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12,500 Miles Separate
Brotherhood, Speakers

GREENSBORO, N.C.--(BP)--Five speakers, separated from their audience by 12,500 miles, will give person to person testimonies direct from mission fields to the Brotherhood of Asbury Street Baptist Church at Greensboro, N.C., Feb. 23.

The telephone testimonies, amplified by Southern Bell Telephone Company, will come from Southern Baptist missionaries in Hawaii, Alaska, California, Colorado, and Florida.

Home missionaries on the lines will be L. A. Watson, Anchorage, Alaska, executive secretary and superintendent of missions of the Alaska Baptist Convention; Genus Crenshaw, missionary to the Seminole Indians, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Mrs. Don Kim, missionary to Koreans, Los Angeles, Calif.; and Don Weeks., missionary to the Indians, Pueblo, Colo.; Foreign Missionary W. A. Lawton, Jr. will speak from Honolulu, Hawaii.

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Challenge of Chaplaincy
Presented By Cummins

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WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP)--"One of the great challenges of the Christian ministry today is that of the chaplaincy," said George Cummins, Atlanta. Cummins, associate director of the Chaplains Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention made the statement in an address at Southeastern Baptist Seminary Wake Forest, N.C. on Chaplains' Day.

An annual event at the seminary, Chaplains' Day presented the activities and opportunities of the various phases of the Christian chaplaincy to interested Southeastern students through addresses, class lectures, and personal interviews.

E. L. Ackiss, Atlanta, secretary of military personnel in the Home Mission Board's Division of Chaplaincy challenged students who will become pastors to prepare their young people for military service by helping them "develop personal and spiritual resources that will enable them to face the problems" encountered away from home.

Chaplains representing the armed services, hospitals, prisons, mental institutions, and industrial work were present for the day.

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Crusade Brings 951
Into Panama Churches

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BALBOA, C. Z.--(BP)--One person was won for every three members of the 35 Baptist churches and 27 missions in the Republic of Panama, including the Canal Zone and the San Blas Islands.

Baptists in the area report 951 professions of faith and 36 additions to the churches by letter during a week-and-a-half evangelistic crusade.

"This was the greatest crusade we have ever had," R. G. Van Royen, superintendent of Southern Baptist missions in the Republic, said. "More important than the numbers was the indication of maturity of the churches throughout the area."

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Serving as evangelists in participating churches were pastors from Texas, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, along with Herbert Caudill, superintendent of missions in Cuba, Elton F. Vickers, a local pastor in Balboa, and A. Jackson Roddy, Atlanta, superintendent of deaf work with the Baptist Home Mission Board.

Several Sunday schools were organized during the crusade. Panamanian Baptists are following Southern Baptists emphasis on teaching and training of church members, especially new members who come into the churches during evangelistic revivals. These revivals are usually held simultaneously by groups of churches in an association or an area.

Van Royen believes that the greatest need for the area is in the field of education, and a seminary, started five years ago, seeks to train native pastors and workers. Of the 86 missionaries and workers in Panama, only eight are not natives.

A mission which had just been started participated in the crusade. They reported a good attendance, organized a Sunday school, and the young pastor counseled with the evangelist concerning future plans for the mission. Among those who joined was a Spanish family; the mother is seeking election as a member of the national assembly, and the 14-year-old son had been given a government scholarship because of good grades.

Some of the churches had as high as 83, 70, and 57 professions of faith. One church which had never had a revival had 15 professions, and the San Fernando mission in Panama, which had never had a night meeting, had nine professions.

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Folks and Facts

.A committee has been selected to make a study of juvenile delinquency in the Jackson, Miss. area looking toward the establishment of a program of juvenile rehabilitation in Hinds County Baptist Association, according to J. V. James, Atlanta. James, superintendent of juvenile rehabilitation in the city missions department of the Home Mission Board, met with the study committee and associational leadership to explain juvenile rehabilitation work as suggested by the board.

.Miss Elizabeth Lunday and Miss Myrtle Salters, workers at Stewart Good Will Center in Atlanta, Ga., have been in their present work for 25 years each.

.Chaplain Jasper C. Massee, serving with the United States Armed Forces in Germany, reports many religious activities in the port city of Bremerhaven. Among the activities he lists are a fellowship of about 50 high school seniors and young married servicemen, a Saturday night singspiration and a message by one of the group, groups meeting for prayer and Bible study in homes two or three times each week, many baptisms, and a Sunday school attendance of more than 400.

.Foreign missionaries, denominational workers, and other Baptists planning trips through foreign areas should inform Southern Baptist chaplains in the vicinity. Chaplains constantly need speakers, and it is necessary for them to schedule in advance. Chaplain James T. Colson, serving with the U.S. Air Force at the Brize-Norton Air Force Base in England made this request.