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**10,888 Make Decisions
During Japan Crusade**

TOKYO (BP)--A total of 10,888 decisions were reported during the Baptist New Life Movement campaigns throughout Japan at the close of the third phase of the crusade.

A total of 4,551 decisions were made in 36 city-wide revivals held by "Team B" evangelists, laymen and musicians.

Earlier "Team A" revivals and five big area-wide crusades resulted in 6,337 decisions. Nine other churches and cities had conducted revivals but had not sent in reports.

Two other series of week-long revivals conducted by "Team C" and "Team D" evangelists are yet to come.

"There is no way of knowing exactly how many of these 'decisions' are what we Americans call 'professions of faith,'" said John Seelig of Fort Worth, who is coordinating news coverage of the New Life Movement. "Even those who come by 'profession of faith' are not always making the type decision we know by that name back home," he said.

In a telephone call to the Texas Baptist Sunday School Conference meeting in Fort Worth, Texas Baptist Executive Secretary T. A. Patterson predicted that 25,000 to 35,000 professions of faith would be recorded by the end of the New Life Movement in the Orient in May.

Patterson asked for Baptists attending the meeting to pray for the New Life Movement, especially for the millions of Japanese who have not accepted Christianity, for the team members who are leading the revivals, and for the Japanese churches as they face a needed follow-up program after the close of the New Life Movement.

He said that the sudden growth of the churches has caused some "happy problems," citing one church with only six members which had 131 professions of faith and 300 other decisions during a week of revival.

The tiny Oizumi Baptist mission in Tokyo had only three active members at the beginning of the crusade, but recorded 50 decisions during a "Team B" revival.

Another Baptist church at Hiratsuka had 145 decisions during a revival, and the next Sunday the congregation was twice as large as usual. Four new Bible classes were organized, but they had no place to meet.

It was commonplace for a church to report two or three times as many decisions during a revival as its total membership before the crusade.

The Misawa, Japan, Baptist church reported 553 decisions during a "Team B" revival. The Seinen Jo Gakuin Baptist school for girls in Fukuoka observed its 41st anniversary with a crusade that resulted in 355 decisions.

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In Asahigawa, Japan, the first decisions at a public service conducted by the church in its 43-year history were recorded. More than 100 made professions of faith during services at a prison in Asahigawa.

A slightly disfigured woman whose hair was seared off by the atomic bomb blast in Hiroshima was the first person down the aisle at the Asahigawa meeting. She pledged to be a soul winner.

During a street service in Misawa where 553 decisions were recorded during the week-long revival, a young man asked evangelist Marvel Upton of Sunray, Tex., why the Japanese needed Jesus Christ when they had Buddha. Upton tried to explain, and the young man attended the next services and accepted Christ. The young man said he might become a Baptist preacher.

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Opera Soloist Sings,
Japan Audience Weeps

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SAPPORO, Japan (BP)--An evangelist at a Japan New Life Movement revival here tossed aside his prepared sermon after opera soloist Cecelia Ward brought the Japanese audience to tears when she sang "Were You There (When They Crucified My Lord)?"

Miss Ward became choked with emotion as she sang the moving solo. She said she saw nearly everyone in the audience weeping.

Evangelist Hank Scott, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wilson, Tex., did not preach to the audience, instead taking only a few minutes to explain the plan of salvation.

Scores came forward to accept Christianity after the emotion-packed meeting.

Miss Ward, a native of Louisiana, presented concerts and participated in New Life Movement services every day from April 9 to April 21 when she left for Jackson, Miss., where she will be soloist at a revival in the First Baptist Church.

"The fantastic faith of the Japanese pastors and their lovely wives has overwhelmed me," she said on departing.

She had performed on nation-wide television broadcasts and in Japan New Life Movement revivals at Tokyo, Nagoya, Kokura, and Fukuoka, in addition to the Sapporo meeting.

At a concert in Tokyo, she was surrounded by a big group of Japanese autograph seekers following two encores and enthusiastic ovations.

She said she was quite impressed by an experience in Kyohoku, Japan, where a widow who owned a factory arranged a New Life Movement meeting of 60 other women because she felt the Japanese women lacked something, but she did not know what. The widow trusted Christ, said Miss Ward, and so did several others.

Miss Ward, who lives in Alexandria, La., where her husband operates a hardware store, began her musical career at the age of four when she sang on the radio for the first time. Although nationally acclaimed as a concert artist, she spends most of her time in Christian service.

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8,201 Decisions Reported
In Philippines Crusades

MANILA (BP)--Asian New Life Movement evangelistic crusades in the Philippines resulted in a total of 8,201 professions of faith, reported team evangelists who returned to the United States following the meetings.

