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Malik Tells Baptist
Youth Of Changing World

By W. C. Fields

BEIRUT, Lebanon (BP)--Charles Malik of Beirut, former General Assembly president of the United Nations, challenged Baptist young people attending an international conference here to face up to the realities of a changing world.

An Orthodox Christian, Malik emphasized moral and spiritual values in his discussion of scientific, technical and political changes.

And he assured the youth that "however the world changes, Christ is glorified. His Lordship over history and the course of events is made manifest, and his will becomes increasingly clear to those who know him and love him."

Malik is now a member of the faculty of the American University of Beirut. His lectures on "A Changing World" were delivered five consecutive mornings to discussion groups of the Sixth Baptist Youth World Conference here. Three thousand young people from 52 countries attended.

He had a word of advice for political leaders of the Western world. Pointing to the rise of 50 countries in Asia and Africa to full nationhood since the Second World War, he declared: "The West can no longer impose its respect; it must earn it. It can no longer simply order; it must seek to persuade."

He pointed optimistically to current world political developments, notably the discussions between East and West on a nuclear test ban and also to a "widening rift between Moscow and Peiping." He looked cautiously at differences between China and India and a threatened division between France and the Anglo-Saxon world.

The scientific and technical revolution is so far-reaching that "war has virtually abolished itself," Malik said. "The atomic and nuclear weapons are so unbelievably devastating that no rational being can plan to unleash a nuclear war.

"This does not mean," he continued, "that governments need not take precautions against all eventualities; it does mean that, while war was always used in the past as an instrument of national policy, today no government can afford to do so."

With regard to the rapid rise of a large number of new nations, particularly in Africa and Asia, he said: "It cannot be affirmed too often that, as a matter of principle, every people, every nation, and every culture has a natural right to be itself and to determine its own destiny and develop its own conditions and laws in full responsibility and according to its own free choice.

"The maxim of the age is: There shall be no foreign rule! No change is greater or more far-reaching than this."

In the current intellectual revolution, Malik said, "People are awakened not only with respect to their political rights as nations or cultures, but also with respect to their fundamental rights and freedoms as human beings.

"Whole classes of men have suddenly discovered that they have been the victims of terrible and shameful discriminations, and that there is no reason save human selfishness and folly why these conditions should continue."

He deplored "an appalling collapse of morals," and asserted that "materialism and atheism are quite rampant today." But he pointed also to increasing world brotherhood in the resurgent Christian interfaith movement.

He said: "For centuries Christians have been fighting or attacking, or at least undermining or suspecting, one another. The assumption was always that there was something of the devil in the other fellow. There is a different spirit today.

"There is more respect and trust than ever before; there is a genuine desire to come understandingly together and to bear with one another."

Malik said questions currently before mankind can only be answered "in the light of some transcendence, some actual judge or criterion which authentically enables me to discriminate between false and the true."

He added, "We Christians believe that, right here in Palestine a couple of hundred miles from Beirut, this judging, discriminating, enabling transcendence 'was made flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth', 'and of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.'"

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Professor Prescribes
Stimulants To Growth

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RIDGECREST (BP)--A seminary professor has advised Baptist religious educators from the Southeast how to find new stimulants for growth.

Findley B. Edge of Louisville told the Southeastern Baptist Religious Education Association meeting here "the answer to our search for new dynamics for growth will have to be found in a deeper and clearer understanding of the gospel itself."

Edge, professor of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, labelled as theological the "fundamental problem" to the "widespread concern because of the 'slow down' in the rate of increase" of Southern Baptist Convention growth.

Edge named two "dynamics" that must be recaptured. The first he called "a deepened awareness of man's lost condition."

"The church must not 'water down' the Gospel to make it more acceptable. It is my judgment that this has been one of the chief sins of our denomination. . . . We called for a response on their part that was much too shallow in nature, hoping that their response would deepen once they were in the church. It is for this reason that although we are a numerous people, we are not a powerful people," he said.

The second dynamic: "We must have a clearer understanding of and a deeper commitment to the basic message to which we are called by God."

"The masses of our members have failed to understand the nature of the missions to which they have been called by God," Edge added.

"Our first weakness is that we have relied too heavily upon holding meetings in the church to win the world for Christ, whereas we must come to recognize that it is in the

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world where our primary witness must be given."

"The second weakness is that we have relied too heavily upon a verbal witness when what is needed in our day is a demonstration of this Gospel," Edge said.

He said the task of the church "is to help its members discover ways of witnessing to the world."

