scheduled to speak but had to cancel a few weeks before the meeting, Lawson said.

Lawson issued a plea for youth and the older generation to work together in changing the world "for God, for your neighbor, and for yourself." He declared that the older generation had relied too much on big business, big government and the military to change the world.

He said adults need the honesty and idealism of youth, but that youth need the experience, patience, and knowledge of unseen dangers. "You need us (adults) as much as we need you," Lawson said to the youth.

He urged youth and adults to work together to draft a plan for changing the world for good and to teach Christians to love neighbors.

5000 From S.B.C.

"How do you convince Southern Baptists, who practiced slavery a century ago, that the non-white world still finds them arrogant?" he asked.

Several speakers commented that the congress was dominated by Americans, and by Southern Baptists in particular. Of the 8556 delegates, about 5800 were from the United States and about 5000 from the Southern Baptist Convention.

Russell of England said that too often Christians give the impression theirs is a western religion.

"We have dressed it (Christianity) in western garb and exported it to other countries as if it were just another commodity we had manufactured and wanted to sell in another part of the world. May God forgive us for our stupidity and our self-assurance," he lamented.

U. Kyaw Than, general secretary of the East Asian Christian Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, said Christians should tackle the issues of peace, hunger, and reconciliation between nations and people.

"While two-thirds of the world is begging for bread, the wealth of the nation that

could provide bread is spent on a space venture to bring back a rock from the moon," Than decried.

During a commission's report on religious liberty and human rights, an American seminary professor said that social action by the church is the only way to change systems which oppress people.

Report on Unity

Said Culbert Rutenber, former president of the American Baptist Convention and professor at Covina, Calif.:

"It is an act of love to feed the hungry, but it is also an act of love to attack the roots of poverty. It is an act of love to bind the wounds of a soldier, but it is also an act of love to attack the roots of war."

A call for Baptist churches around the world to participate in a world evangelistic effort of reconciliation between 1973-75 was presented by Rubens Lopes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

For the first time, a commission on Cooperative Christianity presented a report

on Christian unity, discussing ways Baptists can relate closer with those of other denominations. "We should spare no effort to restore unity in the church, but how to achieve this is one of the great issues of our day," said George Beasley-Murray of Spurgeon's College, London.

A resolution urging more participation and representation of youth in the Baptist World Alliance was adopted, calling for youth to be involved in the planning process for the organization and congress sessions every five years.

Graham concluded the congress with a sermon on youth, saying that adults are in danger both of ignoring youth and worshipping them.

"Youth has become an obsession with the older generation," Graham said.

Graham said he has made a constant effort to understand and have dialogue with youth, and is convinced that young people lack purpose in life "because they have been robbed of moral values and religious faith." (BP)



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Two Southern Baptists Among 12 BWA Vice Presidents

TOKYO—The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) has elected 12 new vice presidents from around the world, including two Southern Baptists.

Delegates to the 12th Baptist World Congress in Tokyo completed election of officers after Herschel H. Hobbs, defeated candidate for the BWA presidency, pledged his sport to the new president, V. Carney Hargroves.

Hobbs, Southern Baptist from Oklahoma City, had been nominated from the floor in the first contested BWA presidential election in 65 years.

The former president of the Southern Baptist Convention said, "Mr. Hargroves has been presented as your president. I present him to you as my president for the next five years."

Hargroves, 70, an American Baptist from Philadelphia, Pa., responded, "Your pledge of cooperation is one I deeply appreciate. Together we can accomplish much for the Baptist World Alliance."

The new vice presidents come from Africa, Asia, Europe, South America and North America.

Southern Baptists elected were Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, and Owen Cooper, a businessman from Yazoo City, Miss.

L. Venchael Booth, a Negro Baptist pastor from Cincinnati, was also elected to a vice presidential spot.

Other vice presidents are Isamu Chiba, educator, Tokyo; J. T. Ayorinde, general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, Ibadan; Daniel Y. K. Cheung, pastor, Hong Kong; Janos Laczkovzki, pastor, Budapest, Hungary; Rubens Lopes, pastor, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Austin Masa, general secretary, Philippine Baptist Convention, Ilailo City; T. B. McDormand, educator, Amherst, Nova Scotia, Canada; B. R. Moses, secretary, Baptist Union of India, Vellore; and Rudolf Thaut, seminary president, Hamburg, Germany.

