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BWA Expresses Concern Over Troubled Country

WASHINGTON (BP)--The executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance has called on "responsible authorities at all levels to restore order and opportunity for reconciliation" in the troubled West African country of Angola.

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, said that copies of the resolution, adopted by the committee at its annual meeting at Wake Forest, N.C., have been sent to the Portuguese ambassador in Washington, to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold of the United Nations, and to U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

"We move out of a deep Christian concern rather than a concern based on political consideration," Nordenhaug said.

The strongly-worded resolution declared the committee "is shocked and grieved at the reliable and continuing reports of offenses against basic rights, dignity, property and life itself occurring in Angola."

"Feeling a concern for the 10,000 Baptists, as well as all people in that nation," it continued, "we call upon authorities at all levels to restore order and opportunity for reconciliation."

The resolution also instructed the Alliance's World Relief department to send monetary contributions immediately for the relief of people still in Angola and those who have fled into Southern Congo. Nordenhaug said these funds have been sent through the Baptist Missionary Society, London, which has mission stations in Angola, and through the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, New York, which work in the Congo.

Terrorism and "all forms of atrocities" have reportedly prevailed in Portuguese-controlled Angola since Africans revolted against the Portuguese last March 15. Since that time, the Alliance's information sources reported, thousands of Africans have been maimed or killed and uncounted women and children attacked. In fear, thousands fled into the bush and other thousands made their way into lower Congo where at present the number of refugees is placed at 80,000.

In addition to the funds already sent to the mission board working in Angola and Congo, the Alliance is seeking further contributions from its constituent membership of 24 million Baptists in 110 countries. These will be dispatched as quickly as received to the needy areas, A. Klaupiks, relief coordinator, said.

Nordenhaug asked that gifts be sent to the Baptist World Alliance offices at either Washington (1628 Sixteenth St., N.W.) or London (4 Southhampto Row).

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Folks and facts.....

.....The Baptist Times, journal of the Baptist denomination in the British Isles, devoted a page and one half in its June 8 issue to a report of the Southern Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in St. Louis. The writer was A. Morgan Derham, British minister who visited the two meetings. (BP)

Baptist World Body
Hopes For Spain Meet

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)--The Baptist World Alliance executive committee hopes to hold its 1962 meeting in Barcelona or Madrid, Spain.

The 70-member international committee, representing 24 million Baptists in 110 countries, named Spain as its preference for the next meeting as it concluded its 1961 sessions on the campus of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Acting on a subcommittee report presented by Edward B. Willingham of New York, the committee instructed its General Secretary, Josef Nordenhaug, Washington, and associate secretary for Europe, Erik Ruden of Sweden, to seek clearance for such a public meeting in Spain. The date will probably be Aug. 28-30, immediately preceding a conference of Latin-speaking Baptists.

Considerable attention has been focused on religious liberty conditions in Spain in recent years, but Ruden reported to the committee that certain churches previously closed by police have recently been permitted to re-open.

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Negro Baptists Appoint
First White Missionary

(7-5-61)

ABILENE, Tex. (BP)--The first white person ever to be appointed to a missionary post by the National (Negro) Baptist Convention will leave for a one-year missionary assignment in Liberia, Africa on Sept. 5.

He is 21-year-old Tommy Wallace of Graford, Tex., former student at Hardin-Simmons University here.

Licensed as a Southern Baptist minister in 1959, Wallace served as interim pastor of a National Baptist church in Seminole, Tex., last year, and this year has been assistant pastor of the New Light National Baptist Church in Abilene.

The National Baptist Convention now has two missionary couples serving in Africa. Wallace was appointed during the National Baptist Sunday School Convention which met recently in Portland, Ore.

Young Wallace was 19 when he was asked to serve as interim pastor of the Negro Mt. Olive Baptist Church, about a mile from his home at Seminole in the Texas Panhandle.

He recalls that during his ministry there, some people bawled him out when they met him on the street and tore down signs he put up to advertise a revival in the Negro church. However, these people were part of a small, radical minority, he said.

Through his efforts, Negro youngsters were admitted to the local youth rally for the first time that summer. One man told him during the rally, "Son, I wouldn't be in your shoes for a million dollars. You're sitting on a keg of dynamite right this minute."

It was during this period that the young minister felt God was calling him to spend his life working with Negro people.

He said of the trying months: "I felt that if I yielded to pressure, I couldn't get up in any church and preach. I had to be for both black and white people in order to preach Christ."