"In essence, the church would become a theological seminary for its membership, giving basic training for all, but also specialized training in terms of the specialized ministry the member is seeking to carry out in the world," Edge noted.

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Pastors Think Laymen
Don't Understand Them

(7-25-63)

LOUISVILLE (BP)--The average Christian laymen thinks of himself primarily as a "church attender and giver of offerings," said a small group of pastors from 11 states attending a Continuing Theological Education Conference on the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary campus here.

In a survey questionnaire followed by a discussion, pastors expressed opinions that laymen think of themselves as "average churchmen" or "members of the flock" rather than as "lay ministers" or "Christian witnesses."

Laymen think of pastors as "preachers for a congregation" or "heads of the church" rather than theologians or community spiritual leaders, said the pastors.

Fifty-four per cent of the pastors said communications between clergy and laymen is a major problem. Forty-six per cent believe it is a minor problem needing improvement.

The entire group said the "total ministry of the church" is not understood by most laymen. There was also 100 percent agreement that "the average adult church member can not write a correct job description for his pastor."

More than 90 per cent believe the "average adult member of their church does not understand the difference between conservative and liberal theology currently discussed in the Southern Baptist Convention."

The group generally agreed today's church organization and program needs to be restructured to meet the spiritual needs of their congregations. Suggestions included a reevaluation of time asked from laymen and a movement of laymen from the "cogs of a church program to the works or ministry of the church.

"Existing cleavages between pastor and laymen must be removed," agreed the group "before the church can fulfill its purpose."

The five-day Continuing Theological Education Conference involved pastors in Christian theology, pastoral counseling and church history teaching and discussion sessions.

Two similar conferences for pastors are held in the Southern Seminary campus each year.

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15 Baptist Boys Compete
In Address Contest

WASHINGTON (BP)--Fifteen Baptist boys, winners of competition in their states, will compete here Aug. 11 in the finals of the national speakers' contest.

The event is a prelude to the Third National Royal Ambassador Congress, which opens a three-day run here Aug. 13 at the Sylvan Theater.

Winner of the contest will make an eight-minute address to 6,000 Royal Ambassadors and their counselors on opening night of the Congress. He also will receive a \$100 United States savings bond from Edward Hurt, Jr., Memphis, Congress director.

The speakers' finals will be held in Memorial Baptist Church at Arlington, Va., on the outskirts of Washington.

Judges will be Maj. Gen. Roy Parker, former chief of Army chaplains; James Rogers, specialist in the division of higher education for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and M. Jackson White, pastor of First Baptist Church at Clarendon, Va.

The boys will speak on one of four topics--"Christ and Me in the Twentieth Century," "My Place in Today's World," "My Responsibilities to Christ," and "Sharing Christ in the Space Age."

The boys' expense-paid trips to Washington for the contest have been arranged by their state Brotherhood Departments.

The state winners are James F. Kelley of Enterprise, Ala.; Paul Turner of Lancaster, Calif.; Leon Martin of Grand Junction, Colo.; Johnny B. Mostiler of Griffin, Ga.; Dale Goldsmith of Caseyville, Ill.; Gary Napier of Olathe, Kan.; Larry W. Swift of Owensboro, Ky.; Earl J. Barnes of Baltimore, Md.; John T. Walsh of Kennett, Mo.; Fletcher Hartsell of Concord, N. C.; Joe Pryor of Oklahoma City; Joseph B. Bryant of Townville, S. C.; Mickey D. Bowman of Johnson City, Tenn.; Davis L. Smith, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va.; and Jim Armstrong of Euless, Tex.

Other Congress program personalities are:

Shelby Wilson of Fort Worth, former Olympic wrestling champion; Carl Erskine of Anderson, Ind., Baptist layman and former pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers; Maj. Gen. Robert Taylor of Washington, chief of Air Force chaplains; Edward Kemper of Washington, inspector for the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Gregory Walcott of Canoga Park, Calif., Baptist lay leader and television actor, and Barry Morris of St. Louis, ventriloquist and former president of Royal Ambassadors in Missouri.

Eighteen Southern Baptist missionaries, 11 home and seven foreign, also will share experience with the boys.

Purposes of the Congress are to deepen boys' concepts of Christianity and to provide the youths with opportunities to associate with Christian youths from other parts of the country.

2 Baptist Workers
On Rights Agency

(7-25-63)

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--Two Oklahoma Baptist workers, Guy Bellamy and B. Frank Belvin, were among nine members of the new Human Rights Commission in Oklahoma, appointed by Gov. Henry Bellmon.

Bellamy, of Oklahoma City, is secretary of the department of work with National Baptists for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Belvin, of Durant, is general missionary in Muskogee-Seminole-Wichita Indian Association.

