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GLOBE-TROTTING With Ginny.....

Italian Woman Uses
Her One Talent Well

By Virginia Harris Hendricks

ROME, Italy--(BP)--"What can God do with a woman having but one talent?" asked an Italian signora who was speaking before a group of European women.

Signora Girolami was born a Catholic, but in her church an unknown language was used in services. Her relatives could tell her little about God. Her hunger to know Him increased when the death of a friend made her ask questions such as: "Who am I? Where am I going after life?"

The signora's cleaning woman noticed her burden. Seeing her servant's compassionate interest, the signora began to confide her questions to her. The woman responded:

"I am a poor, unlearned woman. I do not know enough to answer your questions. But I do have a book that will answer them."

The signora took the Testament and read it. Still she did not understand it all, though she knew this was the life for which she was searching. She prayed: "I want to know you, God. Please show me how to find a way to you, and to this kind of life!"

One day she happened into a Baptist church and there found her answer. Her joy was so complete that now her children, nephews, nieces, and other kin are also Baptists.

As she closed her testimony, the radiant signora told us:

"Go tell your Baptist women who say 'I can do nothing' about this simple Christian friend who showed me the way to Christ."

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Cutline:

Signora Girolami chats with Miss Virginia Wingo, Southern Baptist missionary.

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Miami Beach Resolution
Copied By New Mexico

PORTALES, N. M.--(BP)--The Baptist Convention of New Mexico here patterned its church-state resolution after the one adopted in May by the 1960 session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The resolution did not name a person nor a church group, but it said that a public official when "inescapably bound by the dogmas and demands of his church . . . cannot consistently separate himself from these."

The resolution added, "This is especially true when that church maintains a position in open conflict with our established and constituted American pattern of life as specifically related to religious liberty, separation of church and state, the freedom of conscience in matters related to marriage and the family, the perpetuation of public schools, and the prohibition against use of public monies for sectarian purposes."

The resolution also reaffirmed "our conviction that a man must be free to choose his own church and that his personal religious faith shall not be a test of his qualification for public office."

The New Mexico resolution was almost word for word the same as the resolution of the Southern Baptist Convention at Miami Beach, Fla.

New Mexico Baptists also adopted a 1961 budget through the Cooperative Program of \$540,000, one-fourth of which will be forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention.

In an administrative action, the convention separated its state church loan corporation from its state Baptist foundation. The members of one will be members of the other, but trust funds will be kept separate from those used in church loans.

The new convention president is R. A. Long, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gallup, N. M. Dates of the 1961 convention are Nov. 14-16. It will meet in Farmington.

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Urges Special Notice
Of Religious Liberty

(10-30-60)

ST. LOUIS--(BP)--Missouri Baptist Convention here urged its affiliated churches to emphasize their beliefs in church-state separation by annually observing "Religious Liberty Sunday" and "Religious Liberty Week."

It declared that such notice would demonstrate "the importance of preserving separation of church and state and the cherished American principle of complete freedom of conscience and worship . . ."

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Folks and Facts.....

.....R. Bates Ivey, secretary of Sunday school, church music, and architecture for the Colorado Baptist General Convention, Denver, left that position to become minister of education for First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N. M. (BP)

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Home Board Seeks
270 Missionaries

ATLANTA--(BP)--Departments of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board have listed 270 urgent needs for personnel. This announcement was made by Glendon McCullough of Atlanta, board secretary of missionary personnel.

"There are mission centers which cannot be opened until missionaries are provided," McCullough said. "We have vacancies in Spanish work that have not been filled in two years because there are no qualified mission applicants."

The Home Mission Board has appointed an average of 48 missionaries each month this year, and, according to McCullough, will appoint 600 by the end of the year. There are 2192 missionaries now under appointment by the board.

The greatest needs are for missionaries to the Spanish, for good will centers, and for mission pastors. Language missions need 85 workers. Seventy mission pastors are being sought for pioneer areas and 30 for associational missions. More than 60 workers are needed in city mission areas.

Qualifications generally include age limits between 24 and 35, college and seminary education, experience, and medical examinations.

McCullough requested interested candidates to write to the missionary personnel department, Baptist Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street N. W., Atlanta 3, Ga.

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Cauthen Says Congo,
Cuba Ills Contagious

(10-30-60)

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--Pointing out Cuba and the Congo, a Baptist missionary leader said these "trouble spots" are signs of what all Latin-America and Africa will become unless Christians act quickly to exert their influence.

"These places are like cancers on the bodies of their respective continents that will grow and eventually engulf the entire area, unless something can be done about it," declared Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond, Va., executive secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board.

Cauthen made the statements in an address at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here.

He said that since the events are the result of new nations, or changing nations, coming under Communist influence, the solution to the problem lies in the hearts of Christians everywhere.

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Baptist Relief Fund
Draws New Attention

(10-30-60)

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y.--(BP)--A member of the United States mission to United Nations here has endorsed the idea of a Southern Baptist relief fund as contribution to world peace.

The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee has under advisement a million dollar a year relief fund proposed by E. S. James, Dallas, editor of the Texas weekly Baptist Standard.

The United Nations spokesman, who can not be identified by name, said Southern Baptists might give some of the proposed money to the "food for peace" fund now being considered here. It calls for distribution of surplus food to nations where great shortages exist.

However, the spokesman advised that most of the million dollars be kept for emergencies that arise, such as the Chilean earthquake which prompted James's proposal.

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The people of the United States earned immense good will by their rapid response to the need in Chile, according to the member of the U. S. mission. (The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board sent \$125,000 in aid.)

A Kentucky Baptist pastor--Jess Moody of Owensboro--may have helped originate the "food for peace" idea. He suggested a similar plan, which Moody dubbed "Operation Compassion," to William Stover, an assistant to Vice-President Richard M. Nixon in Washington.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower offered the "food for peace" plan to United Nations in his General Assembly address a month later. The plan formed a part of a resolution introduced by the U. S. and since has secured backing of several other nations. It has drawn Soviet opposition.

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