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**Hobbs Asks Prayer
For Revival In Japan**

By Roy Jennings

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--H. H. Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, called on all Southern Baptists to conduct a special prayer period the night of March 27 for the success of a nationwide evangelistic crusade in Japan.

The plea for Southern Baptist support followed a prayer emphasis on the evangelistic project by Baptist men as part of Baptist Men's Day observances throughout the Convention.

Hobbs said he hoped all 32,000 Southern Baptist churches would devote the entire Wednesday night prayer service for this crusade known as the Japanese New Life Movement.

"Actually, we should begin praying now for this crusade and climax our efforts on this special night," Hobbs said.

More than 150 teams of Southern Baptist pastors and laymen will take part in the crusade, which opens March 30 and continues through May 5.

They will preach and witness in 150 Baptist churches and missions. The population of Japan is almost 100 million. Only 600,000, much less than 1 per cent, are Christians.

In asking for Southern Baptist support, Hobbs described the movement as "one of the most vital undertakings of Southern Baptists in this generation."

"I'm convinced that if we could take Japan for Christ, Japan will win Southeast Asia to Christianity. This area has perhaps the most dense population in the world," Hobbs said.

The leader of 10 million Southern Baptists said he's beginning to see how in Baptist missions strategy a small group of missionary specialists are not being able to cope with missions, particularly in the Orient where the population explosion is at its height.

"This crusade is an experiment. If it's successful, it could be a prelude to a worldwide evangelistic movement. We as Southern Baptists may be setting a pattern in Japan," Hobbs said.

While Texas Baptists are supplying most of the pastors and laymen and money, Hobbs emphasized the crusade is a Convention-wide project.

"I've liked this movement since it was first presented to Southern Baptists in 1960 in Miami Beach," Hobbs said.

One of the most prominent speakers during the crusade will be Billy Graham. He will speak on the closing night at evangelistic rallies in five major cities in Japan.

Hobbs sought to make the crusade a concern of Southern Baptists after he was visited by two leaders in the Japanese New Life Movement. They were Nobuo Watanabe, prayer chairman, and Sueo Kitahara, Tokyo office manager of the crusade.

The conference was arranged by James M. Sapp, Memphis, director of promotion for the SBC Brotherhood Commission and a lay participant in the crusade.

The visitors said immediate crusade goals are to double the number of Baptist churches and their membership by the end of the meetings.

The long-range goal is to quadruple the number of churches and church members, Watanabe, a pastor, said.

Watanabe said he hoped Southern Baptists would pray specifically for the achievement of these goals.

Pastors' Conference
Uses Ex-Presidents

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--Two former presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention are among speakers who will address the 1963 Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference here May 6-7.

The conference will meet in the Music Hall prior to the 1963 session of the SBC.

A current vice-president of the Convention also will preach.

Theme of the two-day meeting will be "The Simple Gospel for Sinful Times," according to W. Herschel Ford, El Paso, Tex., president of the conference.

Ramsey Pollard, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, and immediate past SBC president, will preach on "Hell." R. G. Lee, Memphis, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Church and another former SBC president, will preach on "The Second Coming of Christ."

E. S. James of Dallas, editor, the Baptist Standard, will preach on "The Promised Messiah." James is the current second vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

William G. Burkett of Birmingham, Ala., will direct the music for the Pastors' Conference.

The program will feature SBC preachers, having listed no major program personnel from outside the denomination.

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(Full program already mailed)

Southern To Present
Awards To Leaders

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--A Southern Baptist Convention leader will receive a service award this year from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

The award has been set up by the trustee executive committee and will be called the E. Y. Mullins Service Award. A second leadership award will go to a community leader and churchman in Louisville.

The Mullins award is in memory of the fourth president of the seminary. Mullins also was president of the Baptist World Alliance from 1923 to 1928.

The Mullins award will be presented for the first time at a chapel service here in the late spring. The award to a local leader will be presented in the fall.

When the trustees gather for their annual meeting in March, they will be given an SBC leader's name recommended by the awards committee.

Trustees living in Louisville will select the first recipient of the community leadership award.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Ferris D. Winn, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Klamath Falls, Ore., has been elected superintendent of the Loen Bailie Memorial Ranch near Pasco, Wash. The 500-acre ranch will provide a year-round program under direction of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington. There will be a program for boys and a farm operation, it was reported earlier. (BP)

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New Mexico Buys
Land For Men's Camp

HOBBS, N. M. (BP)--The mission board of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico has bought 160 acres of land for a camp for Baptist men and boys.

It is located near Cloudcroft, N. M., in the southern part of the state. The tract is bounded on three sides by a national forest. Cost of the 160 acres was \$29,000.

The mission board also will permit the spending of \$5000 to get the camp ready to use this summer.

State Baptist Brotherhood Secretary H. C. Sivells of Albuquerque said a pioneer camp is planned. Campers will sleep in tents. The Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador (men and boys) committee of the board will be in charge of developing the camp.

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.....The American Society for Christian Social Ethics held its fourth annual meeting at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Henlee H. Barnette, Christian ethics professor at the seminary and a director of the society, was host to 50 members of the group. Paul Ramsey of Princeton University, Princeton, N. J., is the president. (BP)

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.....Ray Conner of Fayetteville, Ark., a native Kansan, has accepted the post of Sunday school secretary for the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists in Wichita. Conner will assume his new duties March 1. (BP)

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Chemist Says Atomic
War Going To Come

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WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (BP)--A chemistry professor at Wake Forest College (Baptist) here predicts an atomic war.

Robert Nevill Isbell, who has been in on more than 20 atom bomb tests, is leaving the staff of the college.

Interviewed on his World War II and later experiences in atomic development, Isbell said:

"I am sorry we had to drop the bomb and I am sorry we have had to continue testing it. You will notice I said had to. I think we had no other recourse.

"One of these days even Guatemala will have the bomb. Sooner or later an atomic war will be triggered off and it will be like stepping on a pile of ants. A lot will live and a lot will die.

"The war will be won, if you can call it that, in a couple of hours. I guess the winner will be the one who crawls away."

Isbell was stationed at the Pentagon after World War II and later became chief of the Radiological Defense Division. He participated in the Eniwetok atomic tests in the Pacific Ocean.

He retired in 1955 as an Air Force colonel and returned to the Wake Forest faculty, where he taught for 12 years prior to 1941.

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