Purpose of the commission, created by the last legislature, is "to work toward removing friction, eliminating discrimination, and promoting unity and understanding among all the people of Oklahoma."

The commission is directed by the legislative act to discourage discrimination and encourage fair treatment of all persons regardless of race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry.

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Historical Agency
Elects St. Amant

(7-25-63)

NASHVILLE (BP)--C. Penrose St. Amant, theology dean at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has been elected chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Historical Commission.

He succeeds W. Fred Kendall, Nashville, executive secretary of Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Hobart B. Ford, Nashville pastor, was elected vice-chairman. Gene Kerr, administrative assistant at the Tennessee convention office here, was reelected recording secretary.

Davis C. Woolley of Nashville fills the offices of executive secretary and treasurer of the agency, whose offices are here.

St. Amant, former professor of church history at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, is author of "A Short History of Louisiana Baptists," a manuscript on Presbyterians in that state, and several entries in the "Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists."

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H. H. Stagg Dies

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H. H. Stagg, former area missionary in the San Francisco vicinity and former superintendent of evangelism for California Southern Baptists, died July 18 after suffering an apparent heart attack. He was living in Hollister, Calif., after retiring, but had been supplying pulpits lately. Burial was in Berkeley, Calif. He was a first cousin of Harry P. Stagg, Albuquerque, executive secretary, Baptist Convention of New Mexico. (BP)

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Southwest Dedicates
9 New Buildings

BOLIVAR, MO. (BP)--Southwest Baptist College here has set Aug. 17 as the date for dedication of nine buildings which have been constructed this year.

Guest speaker will be Harold A. Haswell, director of the higher education programs branch of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington.

A former student, teacher and dean at the college, Haswell will be honored at the ceremony by being presented the Southwest Baptist College life service award.

The buildings to be dedicated include a dormitory with a capacity of 196 students, a fieldhouse, a home for the president, two faculty duplexes and four faculty homes.

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Southeastern Religious
Educators Pick Sisemore

(7-25-63)

RIDGECREST (BP)--John T. Sisemore was elected president of the Southeastern Baptist Religious Education Association, during the association's annual session at this Southern Baptist Convention assembly.

Sisemore, superintendent of Adult work, Sunday school department, SBC Sunday School Board, came to the board from Oregon-Washington, where he served as state Sunday school secretary for Baptists.

James Smithwick was elected first vice-president. He is minister of education for Calvary Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C. M. R. Anderson, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., was elected second vice-president.

Miss Mary Culpepper, director of church activities for Allapattah Baptist Church, Miami, Fla., was elected secretary-treasurer. Paul Miller, graduate student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, was elected chorister.

Elected pianist was Loren A. Williams, associate in the Sunday school department, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville.

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Indiana Plans Budget,
Dedicates Building Plot

(7-25-63)

PLAINFIELD, Ind. (BP)--Including supplements for joint work from two Southern Baptist Convention agencies, the proposed 1964 budget for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana amounts to \$268,351.

Of this, \$162,500 is the goal through the Cooperative Program, compared with the current goal of \$153,000. The convention's executive board recommends that 26.1 per cent of the Cooperative Program receipts from churches be forwarded to the SBC.

In 1963, the SBC portion has been an even 26 per cent. Indiana convention has a formula whereby an increase in churches' gifts through the Cooperative Program determines the increase in the amount to be shared with the SBC, Executive Secretary E. Harmon Moore of Plainfield said.

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Board members participated in a ground dedication service for the new state convention office building under construction on the outskirts of Indianapolis. The new building is expected to be entered in January.

Four new churches were organized in the state during the past quarter, bringing the total in the convention to 177.

Another goal is to increase the frequency of publication of the Indiana Baptist, state convention newspaper. Now a monthly, in 1964 it would come twice a month.

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Max Stanfield Dies; 48

(7-25-63)

Max C. Stanfield, pastor of Putnam City Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and a former president of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, died July 19 following a heart attack. Stanfield, 48, served as president of the convention in 1955-56. He celebrated his 16th anniversary as pastor of Putnam City Baptist Church in February.

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Oregon-Washington
Studies Budget Hike

(7-25-63)

PORTLAND (BP)--Southern Baptists in Oregon and Washington are talking about a 12 per cent increase over 1963 for next year's Cooperative Program budget.

This would raise the budget of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon and Washington to \$205,000.

At the same time, the 1964 budget would provide 18 per cent as the Southern Baptist Convention share of Cooperative Program receipts, compared with the present 17 per cent.

