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**Idea Exchange Planned
By Baptist Alliance**

WASHINGTON (BP)--Plans for International Study Conferences in which Baptist leaders of many countries can exchange research findings and make cooperative plans on a world scale have been given impetus by the Baptist World Alliance.

Representatives of the Alliance's four study commissions met here for weekend discussions planning agenda for commission sessions at Oslo, Norway, Aug. 23-24.

The commissions deal with Baptist doctrine, religious liberty and human rights, Bible study and membership training, and evangelism and missions.

It is hoped, according to Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Alliance, that study papers prepared by the commissions "will make significant contributions to Baptist scholarship and advance."

Those present at a meeting, called "preliminary consultation on the work of the study commissions," were Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va.; Clifton J. Allen of Nashville, Tenn.; E. M. Darroll of Johannesburg, South Africa; V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia; John Skoglund of Rochester, N. Y.; Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., and three members of the local Alliance staff, Nordenhaug, Robert S. Denny and C. E. Bryant.

The commission planning session followed semiannual sessions of the Baptist World Alliance administrative committee.

Denny, associate secretary of the Alliance, told the administrative committee of increasing enthusiasm for the 6th Baptist Youth World Conference in Beirut, Lebanon, in July, 1963. Nordenhaug reported on plans for the 11th Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach in June, 1965.

R. Dean Goodwin of New York, and Adolf Klaupiks, Alliance relief coordinator, reported continued need for relief activities in Europe and Asia and among Cuban refugees in the United States. The Alliance relief work serves as a channel through which Baptists of all countries are able to direct their relief assistance to places of greatest need.

The Baptist World, Alliance magazine, now circulates to Baptists in 91 countries of the world, Editor Bryant reported. There has been substantial circulation increase in recent months as the magazine's editorial content has been revitalized, he said.

Bruce Neal, a Canadian Baptist youth leader of Toronto, was named to the Alliance executive committee to succeed the late G. Kearnie Keegan, Southern Baptist student secretary from Nashville.

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**Louisville Professor
On American Program**

(3-29-62)

PHILADELPHIA (BP)--A visiting professor at a Southern Baptist Convention seminary will deliver chapel hour messages for the American Baptist Convention's annual session here May 23 and 24.

He is Harold Cooke Phillips from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

In addition, an officer of the Southern Baptist Convention is expected to appear as fraternal delegate when these are recognized May 24.

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One of the highlights of the American Convention will be a cavalcade May 26 to its new circular office building at nearby Valley Forge, Pa., for dedication services.

Theme for the five-day Convention is "Proclaiming the Gospel of Freedom."

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Capital Baptists Open
New Home For Aged

(3-29-62)

WASHINGTON (BP)--The moving of 30 residents and several staff members marked the recent opening of the new Baptist Home, operated by the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

The home, completely modern and efficient in design for its elderly residents, will accomodate 78 persons. It will have a staff of 28 including the administrator, John Peterson; a registered nurse, and a resident engineer.

The residents of the old building, located in the historic Georgetown section of the city, and staff members were the first to occupy the new Baptist Home.

The home, with total cost of about \$1-1/4 million, offers medical and dental care, a beauty salon, dining room, snack bar, gift shop, tea room, library, lounge and a chapel for private devotions.

The need for a new building was considered as early as 1943. The property was purchased in 1953 and construction began in 1960. The old Georgetown building was first occupied in 1888.

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention is dually aligned with the Southern and American Baptist Conventions. M. Chanlder Stith is executive secretary.

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Commissioned Ministers
Urged To File Returns

(3-29-62)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Church and denominational workers, not ordained as ministers, should file their 1961 income tax returns without claiming certain deductions allowed ordained ministers.

This was announced here by John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Southern Baptists have been seeking a ruling from Internal Revenue Service, a federal agency, on the tax status of commissioned ministers--not ordained in the fashion of preachers but commissioned by churches or Baptist agencies.

Internal Revenue Service, which has the request for ruling under study, told Williams no ruling would be issued before April 16, the filing deadline for 1961 federal income tax returns.

Should a ruling be issued later extending such privileges to commissioned ministers, then those in this classification could file an amended return for 1961, Williams said.

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Ruschlikon Seminary
 Alters Trustee Plan

RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland (BP)--Trustees of International Baptist Seminary here have approved a plan for trustees to be elected by Baptist assemblies in the various countries of Europe.

The new plan is in contrast with election by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, which supports the seminary.

Trustees expressed interest in the new European Baptist Press Service, directed by John Allen Moore from Ruschlikon. They heard tentative plans for a studio at the seminary to prepare programs for radio broadcasting in various countries.

Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, attended part of the meeting. He and Mrs. Hobbs were on a world tour. The SBC president was featured speaker at a fellowship dinner attended by trustees, faculty and students.

J. D. Hughey was unanimously reelected president of the seminary for the coming year.

Alexander Kircun, Polish Baptist minister from Warsaw and president of the Polish Baptist Union, attended, apparently the only representative from eastern European countries behind the Iron Curtain.

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'Mr. Training Union'
 Of Georgia Retires

(3-29-62)

ATLANTA (BP)--Gainer E. Bryan Sr., "Mr. Training Union" among Georgia Baptists, has announced he will retire Dec. 31 after almost 25 years as Georgia Training Union secretary.

Dr. Bryan announced his retirement to the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention, which immediately appointed a committee to recommend a successor. Bryan will be 68 during the year.