Delegates also elected two treasurers—Carl Tiller, an American Baptist layman from Washington, D.C., and M. G. Polson, a lawyer from London, England.

In other business, delegates adopted a message to the churches, urging them to foster good relations with other Christians.

The message dealt with striving for freedom and liberty of conscience, turning the tide of secularism, political and social action and reconciliation.

"Our understanding of the nature of the church involves our recognizing as members with us in that one church all who truly believe in Christ," the statement said.

It also said, "There must be frank recognition of differences of political judgments and of the fact that different Baptist communities are in quite different situations as to the extent to which they can influence

Sunday School

Week End Workshop

By Wendell Price

A workshop is scheduled August 14-15 at Camp Linden which will major on teaching approaches designed to gain the attention of people in the '70 decade for Bible study.

We will spend seven and one half hours with books on administration, guiding and understanding. Credit may be received for the book which you read.

Cost for the workshop is \$3.10, and reservations may be made by sending \$1.00 as registration fee to the Sunday School Department at Box 647, Brentwood, Tenn. 37027.

The faculty will include: Pre-school—Doyle Oliver; Youth, Mrs. Marvin Prude; Adult I, Joseph Haynes; Adult II, Thurman Prewett; Pastor, Bob Norman, and Wendell Price, director.

Attendance Records Set At Conferences in Glorieta

GLORIETA, N. M.—Two new attendance records have been set at Glorieta Baptist Assembly here.

The second Sunday School Leadership Conference registered 2314 persons; the largest registration for a Sunday School conference in the assembly's history.

That figure, added to 2429 registrants at the joint Sunday School-Church Training Conference and 2139 at the first Sunday School week, totals 6882 persons—a new record for attendance during these three weeks. (BP)

Miami Has Become Vital Center For Mission Supply, Communication

MIAMI—Miami has become a communications and supply center for Latin American mission activities by several Protestant denominations.

Indications are that Miami will continue to play an expanding role in this field with many Churches using the city as a base supporting overseas efforts in countries other than those in Latin America.

Major reasons for locating headquarters here are the convenience of shipping and the reliability of communications. Medicine, hospital equipment, school supplies, welfare clothing and cars for missionaries are shipped out of Miami by plane or ship. (RNS)

public opinion and initiate or encourage action."

On the subject of reconciliation, the congress theme, the message said, "This we know to be the answer to the needs of our time—personally, in the community and in the nation." (BP)

Indiana Baptists Urge Recall Of Vatican Representative

INDIANAPOLIS—Indiana Baptists' executive board voted here to recommend a record budget for 1971 and to send a letter to President Richard M. Nixon, urging him to reconsider his appointment of Henry Cabot Lodge as personal representative to the Vatican.

The action came at the quarterly meeting of the 30-member board which transacts business between annual sessions of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

The board will recommend to the convention's annual session in Richmond, Ind., Nov. 11-13, a 1971 budget of \$603,346—eight per cent above the 1970 budget.

The recommended budget sets the 1971 state Cooperative Program goal at \$372,000 for the next year, 11 per cent above the current goal. Of that amount, 28.1 per cent will go to the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program. (BP)

SBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER DIES IN FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Cecil Carroll, 60, a member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, died July 18 of a heart attack suffered on the plane from Miami to his home in Jacksonville.

Funeral services were at Southside Baptist church, Jacksonville, with burial at Oaklawn cemetery.

Carroll, an insurance executive, was past president of the Florida Baptist Convention and a former trustee of the Southern Baptist Hospital Board. He had served as Sunday School superintendent in two Florida churches.

A Florida Baptist Convention official said Carroll had often helped deserving young people, paying their college tuition.

He is survived by his widow, Lena, and two daughters. (BP)

Churches Include Baptist And Reflector

The following churches have included **Baptist And Reflector** in their church program:

Trial Budgets

Temple church, Paris
Western District Assn.
Rev. Mervyn L. Norwood, pastor
Philippi church, Cleveland
Bradley Assn.
Rev. John M. Wenger, pastor
First church, Dayton
Tennessee Valley Assn.
Rev. Hayden D. Center, pastor
Magna View church, Talbott
Nolachucky Assn.
Rev. Waylon Carlisle, pastor
West Paris church, Paris
Western District Assn.
Rev. Buck Morton, pastor

Baptist UN Official Urges Peace-Justice

By Jim Newton
Assistant Director, Baptist Press

TOKYO—The president of the United Nations General Assembly charged here that while the world's masses believe in justice and peace, the world's governmental leaders are showing by inaction "that they do not wish peace and justice for all."