The New Life Movement in the Philippines opened with four crusades conducted by the Billy Graham evangelistic team. The campaigns, held in Manila, Davao, Cebu and Iloilo, resulted in 2,164 professions of faith.

The Graham meetings were followed by 64 revivals throughout the Philippines led by 69 evangelists, musicians and laymen from the United States.

A total of 6,037 professions of faith were recorded in the 64 revivals, reported E. H. Walker, Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines and chairman of the steering committee for the New Life Movement meetings.

"All of those who made decisions counseled with missionaries and trained counselors, and their decisions were actual 'professions of faith' as far as we can determine," said Newman McLarry of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Division of Evangelism and coordinator of the Philippines crusade.

"In many cases church membership doubled, tripled and even quadrupled because of the crusades," said McLarry.

He added that it was a miracle that such "tremendous results" could come from the campaigns, for they were held in many cases against almost impossible circumstances.

As an example, McLarry cited a revival in Pasay which was held on a vacant lot adjacent to a major street in the Manila suburb. A carnival was set up right next to the revival grounds, and the loud music, bright lights, gambling and horn honking were extremely distracting, he said.

Baptists in the United States probably would not have even attempted a revival under these circumstances, McLarry said, but the Pasay meeting consistently drew crowds of 300 to 500 people, and at least 18 decisions were recorded each night.

One of the women who made a profession of faith in the Pasay meeting was an invalid who heard the gospel sermons from her bed five houses away from the revival lot. She asked several men attending the meeting to carry her from her house to the services. She made a decision that night and was later baptized.

A young man who saw posters advertising the "New Life" meetings approached one of the evangelists and questioned him if there is such a thing as "new life." The Filipino said he had been searching for five months for such "new life," but he was still the same miserable man.

The evangelist invited him to the service, and he stayed for the counseling period afterwards. Afterwards, he came to the evangelist weeping with happiness. "I have found this new life," he said. The evangelist said the young man attended every service the rest of the meeting and was a changed person.

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Folks and facts.....

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.....Baylor University Librarian Roscoe Rouse has been named director of libraries at State University of New York in Stony Brook, Long Island. The New York school is one year old. Rouse will be responsible for developing its new library. His resignation at the Baptist school in Waco, Tex., where he has served for 11 years will be effective June 3. (BP)

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Baptist Filmstrip Wins
Art Director's Award

DALLAS (BP)--A cartoon filmstrip produced for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth was named one of five top winners at a show of advertising art here.

The color filmstrip, entitled "Jot," was awarded a gold medal during the sixth annual show sponsored by the Dallas-Fort Worth Art Director's Club.

Plans call for the filmstrip to be converted into a five-minute film that will launch a public service television program for children, said Truett Myers, television consultant for the SBC Radio-TV Commission.

The filmstrip tells the story of a little boy named Jot "who plays so fast he looks like a dot" and his efforts to escape the consequences of a lie he tells his mother.

Ted Perry of the Radio-TV Commission staff wrote the script for the filmstrip, which was produced for the commission by a Dallas motion picture company.

The Dallas show featured 300 varied presentations of art and design from more than 1,000 entries from seven Southwestern states.

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\$12,500 Given Baylor
For Cancer Research

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DALLAS (BP)--A gift of \$12,500 has been made to Baylor University Medical Center here to purchase analytical equipment needed to study the effect of irradiation therapy used in treatment of cancer.

The gift, made by the Moody Foundation of Galveston, Tex., was used to purchase a Beckman DK-1A Recording Spectrophotometer, a research instrument used to test the effectiveness of a new Baylor method of radiation therapy for cancer.

Under the new treatment method, hydrogen peroxide is injected into the arteries feeding a malignant tumor to make radiation treatment of the tumor more effective.

The new machine will be used in studying how the blood system transports the peroxide to the tumor, and in studying reactions of enzymes in the blood system to the hydrogen peroxide.

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\$125,000 Given For New
Mary-Hardin Baylor Dorm

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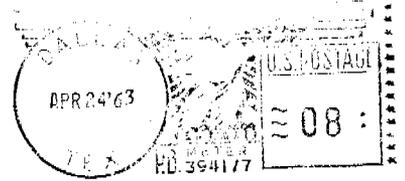
BELTON, Tex. (BP)--A total of \$125,000 has been received for the construction of a new dormitory at Mary-Hardin Baylor College (Baptist for women) here, including a \$25,000 pledge from Baptist layman William Fleming and his wife of Fort Worth.

The Baptist school here is now conducting a drive to raise funds for the new Gettys Memorial Dormitory, which is scheduled for completion in 1964.

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