Some of the students at Hardin-Simmons helped him in his work with the Negroes. There were also a few, he said, who yelled "Nigger lover" when he passed.

When Wallace returns from his year in Africa, he wants to finish college and attend a theological seminary in preparation for work as a Southern Baptist missionary.

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He has been asked to write two stories while in Africa for "Sepia," a nation-wide magazine for Negroes. He plans to write for publication two books, "The Human Side of Integration," and "African Diary" on his experiences.

He is scheduled to speak at the 1962 National Baptist Convention. He said that he felt he received the missionary appointment because of his work with Negro churches in Abilene, and upon the recommendation of E. Stanley Branch, of Houston, secretary-treasurer of the National Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wallace of Log Cabin Lodge, Graford, Tex., Wallace attended New Mexico Baptist College, Hobbs, before transferring to Hardin-Simmons.

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Photo of Wallace talking to a Negro worker is available on request from Dallas Baptist Press, 103 Baptist Building, Dallas 1, Tex.

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San Antonio Hospital
Names Garrett New Head

(7-5-61)

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (BP)--David Arnold Garrett, assistant administrator at Baptist Memorial Hospital in San Antonio, Tex., since 1954, has been named administrator of the 290-bed Baptist hospital here.

Garrett succeeds Fred R. Higginbotham who resigned to accept an executive position with Blue Cross--Blue Shield of Texas, with offices in Dallas.

Higginbotham had been administrator of the San Antonio hospital for seven years, serving previously as assistant administrator of Hendrick Memorial (Baptist) Hospital in Abilene, Tex. The past president of the Texas Hospital Association, Higginbotham is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.

Garrett, named to the post by the hospital's board of trustees, is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and served on the administrative staff of Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Garrett came to the San Antonio hospital from the John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Tex.

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Daughtry Named Chaplain
In Marshall Islands

(7-5-61)

ATLANTA (BP)--Donald Sloan Daughtry of Raleigh, N.C., has been named industrial chaplain in the Marshall Islands by the Transport Company of Texas.

The announcement was made by James C. Peck of Atlanta, secretary of Institutional and Industrial Chaplaincy of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Daughtry was endorsed by the board's Chaplains Commission.

Southern Baptist Daughtry, formerly assistant Chaplain of Central Prison in Raleigh, will serve the populace of 28 atolls and five Pacific islands, 2,100 miles southeast of Hawaii.

He will minister to 4,000 Micronesians and United States military and civilian personnel in the Micronesia (Little Islands) area.

Daughtry will use Kwajalein Chapel on Kwajalein Island and minister through preaching, visitation, and personal counseling in the hospital, store, commissary, schools, library, service shops, recreational clubs, housing units and family dwellings.

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A graduate of the College of Charleston, S.C., and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., Daughtry has served as prison chaplain, director of a child care center, science teacher, and in business.

He succeeds James D. Sawyer who has completed two years as chaplain on the islands.

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Nashville Pastor Elected
Head Of Children's Homes

(7-5-61)

NASHVILLE (BP)--The board of managers of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes elected James Gregg, pastor of Lockland Baptist Church in Nashville, as general superintendent and treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes.

If he accepts the position, Gregg will succeed W. C. Creasman as head of the children's home operation in Tennessee, and will join the staff Oct. 1 and work with Creasman until he retires Jan. 1, 1962, after 22 year's service.

Gregg will head the operation of four Tennessee children's homes, located in Franklin, Memphis, and two homes in Chattanooga.

He has served as pastor of the Lockland Baptist Church in Nashville since 1949, previously serving as pastor of several churches in East Tennessee.

A native of Georgia, Gregg graduated from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

He is presently a trustee of Belmont College, Nashville, a member of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's committee on committees, and a member of the board of managers for the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes.

In other action, the board of managers recommended the construction of a \$63,000 combination gymnasium and auditorium for the Memphis Children's Home. Construction will begin immediately, and the building is scheduled for completion by the first of 1962.