Speaking to the 12th Baptist World Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, Mrs. Angie Brooks-Randolph, a Baptist from the Republic of Liberia, said the church, by its silence, is failing to prod government leaders toward peace and justice for all mankind.

She addressed about 8000 Baptists from throughout the world at the Budokan near the Imperial Palace grounds.

Garbed in flowing African robes, the United Nations official called on member nations of the UN to put more emphasis on implementing principles of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and the covenants on human rights adopted by the UN.

"Even if the record has been uneven, and there are grounds for some disappointment, I still believe that the United Nations is essential to peace and justice," Mrs. Brooks-Randolph said.

"Can you imagine a world without a general international organization of the scope of the United Nations in which international peace and justice would flourish?" she asked. "To that my answer is a definite 'no'."

She qualified her statements by adding that while the UN charter "offers genuine resolution of differences, these have been in large measure ignored" and the world is plagued with localized wars.

"Sadly," she continued, "the International Court of Justice—the world's symbol of justice—is sitting idly without a single case on its docket, crippled because of the loss of faith—by world conscience."

She said public opinion is becoming a powerful force for justice and peace in our times. She added, however, that justice and peace are often praised in words but denied in deeds.

Commenting on the church's role in dealing with justice and peace, Mrs. Brooks-Randolph asked, "Is the church to continue only as a comforter—a source of solace, a help in time of family trouble, a place to marry or bury . . . a guide to salvation, a teacher of morals?"

"Or will it agree that it must also be involved in the crucial issues of today—race, poverty, war, human environment?"

Then she charged that if the church condones segregation, the denial of human rights, the criminal acts of war, it "might find ultimately that it is not able to hold its place and make the contributions it has in the past in the lives of men."

Mrs. Brooks-Randolph hit hard at the

A Pastor Writes on Prayer

"STANDING FEET, BOWED HEADS"

I read the other day about a man's prayer. It caught my attention. I am sure that God was listening. This was how he prayed, "O God, we come before Thee this morning on standing feet and with bowed heads." Think about this prayer for a moment. What does the Bible mean when it says stand before the Lord? Israel was commanded to stand so that they might see God's deliverance of them from the army of Egypt. A man is told to stand before the Lord that he might minister. One stands before the Lord to wait orders or to indicate his readiness to serve. Ezekiel was commanded to stand on his feet as an indication of his confidence and trust in God.

When we pray we ought to have all these things in mind, a readiness to serve, trust and confidence, a willingness to wait for God's deliverance. Have you appeared before the Lord on standing feet?

The second phrase of the prayer "with bowed heads," is a sign of awe, reverence and humility. People sometimes pray with faces lifted toward heaven and this has value. But there is a beautiful symbolism in bowed heads. There is no room for pride, or boastfulness before God. The bowed head can indicate humble submission to God.

What a wonderful way to come before God—on standing feet with bowed heads! Can we ever really pray if we are not ready to serve? Is it right to pray without a humble recognition of who it is we are addressing? I'll see you Sunday, hoping we will come before our God saying, "O God, we come before Thee this morning on standing feet and with bowed heads."

Your Pastor,

Tom Madden

In the *Messenger*, First Baptist Church, Tullahoma

church's silence on the issues of poverty, disarmament, hunger, illiteracy, and disease.

The church, she observed, fully realizes that insofar as concrete measures of disarmament are achieved, a growing reservoir of money and skills will be available for both national and international development, alleviating poverty, hunger, illiteracy and disease.

She also charged that the church has silently observed man accomplish his ancient dream of voyaging to the moon, while human beings perish because funds are not available to combat disease, hunger and pollution.

"Peace and justice are essential to our continued survival," she declared. "I know that peace and justice will speedily come and be maintained, if the hearts of men will share in brotherly love as God would wish it."

