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GLOBE-TROTTING With GINNY

Baptist Chief Heads
Honolulu Policemen

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HONOLULU, Hawaii (BP)--...Few of the multitude of readers of the Dick Tracy comic strip realize that one of the characters in Tracy's Hawaii adventures is an outstanding Baptist layman in Honolulu. Dan Liu is internationally known as an outstanding law enforcement officer.

This chief of police has received citations from many illustrious world leaders other than the comic strip author, Chester Gould. He is a deacon in Olivet Baptist Church, and a teacher of a Sunday school class of service men.

Liu is alert to keep corruption and evil influence from the Honolulu Police Department. He has courage to stand up for Christian principles even when the "underworld" threatens or politicians pressure him.

Dan Liu is often called on to speak before young people. His life has been dedicated to serving young boys. As a young man, he organized potential juvenile delinquents into choral groups and sports organizations.

Baptist work in Hawaii was under the supervision of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board for nearly two decades. Missionaries turned out of the Orient during World War II opened up Southern Baptist work in the Islands.

Now the Baptists of this 50th state have taken over the reins themselves, becoming like Hawaii's "big" sister states on the mainland. Dan Liu is but one of many Baptist leaders who have had a hand in the rapid growth of Baptist work in Hawaii.

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Dear Regional Office Friends:

As you know, John Bloskas has joined the group who now writes under the (BP) logotype. He is filing Annuity Board stories on the wire, which are picked up by the Dallas office for mailing purposes. The public relations office at Dallas, minus a (BP) regional editor right now with Jim Newton handling the interim honors well, continues to be the Dallas regional office.

John has taken to the filing and put a number of stories out since the new arrangement began about March 1. We look forward to a fine working relationship here, with John's background of daily newspaper work giving him the professional touch which we feel characterizes (BP) copy from around the country.

Walker Knight's biggest and best achievement of late was indirectly a Baptist Press story, but in the main was as editor of Home Missions. It was the May issue of "See America." Don't know whether he's joining the Chevvie commercials on the Dinah Shore Show or not, but it was a bang up good job. Course, we've come to accept that as the routine from Walker.

John Hurt continues to pepper us with good ideas for stories and to keep us on our toes. The picture you saw of our teletypist in Nashville affixing a bumper sticker to a car was an idea that John forwarded us. (Incidentally, she got a proposal for marriage out of the picture, from a fellow in a state whose paper printed it! She was thrilled a wee bit till a fellow worker with experience in another SBC agency remembered the name and city of the proposer, and that he has sent letters to that other agency for the "crackpot" file.)

Down Memphis way, Roy Jennings is waiting on the big story to break from a joint undertaking by the Brotherhood Commission and several Brotherhood departments locally, in Birmingham churches.

Nashville Folks have been plugging away at pre-Convention materials.

In Washington, Barry Garrett has his hands full of Congress. He's one of those middle center folks in the auditorium at Kennedy's press conferences, where E&P says Kennedy is most likely to recognize folks for questions. (Right next to a Marilyn Monroe gal reporter!)

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Foibles of the past six weeks: (1) failure to check accuracy of material from even reliable sources--result: corrections, (2) forgetting to include "Southern Baptist Convention" with name of agencies in first mention in the stories we write, (3) needless use of dates such as April 10 in stories (please reserve these for important record events like deaths of weddings, or for future tense stories with sufficient time between the story's writing and the future event) and references to "happened Monday" of an event in our bailiwicks. Unless the church moved its services from Sunday to Monday, the use of the day of the week is needless and a style violation, (4) careless editing of copy not written by the regional editors themselves--culled from handouts in the mails, or in some cases written by others in the office but not by the regional editor.

These items--some more particularly to the point than others--apply with vigor to the central office of the (BP). We have taken care to see that our foibles here are exposed for the goofs they were!

See you at San Francisco.

Unhesitatingly yours,

P. S. A recent letter from Ora Spaid, Courier-Journal religion editor, Louisville, is highly commendatory of (BP) copy for its reporting of controversial news and for its objectivity!