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.....Carl Richard Neidhardt, former professor at the University of Florida, has been named to the art faculty at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex. Neidhardt received his Ph. D. degree in art from Ohio State University in June. The new Hardin-Simmons professor studied at the Royal Academy of Painting and Sculpture in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on a Fulbright grant with honorary extension, and studied architecture at the George School of Technology for two years. He received the bachelor of arts degree from the University of Chattanooga with honors, and the master of fine arts degree from the University of Florida. (BP)

.....Grand Canyon (Baptist) College, Phoenix, Ariz., has been approved as a candidate for membership by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Eugene N. Patterson, president of the college, said that the listing as a candidate for membership brings the school one step closer to full accreditation by the North Central Association. The college has been engaging in a crash program for the past 15 months to gain accreditation, Patterson said. (BP)

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On the previous night, the Governor of the Paknam Province in Thailand introduced the choir in a special concert at a large girls' school in Paknam. Following the concert, which featured both religious music and American folk songs, the governor spoke again and presented gifts to each of the choir members. A Baptist missionary there said he had never seen anyone more visibly moved and impressed than the governor.

Baptist missionaries said that the largest crowds ever to attend a Baptist meeting in Thailand flocked to hear the choir on their first weekend in Bangkok at services in the Immanuel Baptist Church.

Principal speaker at the meetings was Bill Lawson, Negro Baptist preacher who is touring the Far East with the choir. Lawson is the Baptist Student Union Director at Texas Southern University, now on study leave.

In Indonesia, the choir sang to crowds up to 2,300 during a revival meeting with some 70 "decisions for Christ."

Following the revival services each night, the choir presented special concerts with proceeds paying for an entire year's budget for a Baptist orphanage in Bandung, Indonesia. Some Indonesians called the concerts "the best in Bandung's history."

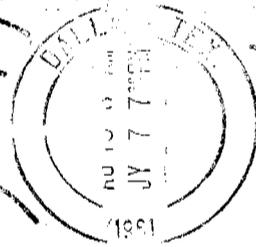
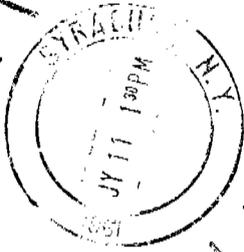
Several of the selections in the concert were sung in the Indonesian language. Both Lawson and Pratt toured Indonesia and several other Far East nations on a preaching-singing jaunt three years ago through the Baptist Student Union summer missions program.

Baptist missionaries are raving about the impact the group of students is making as they use their talents as an entree to spread the Gospel, said W. F. Howard, director of the Texas Baptist Student Union program in Dallas.

Said Missionary Ross Fryer, "On behalf of our entire mission, please express our thanks to the students of Texas and all who had any part in making this trip possible. They have certainly made an impact on our Indonesian missions program."

The \$24,500 tour is financed completely by gifts from fellow college students in Baptist Student Union organizations at 50 Texas colleges and universities.

Before returning, the choir will also tour Hong Kong, Formosa, Okinawa, and Japan, singing at the Asian Baptist Youth Congress in Tokyo. In addition to concerts, the choir members also conduct revival meetings, assist in Vacation Bible Schools, youth camps, and work in churches of the Baptist mission posts abroad.



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Faculty Improvement Plan
Slated For Texas Colleges

DALLAS (BP)--A long-range faculty improvement plan that will include financial aid to help professors of Texas Baptist colleges obtain their doctor's degrees will go into effect next year, said E. N. Jones, secretary of the Texas Baptist Christian Education Commission here.

Under the new program, professors at nine Texas Baptist schools who have earned master's degrees will be eligible to receive fellowships from the Baptist General Convention of Texas to complete work on their doctorates.

The fellowships would provide \$175 per month for unmarried professors, and \$225 per month for married faculty members on a nine-month basis. The monthly stipends also provide graduated amounts for one semester, six weeks, and 12 weeks summer session study.

A budget request of \$46,900 for the faculty improvement plan has been approved by the Texas Baptist executive board as part of the 1962 Cooperative Program budget. Final consideration of the 1962 budget will be given by messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Texas meeting in Austin, Nov. 7-10.

The Texas Convention is the only state Baptist group ever to offer such an improvement plan to the faculty members of colleges it owns, said Rabun Brantley, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Education Commission.

Brantley commended the program, and said that he hoped that other state Baptist conventions would set up similar fellowships.

Faculty members who receive the fellowships must sign a contract promising to continue as faculty members of the sponsoring Baptist school for a period twice the total time of study under the fellowship. Work on the doctorate also must be completed within five years.

If the faculty member resigns his position before the time limit, he must reimburse the Baptist General Convention of Texas with the proportionate amount of time not served, or completely reimburse the convention if he does not resume his faculty position after securing the doctorate.

The new plan will be presented to faculty members of Baptist colleges during the first Texas Baptist faculty retreat scheduled Sept. 5-7 at the H. E. Butt Foundation ranch near Leakey, Tex.

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