After translation of her speech into Japanese, the UN official received a standing ovation. (BP)

Lakeview Is Constituted; Was Hermitage Hills Mission

Lakeview Baptist church was constituted as a church with 152 members last Sunday in the Nashville Baptist Association. It is located at Saundersville Road and Andrew Jackson Parkway, near Hermitage.

First services were held in basement of home in 1966. Then sponsoring church, Hermitage Hills, Hermitage, bought five-acre tract where worship services continued in tent until present building was completed at a cost of \$30,000 in May 1969. A \$50,000 education building is now under construction. Joe Burton of Nashville has been interim pastor since July 1. George Becvar is the pastor of Hermitage Hills church.

Special Events Center Set At Oral Roberts University

TULSA—Construction has begun on the \$5.5 million Special Events Center at Oral Roberts university here, expected to be the largest facility of its kind in Tulsa.

The elliptical structure is designed to accommodate both indoor sports and performing arts. Maximum seating capacity is 10,252 but accoustical dividers can transform the hall into six auditoriums seating from 1700 to 10,252. A section of the arena can be made into a concert hall with a full stage and orchestra pit.

Evangelist Oral Roberts, president and founder of the university, anticipates the center will be used at least 150 evenings a year for all types of events, serving up to 500,000 people annually. It is expected to be completed in 1972.

Asked how the project would be funded, Roberts replied, "In the same way we have built the other ten major buildings at ORU. By faith." The evangelist noted that a total of \$30 million has been invested in the campus and its endowment fund.

The university was dedicated in 1967 with the aim of "educating the whole man . . . mind, spirit and body." The 420-acre campus has received most of its financial support from Roberts backers outside Oklahoma. (RNS)

Georgia Baptist Foundation Executive Announces Retirement

ATLANTA—Harry V. Smith Sr., executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Foundation and Endowment Committee since 1956, will retire some time in 1971.

The foundation administers endowment funds for the convention's colleges, benevolent homes, a hospital, and missionary causes.

Smith, a Georgia native, directed public relations and alumni affairs at Mercer university, 1948-55, before assuming the foundation post. (BP)

THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Basic Passages: Isaiah 9:2-7; 11:1-10

Focal Passage: Isaiah 9:2-7

Messianic prophecies and intimations are widely interspersed throughout the Old Testament. They are dimly outlined at times but at other times they are clearly articulate.

It must be understood that all these predictions were rooted in contemporary history and were relevant to problems existing at the time they were given. Otherwise, serious difficulties will arise in properly interpreting them.

Some seek to minimize or ignore the application to existing situations when the predictions were made. On the other hand, there are those who say that they apply only to the situations of their day and were not messianic predictions. Both are wrong. They did have meaning for their day and there are elements that do not make good sense unless they apply also to a character which is to appear in the future. Many traits and qualities so fit and apply to Jesus of Nazareth that we know they pointed toward Him. The law of double reference applies so fittingly to the whole.

A GREAT LIGHT DAWNS

Isaiah 9:2-5

The plight of the country was very dark several times. Several dawns of deliverance had come. In the day when the Messiah came it was very dark and bleak indeed. The spirit of the people was at the point of despair.

With the new light there would come a great joy. It would be like the joy of a bountiful harvest after seasons of failure and famine. It would compare to the joy of the victor in dividing the spoils of a triumphant deliverance. It would be as marvelous as the surprising victory of Gideon against the Midianites.

There will be a strange type of weapon involved. It will annihilate the armour of the enemy like a devouring fire. Perhaps both comings of Christ are envisioned here.

A SOVEREIGN OF SOVEREIGNS IS BORN

Isaiah 9:6

A child is born and a son is given and the government shall be on his shoulders. A new and very different sovereign appears. He is a gift from above who comes through a birth.

He has several names designating His identity and function. He will be a Wonderful Counselor for individuals and nations. O, that they would listen to Him for at least one whole generation. What marvels for good would be wrought.

He will be the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father. This God of matchless might will be sovereign over the ages and

aeons. Satan and perverse men may have wide sway during the period of probation, but their day of reckoning will come and God will swing His ultimate plan and purpose into victorious consummation.

The Prince of Peace has either been ignored or given only a courteous gesture in the petty plans of men for peace. No individual will get peace unless the Messiah reigns within him and no world society will have peace unless Christ rules over it.