Bryan is the senior state Training Union secretary in the Southern Baptist Convention, having been in his current post since March 15, 1938. He previously worked with the Georgia Sunday School staff about 15 years. A layman, he was a Riddleville, Ga., banker before entering denominational service.

He is a graduate of Mercer University, Baptist school in Macon, Ga., which conferred the doctor of laws degree upon him in 1959. He is a member of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission.

Dr. and Mrs. Bryan will make their retirement home in Atlanta. They have two children. Gainer Jr. is editor of the Maryland Baptist at Baltimore and Mrs. Thomas J. Holmes is wife of the director of development at Mercer University.

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Baptist To Direct
 Milledgeville Work

(3-29-62)

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. (BP)--A Southern Baptist chaplain-pastor has been elected director of religious services for state hospital here, one of the nation's largest mental institutions with about 12,000 patients.

He is Douglas C. Turley Jr., for the past four years senior chaplain at the Longview State Hospital in Cincinnati. He will report to Milledgeville June 1.

Turley is a native of Decatur, Ga., a graduate of The Citadel and holder of bachelor of divinity and master of theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological

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Seminary in Louisville. He was pastor of Kentucky churches for three years before going into the armed services and thence into the chaplaincy field.

He has had clinical training at Central State Hospital of Lakeland, Ky., and completed training periods at Louisville General Hospital and Ormesby Village for dependent and delinquent children. He is an accredited chaplain supervisor of the Southern Baptist Association for Clinical Pastoral Education.

Milledgeville State Hospital Superintendent Irville H. MacKinnon said he hopes to engage another chaplain by October and begin a chaplaincy training and intern program to rank with the nation's best.

A campaign to raise \$800,000 to erect a chapel of all faiths at the giant institution is now under way in Georgia, headed by Mrs. Ernest Vandiver, wife of the governor.

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Mrs. John W. McCall,
73, Dies In Memphis

(3-29-62)

MEMPHIS (BP)--Mrs. John W. McCall, mother of a seminary president and a foreign missionary, died at her home here March 24. She was 73 years old.

Burial in Oxford, Miss., followed funeral services at First Baptist Church here, where Mrs. McCall was an active member.

Her husband, who survives, is a retired Memphis city judge. They made a tour of world mission fields early in 1961, with a special interest in Indonesia, where their daughter, Mrs. Ralph Bethea, serves. She is wife of Dr. Bethea, a missionary physician appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The McCalls celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last October.

At Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, the Lizette Kimbrough McCall Foundation--its purpose to promote world missions--was established in her honor. Duke K. McCall, seminary president, is her son.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Carl M. Halvarson, assistant to the president at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., has been elected president of the National Religious Publicity Council, Northern California chapter. (BP)

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.....Ray Rozell, 55, author of the Rozell Sunday School Lesson Commentaries, died in Fort Worth of an apparent heart attack. Funeral services were held March 27 at Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth where he had previously served as minister of education. A graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., Rozell had also served as minister of education for First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky., and for Baptist churches in Austin, San Angelo, Amarillo and Tyler, all in Texas. He had also traveled as a lecturer for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, and was past president of the Southwestern Religious Education Association. (BP)

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Japan Baptists Visit
Prime Minister Ikeda

TOKYO, Japan (BP)--A Japanese Baptist pastor and a Southern Baptist missionary to Japan visited with Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda here to outline their plans for a nationwide Baptist evangelistic crusade here in the spring of 1963.

Prime Minister Ikeda, in a 15-minute chat with the Baptist leaders, assured them that although he could not emphasize any particular religious group from his official position, he was personally very happy to hear about the proposed evangelistic movement.

Visiting the prime minister were pastor Shuichi Matsumura, chairman of the executive committee for the Japan Baptist Convention's "New Life Movement," and director of the crusade. W. H. (Dub) Jackson was the Southern Baptist missionary.

In a very warm reception, Prime Minister Ikeda said he is emphasizing in his speeches that if democracy is to ever succeed in Japan, it would have to be based on strong religious convictions.

Jackson presented to the prime minister a Japanese Bible, stating it was a token of appreciation for his leadership in keeping the door open in Japan for the presentation of the Christian message.

Ikeda, in accepting the Bible, replied he would display it in his living room, even as Americans display Bibles in hotel rooms. "Not only will I display this Bible," he said, "I shall also read it myself."

In the course of the conversation, the prime minister said his wife's sister is a Christian, and this pleased him very much. He also said he was recently called upon to select a maid from one of two applicants. Upon finding out that one was a Christian, he immediately chose the Christian girl, he said.

Commenting on the prime minister's reception, Jackson said it indicated "there is no opposition so far as the government is concerned in the presentation of the gospel here in Japan."

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Southern Offers New
Specialist Degree

(3-29-62)

LOUISVILLE (BP)--To meet missionary and Christian leadership training needs, a new graduate specialist in religious education degree will be offered by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, School of Religious Education Dean Allen W. Graves said here.

The new professional degree is the first of its type offered by a Southern Baptist seminary.

Southern Seminary has previously offered a graduate specialist certificate for work beyond a master's degree in religious education. This certificate requires 32 hours of graduate studies beyond the normal two years required for a master of religious education degree.

The specialist degree will be of direct interest to foreign missionary students required to have three years' seminary training, to students going into Baptist student work wanting additional philosophy and counseling courses and to others desiring more graduate study without earning a doctor's degree, Graves explained.

Prerequisites for the new degree include a bachelor of arts and master of religious education or equivalent degrees from recognized institutions. The curriculum requires 12 semester hours in both the school of religious education and the school of theology, plus a research project yielding eight semester hours credit.

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