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Eisenhower To Consider  
Lack Of Freedom In Spain

ATLANTA, Ga.,--(BP)--President Eisenhower described as "significant and informative" a letter he received from a Baptist leader in Spain protesting the lack of religious freedom in that nation.

The president also promised "thoughtful consideration" of the matter in connection with his visit to Spain during his current good will trip.

Louie D. Newton, pastor of Atlanta's Druid Hills Baptist Church and a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, transmitted the letter to the White House through Senator Herman E. Talmadge. Mr. Eisenhower wrote Mr. Talmadge of his appreciation for the letter and asked him to advise Newton that "this matter has come personally to my attention and that I will not fail to give it thoughtful consideration in connection with my forthcoming trip." The letter was signed on December 3 and the President left Washington that night.

Newton did not identify the Baptist leader in Spain who wrote the letter. The letter called attention to Baptist churches in Spain which are denied permits for opening and said "while the Spanish people do not enjoy many privileges of the free world, their lack of religious freedom is most apparent."

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San Diego Churches  
Plan Community Survey

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SAN DIEGO, Calif.--(BP)--A triple use of the results of a planned community-wide survey by San Diego Baptist churches will follow immediately the gathering of the information.

The tabulations will be used for a Sunday school enlargement campaign, a simultaneous revival, and location of new mission sites, according to Richard G. Bryant, superintendent of San Diego city missions.

The survey, long a means for local churches to locate prospects, has recently found new impetus with the introduction of a family card, the making of total community surveys, and even the taking of complete state-wide canvasses.

The San Diego churches plan to survey January 31, with canvassers led by a local pastor, Phil Shelton. He announced that the survey sheet prepared by the Home Mission Board will be used, and that each church will be responsible for an area.

The pastor-led Sunday school enlargement campaign is scheduled for Feb. 22-26, and will be the first to use the results of the survey for new classes, departments, and building plans.

A simultaneous revival crusade, Mar. 20-Apr. 2, directed by S. G. Posey, California executive secretary, will use the prospects found in the study.

Finally, leadership from the Missions Division of the Home Mission Board will visit San Diego and analyze and interpret the trends in the information,

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and also point out suggested sites for new work. Those visiting from the Home Mission Board will be Billy Hargrove, secretary of the Department of Survey and Special Studies, and Fred Moseley, secretary of the Department of City Missions.

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International Overtones  
In Mission Work

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FRESNO, Calif.---(BP)---"The international situation in San Francisco has become further complicated," said E. J. Combs, Fresno, Southern Baptists' worker in language missions.

Hawaii-born Larry Uyehara started a Japanese mission in San Francisco; the Chinese Baptist Church responded positively to the suggestion of the associational missions committee that it be the sponsoring church; the most suitable place found for a meeting place was a spare room in the Russian Baptist Church.

"Home of evangelism" is the literal translation of the name of the Russian church.

The Uyeharas are graduates of Wayland College and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Folks and Facts

.....On a small ship in the Pacific, a Baptist lay leader, George V. McKinley, conducts services on Sunday mornings and Bible study on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday afternoons. McKinley wrote once that while standing guard, the waves were several feet higher than the masthead.

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.....Juvenile rehabilitation work was done with 5,392 neglected, dependent, or delinquent children in 15 cities by Southern Baptists according to J. V. James, Atlanta, Ga., superintendent of juvenile rehabilitation of the Home Mission Board. Of the 15 cities with a program of juvenile rehabilitation, ten cities work with neglected and dependent children as well as delinquents, and ten do marital counseling James said.

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.....A Ten Top Talkers contest was held in First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla. in a Training Union promotion drive. Contestants "talked up" Training Union attendance before Sunday school and other groups.

Mrs. J. M. Pritchard, chosen as one of the Top Ten Talkers, is deaf.

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.....A gold-plated fountain pen lost in a hurricane 33 years ago was returned to its original owner, Pastor L. C. Cutts of First Baptist Church, Vienna, Ga. last month - and the pen still writes.

The pen, a gift of a boy scout chapter which Cutts led before he entered the ministry, was lost in a hurricane in Miami, Fla. in 1925.

Mrs. Luther Adkins, whose late husband found the pen right after the hurricane and kept it in a desk drawer for 33 years, recently moved to north Georgia, learned of Cutts whereabouts, and returned the pen.

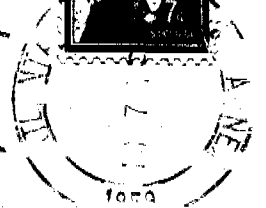
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