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**Immediate Action Urged
On Refugee Relocation**

MIAMI (BP)--Southern Baptist churches need to take immediate action to help re-settle the Latin refugees now flooding this city, the director of the denomination's Spanish work here urged.

"Perhaps we have been too concerned about working out all the details before sponsoring a family," said Milton Leach of Miami. "This problem is getting out of hand unless action is taken."

Leach said 113,460 refugees, mostly from Cuba, had registered with the Federal government but only 22,906 had been resettled. They continue to arrive at the rate of approximately 2000 a week, with no indication of change.

Churches need to assure Leach's office of three things: (1) that housing will be provided, (2) that food will be assured the family and (3) that other needs will be provided, such as work, schooling, etc., after their arrival.

"If a church agrees to sponsor a family, and to house and feed them, we would not have to wait until work was secured before the family is sent," he said.

He suggested 25 or 30 churches in a city or association could agree to take one or more families and set a date for their arrival. The refugees could be sent by chartered plane, or at least together. The government pays the transportation costs.

"Southern Baptists are as well or better organized than any other evangelical group to do a real job of resettlement, but to date we have received too few definite commitments," he added.

The Convention's Home Mission Board, which employs Leach, has assigned Robert Fricke of Miami and R. G. Van Royen of Dallas to lead in resettlement and relief ministry. Fricke is assisting Leach in Miami and Van Royen is helping organize committees throughout the United States for resettlement.

State conventions which have organized committees include Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Churches were urged to contact the Latin Refugee Committee at their state Baptist offices or Robert Fricke at 1790 N. E. Second Court, Miami 32, Fla.

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**Ohio Women's Work
Becomes Department**

(4-15-62)

COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP)--The Woman's Missionary Union of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio has voted to become a department of the state convention.

In becoming a department, the Ohio Woman's Missionary Union will have the same status as any other department of state work with the understanding that the statewide Union operate in cooperation with the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Assembly Meetings
Explore Communism

By the Baptist Press

How did communism begin? What are its basic theories? What is the explanation for its phenomenal growth throughout the world? How can Christians meet this challenge?

These and other questions will be discussed at summer conferences sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Conferences will be held at two Baptist summer assemblies--at Glorieta, N. M., Aug. 9-15 and at Ridgecrest, N. C., Aug. 23-29.

Speakers for both conferences will be Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission, and Ross Coggins, the commission's associate secretary, both from Nashville, Tenn.

This special emphasis, according to Valentine, has been planned in response to widespread interest in communism.

"Here is an excellent opportunity," he said, "for Southern Baptists to participate in a depth study of the most powerful adversary Christianity has ever confronted. The gospel is supremely and uniquely adequate to defeat communism. The urgent need is for Christians to have faith which relates more intelligently to our contemporary crisis."

Those wishing to attend either of these conferences should make reservations with the Glorieta or Ridgecrest assembly managers. At both assemblies, the Christian Life Conferences will coincide with the annual Bible Conferences.

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Convention Forecast:
Weather To Be Ideal

(4-15-62)

SAN FRANCISCO (BP)--Warm days and cool evenings are expected to greet messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention here in June.

"It never rains during the summer, but often there is a light fog in the early morning, the sun shining brightly by noon and the evenings clear," an observer said.

Ten thousand Southern Baptists are expected to invade this cosmopolitan city June 5-8. Weather-wise, sessions should be ideal.

Average maximum temperature during June should be about 65.5 degrees. Low temperature (nights) are expected to be 58.8 degrees.

Native San Franciscans encourage visitors to wear lightweight wool suits and dresses. Because of the breezes from the Bay, they prefer small hats. Women should wear hats and gloves during the Convention month.

For June, it might be wise to include a dark silk basic dress or two-piece costume, since an extremely warm day is a real possibility.

For the men, it is suggested that light to medium-weight wool suits and either felt or straw hats be included.

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Folks and Facts.....

(4-15-62)

.....James Leo Garrett, Louisville, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary professor of Christian theology, has received a \$3,000 American Association of Theological School's grant for research and writing in areas of American Protestant theological reaction to Roman Catholicism since 1900. (BP)

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Florida Running Ahead
On Founding Churches

JACKSONVILLE (BP)--Churches of Florida Baptist Convention are slightly ahead of their schedule to establish 50 new churches and 250 new missions during the current convention year, the convention's Board of Missions announced here. The tally is 28 churches and 159 missions to date.

The board, at its meeting, also took under study newspaper reports that the law school of Stetson University, located at St. Petersburg, Fla., had accepted money from racing tracks. The board's institutional and survey committee was asked to make a "thorough investigation."

Stetson, whose main campus is in DeLand, Fla., is related to the convention.

The board appropriated \$1000 for its executive secretary, John A. Maguire, and Mrs. Maguire of Jacksonville to visit Hawaii on a mission trip after the session of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco in June.

Loren A. Williams of Fernandina Beach, Fla., was elected associate in the state Sunday school department.

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Nashville College Puts
Whammy On Wayland

(4-15-62)

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (BP)--Wayland Baptist College of Plainview, Tex., engaged Nashville (Tenn.) Business College in their annual battle for supremacy in women's basketball in the United States. Nashville applied the double whammy for a 63 to 38 victory over the Texas Flying Queens.

The teams met for the fourth straight year here, as they have dominated this Amateur Athletic Union event for several years. It was the Tennessee team's third championship in five years while Wayland has won six of the last nine annual tournaments.

Texas Baptist-sponsored Wayland swept into the 1962 finals here as the No. 1 seeded team. Operating like precision computers, the Business College girls discarded the Wayland entry handily after building a 31-15 halftime lead.

Wayland was one of two Southern Baptist college teams in the tourney. Ouachita College of Arkadelphia, Ark., drew a first-round bye before going down before Omaha Commercial Extension, 51 to 45.

Wayland started the tournament as if the Queens, who fly in special chartered planes to their games, would stampede everything in sight. The Queens bombarded Jacksonville, Fla., 83 to 28, unafraid of the Floridians' 21-game win streak.

Two Wayland players and one from Ouachita made the 12-player National League all-star team, released during the tournament. Glyna Masten of Wayland was one of three unanimous choices. Wayland's Laura Switzer and Ouachita's Mary Ann Otwell were others.

In addition, the two Wayland All-Star picks won places on the tournament All-American team along with teammate Betty Scott.

Wayland girls are tentatively scheduled for a tour in May with appearances in Mexico.

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