A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE WILL COME

Isaiah 9:7

Men talk about a just and durable peace arranged by human negotiations. It is a cheating mirage and a "pipe dream." A measure of justice may be effectuated and a period of respite may be achieved by negotiation. This is better than war unless the extent of appeasement lays the foundation for another and worse war. Just as we seek to establish a relatively decent condition of law and order, we are to seek the best possible amity between nations in our present human order.

Let us never forget that the final realization of a fully just and permanent peace will come some day. It will be established and achieved by the Sovereign Messiah. There will be no cessation of His plans and operations to that end.

There are some things we may do in the meantime. Each of us can stand firmly for the application of the principles of Christ in human relations. We can pray for the coming of the Prince of Peace with His new order. As far as possible we can live at peace with all men in our individual relations.

Mission 70 Pictorial

Record Is Released

"An Explosion of the Spirit" the official pictorial record of Mission 70 has just been released by its sponsoring agencies.

Song lyrics, poetry and much of the dialogue that was Mission 70 are recaptured in the book. These along with extensive pictures and excerpts from many of the speeches make it a valuable resource book for Sunday School and Training Union.

A four-day conference that ended the decade of the 60's and introduced the 70's with a special New Year's Eve "Eleventh Hour Celebration," Mission 70 was held Dec. 28-31, 1969 in Atlanta's Civic Center with over 4500 attending.

Requests for the book should be sent, along with \$2.50, to: Mission 70, 1350 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30309.

Foundation

What Is the Tennessee Baptist Foundation?

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation is the trust agency of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Chartered in 1938 by the State of Tennessee we are regulated by the same laws that regulate trust departments of banks and other such institutions. A board of trustees composed of 15 dedicated business and professional men establish policies. The executive secretary-treasurer is the administrative officer charged with the responsibility of administering these policies.

It is our assigned purpose to receive funds, invest them and distribute income as designated by the donors. We invest funds for Union university, Carson-Newman college and Belmont college, Harrison-Chilhowee academy, Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Executive Board, Baptist And Reflector, W.M.U., local churches and associations. Many individuals have established trust funds with us from which they receive income for life. We make no charges for our services against the income from these funds, therefore, we can usually pay more dividends and interest than most institutions. Others have provided such trust funds for the benefit of their children.

Many, many people are naming us as trustee in their wills, designating that the income is to be paid to Christian causes forever. Thus their estate is not subject to heavy estate tax, preserving their hard earned assets for purposes in which they are interested.

Our books are audited by a well-known firm. Donors are assured that their funds are handled according to their instructions. We must give a detailed accounting of all assets each year.

Our staff is available to go anywhere in Tennessee to discuss our services with anyone interested in providing a continuing Christian testimony. Contact us for more information! Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027. Phone 615-833-4220.

August 1 Meet Slated

By Historical Society

The East Tennessee Chapter of the Tennessee Baptist Historical Society meets Aug. 1, at 10 a.m. in the Stokely Memorial Building at Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City.

In announcing the session, Roy G. Lillard, president, said that Miss Pollyanna Creekmore, head of the McClung Historical Collection at Lawson McGhee library, Knoxville, will be guest speaker.

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

We have often heard the expression that "the times are out of joint." This calls attention to the fact that many problems are at hand. It usually refers to troubled times when there is disagreement and conflict and strife. For the last few years this has been the character of our times.



Kendall

One of the problems in a democracy is that of developing and maintaining a predominant philosophy of life and of standards for living which are accepted by and are most beneficial to the greatest number of people. There is always the problem of minority groups. America used to be called the "melting pot" of the nations. Immigrants would soon become Americanized and would accept the life in the new world and would become a part of it.

Since World War II there seems to have developed a major emphasis on minority groups. Their rights have been stressed almost to the point of exaggeration sometimes. Sometimes one wonders where the majority comes in. Minority groups more and more demand that their views and their wants and privileges take precedent over other minorities and over the majority. This leads to a fragmentation in a democracy that prevents the cooperation and the sharing which must be if the democracy is to be healthy and assure the proper rights to all involved in its life.

This has affected our Baptist life. More and more we hear about unity in diversity. Differences are stressed and divisions are noted. Many problems are involved. There is the necessity of changing methods in a changing world. There is the necessity of change programs to meet new needs and to better serve the growing population. There are changing doctrinal and theological views which are often brought about by ecumenical pressures and the temptation to compromise for expediency. Some adjustments which have been made necessary by rapid growth are now facing the churches.

Our institutions are facing many difficulties. Institutional religion has been under fire from several quarters. Christian institutions will face many crucial tests in the next few years in a society which is rapidly being secularized. Many now want the values which Christian institutions have purchased through the ages at a great price but they would discard the spiritual and religious emphasis or reduce to a mere nominal status.

On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Drug Use Essential Topic For Family Talks

The easy availability of drugs makes new medical findings on their effects an essential topic for family talk long before children enter their teens. Kids know the names of the various "uppers, downers and outers" at a surprisingly early age, but are not likely to know what objective, dispassionate researchers are discovering about their effects on users.

Latest findings on the hallucinogen, LSD, for example, strongly suggest that the user becomes vulnerable to leukemia and tumor growth in later life, Dr. Kurt Hirschhorn, director of medical genetics at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York City, recently reported in **Look**. LSD, he observed, is the only drug that causes radiation-type damage to the user. Effects probably won't show up for some time, he cautioned, because experience with radiation has shown that peak incidence of leukemia occurs five to 10 years after exposure.

The relationship of LSD to chromosome breakage and rearrangement which can cause defects in the pregnant user's baby has already been established. "If chromosome rearrangement occurs in the cells that produce the sperm and the eggs, there is danger of producing long-lasting genetic damage that goes on into future generations," said geneticist Hirschhorn.

A biochemical link between LSD and mental illness has been reported in **Medical World News**. Researchers in Canada's Saskatchewan Hospital have identified the colored "spots" in the urine of LSD users as the same chemical found in studies of psychotic patients.

A University of California research team has found that the bad effects of LSD included a high incidence of spontaneous abortion in woman users, some of whom had taken the drug more than a year before they conceived.

These problems have brought numerous reactions and widely differing ideas. What is needed is to learn how to meet these changes in a Christian spirit and to seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit in arriving at the best solution. There are extremists on the right and on the left. There are genuinely dedicated and fully committed Christians who differ in their views. They ought to respect each other's views and try to eliminate as much prejudice and emo-

Historically

From the files

> 50 YEARS AGO <

Oklahoma City, Okla., claims to have more Baptists than Arizona, Utah, and Nevada combined.

Over 2000 persons attended the Baptist union picnic on the campus of Carson and Newman college, Jefferson City. Prizes were awarded for the prettiest babies present, the best looking "maid" over 25, the prettiest married woman, the fattest man, the ugliest man, etc. Activities included potato, apple and cracker eating, bottle races, hurdle, as well as others.

> 20 YEARS AGO <

Noah B. Fetzer, bookkeeper for the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention from 1912 until his retirement recently, has passed away.

Canadian Baptists have adopted a unified budget for the first time in their history. They will give 31 per cent to foreign missions and 31 per cent to home missions. Their total budget amounts to \$240,000.

> 10 YEARS AGO <

Grand Canyon college (Southern Baptist), Phoenix, Ariz., is building a new student health center. The \$18,000 brick structure is the first unit in the enlarged health center and medical facilities which the school plans.

Tennessee Sword Drill Participant Honored

Virginia Shadrick, a member of the Ridgedale Baptist church, Chattanooga, has been awarded a "special citation" for her performance in the recent Southwide Sword Drill competition at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

Miss Shadrick, who represented Tennessee, received the special citation "Swordman of Distinction" for having less than an average of five penalties in the drill, according to Miss Mary Allen, of the Church Training Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Charles L. Norton is department secretary.

tionalism as possible. Solutions will be found that will be real solutions only when all are willing to put Christ first and are willing to try to find the way to bring the greatest glory to Him.

Christians Cannot Permit Divisions—Williams

TOKYO—A Negro Baptist minister from the United States told 10,000 Baptists here that Christians should protest a divided world that pits brother against brother because their faith proclaims "very starkly that every homicide is a fratricide and every war a civil war."

John W. Williams, pastor of St. Stephen Baptist church, Kansas City, Mo., addressed himself to Baptists from nearly 80 countries in the official sermon of the 12th Baptist World Congress of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA).

Earlier delegates had discussed such issues as war and peace, racism and brotherhood, religious freedom and liberty, Christian unity and relations with other faiths, world hunger, and the breakdown of family life.

Most of the discussion took place during a morning symposium and a half dozen afternoon small group sessions.

During a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance Commission on Cooperative Christianity, a Baptist leader from the United States declared in a prepared paper that the 31 million Baptists of the world must develop more meaningful unity with fellow Christians to preserve Baptist vitality.

Robert G. Torbet of Valley Forge, Pa., head of the cooperative Christianity division for the American Baptist Convention, warned that a new and larger basis for Christian unity and ecumenism is essential for an effective witness in a secular world.

"Any communion or ecumenical body which does not take this need seriously will have no future," said Torbet's paper, which was read in his absence by James Leo Garrett of Louisville, Ky., a Southern Baptist seminary professor who is chairman of the BWA Commission.

Torbet said the Roman Catholic Church is more active now in this area, that youth are indifferent to institutional unity and that many Christians are now expressing a sort of secular ecumenism.

"What is happening is a moving into new groupings around basic issues of human survival, welfare and dignity," he said.

In the open discussion which followed, some delegates voiced various degrees of opposition to Baptist involvement in ecumenical relations with those of other faiths.

In another speech before the same group, Gunter Wagner of the Baptist Theological Seminary faculty in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, said that any study of Christian cooperation, unity or union should deal first with the unity of the Christian message, then the unity of Christians as persons and finally the unity of the church organization.

At a meeting of the BWA Commission on Religious Freedom and Liberty, a Baptist

pastor, Roger Hayden of Northampton, Great Britain, said there are varying degrees of denials of religious freedom in such countries as Red China and other Communist countries, Spain, Columbia and South Africa.

Several questions were thrust at six delegates from the Soviet Union about religious liberty and freedom in Russia. Ilia G. Ivanof, Moscow Baptist Church pastor, said that religious freedom does exist in Russia.

"Only one condition exists for these freedoms, and that is that we obey the law," said Ivanof. "We acknowledge and respect the laws of our country."

Most of the discussion at the session centered on government financial aid to religious parochial schools in the United States.

Hayden said situations, such as the racial separation imposed on churches in South Africa because of the government's official position of apartheid, abridge religious freedom.

Williams, in the Congress sermon, said that Christianity proclaims that "every time we witness the light of a man whose rights have been taken away from him, whose dignity has been denied, whose sanctity has been spoiled or sullied, whose importance has been belittled, that we (Christians) will have to stand up and declare, this is my brother.

"Aside from the overtones of racial prejudice in this vision, there is also a class

Chafin Will Appear On 'Country' Program

Kenneth Chafin, director of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will discuss the appearance of singing star Johnny Cash at the Billy Graham crusade in Knoxville, Tenn., on the "Country Crossroads" radio program for Aug. 2.

"Country Crossroads," produced by the Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission with the cooperation of the Country Music Association, features the best in country-western music, plus interviews in which top recording stars give their testimonies about Christ and the church.

distinction that needs to be broken down in the life of all Christians if they are to give the whole Gospel to the whole world," Williams said.

In an earlier address during the day, U Kyaw Than, General Secretary of the East Asian Christian Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, said Christians should tackle three main issues—peace, hunger and reconciliation between people and nations.

"While two-thirds of the world is begging for bread, the wealth of the nation that could provide bread is spent on a space venture to bring back a rock from the moon," decried Than.

The six-day Congress, meeting at the Budokan near the Imperial Palace grounds, concluded July 18, with an address by Evangelist Billy Graham. (BP)



(BP Photo by Dale Larsen)

PIED PIPER FOR CHRIST—Arthur Blessitt, minister to hippies on Los Angeles's Sunset Strip, with a stream of youth in his wake, enters Washington, D. C., the last stop on his 4000-mile, six-month "walk for Jesus." The 29-year-old Southern Baptist evangelist pulls his 10-foot, 150-pound cross which he and his family and several associates transported from Los Angeles in a cross-country dramatization of the nation's spiritual needs. The walk ended with a rally at the Washington Monument and a 24-hour period of fasting.