The executive board has approved the increase. The state convention, in annual session in a few months, will vote on the executive board's budget recommendation.

The larger budget will make it possible to hire one more area missionary, one more language missionary and a juvenile rehabilitation worker, and to raise salaries.

The executive board also asked William A. Carleton, dean and professor of church history at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., to write the state convention's history. It would be written to help mark the 20th anniversary of the Oregon-Washington convention in 1968.

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Green Bay Church
Honors Mission Board

GREEN BAY, Wis. (BP)--A pioneer Southern Baptist church in Green Bay, Wis., has remembered to be grateful.

Seven years ago this 60,000 population town, the home of the Green Bay Packers professional football team, had only one American Baptist church in the entire city.

The nearest Southern Baptist church was 160 miles away in Kenosha, Wis. Early in 1956 a few families got together on the matter with such earnestness and zeal that despite their tiny number, a church was constituted only months later--now the Highland Crest Baptist Church.

Stabilized in their early steps by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the church recently paid respects with an HMBA Day (Home Mission Board Appreciation Day).

Guest of honor at a picnic on the grounds that day was the Home Board's pioneer missions secretary, A. B. Cash, who, surprised by the celebration, had first thought HMBA meant "How Many Baptists Around"?

Cash earlier delivered the Sunday morning sermon to the young church.

Now striding ahead with a membership of 90 persons, the church was begun by the first few families who got together in a fellowship. When they wrote the Home Mission Board that they desired to start a church, Cash approached the request of so small a group with caution. The sincerity and enthusiasm of the group won him and other Baptist supporters, however.

In August, 1956 the church was constituted. Four months later, it had locally financed the purchase of 8-1/2 acres of land in what was expected to be a growing area of the town.

This section is now thriving, with residential homes growing up around, and the new stadium of the Green Bay Packers only two blocks away.

Needing help to get on its financial feet, as well as directive fellowship, the church was first aided by the Illinois Baptist State Association.

Because of that state's spiritual needs and Baptists' limited resources to meet them, however, the four Southern Baptist churches of Wisconsin became affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. (Texas had already offered to help some pioneer area needing assistance, and now sponsors all work in Wisconsin and Minnesota.)

From the church's beginning, the Home Mission Board had given financial aid and guidance. When a pastor was called, the Home Board supplemented his salary, while Texas Baptists helped finance a new building.

Led now by their pastor, Kenneth E. King, the church is under the pastoral mission program of the Home Mission Board. Under this plan, the pastor receives a salary supplement while the church stabilizes itself and, after the first year, establishes one mission per year.

Highland Crest Church has established two such missions, one in Appleton and the other in Sheboygan, Wis. The Appleton mission became Valley Baptist Church in September, 1962.

"We are sincerely grateful for all the Home Mission Board has done for us at Highland Crest Baptist Church," said a letter to Cash written by a lady in the church.

"Having been born and reared in Wisconsin and not having had the privilege of being brought up in a Southern Baptist Home, my husband and I can honestly say we are thankful Wisconsin was looked upon as a pioneer mission area so that by the grace of God, we were drawn into the ranks by a genuine hunger for Gospel preaching and teaching."

The letter was one of a number preserved in a scrapbook presented to Cash, in gratitude for the Home Mission Board's work.

Buckner Fanning
Seriously Injured

(7-25-63)

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (BP)--Buckner Fanning, prominent pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church here, was seriously injured in an auto crash when a heavy truck slammed broadside into his Volkswagen.

Fanning was in critical condition at Baptist Memorial Hospital here with several broken ribs, a punctured lung, a broken arm, a dislocated shoulder, crushed chest, possible skull fracture and brain concussion.

He was thrown from his car when a truck driven by a 17-year-old boy hit the small car broadside at an intersection. The impact tossed Fanning across the street where he hit the curbstone. His car was completely demolished.

The accident occurred while Fanning was driving to the Baptist Hospital to visit patients.

Summers Gets Harrison
Chair At Louisville

(7-25-63)

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Ray Summers, professor of New Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, has been named James Buchanan Harrison professor of New Testament interpretation.

The teaching chair was held by Dr. W. W. Adams until his recent retirement from the faculty. Dr. Adams reached the mandatory Southern Seminary faculty retirement age of 70 during the past year, but will continue teaching next year at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Other holders of the distinguished New Testament chair have been Drs. A. T. Robertson and William Hersey Davis. Robertson, professor from 1890-1934, held the chair one year before his death. Davis, professor from 1920-50, held the chair 16 years before his death.)

The endowed chair was established in 1933 by James Buchanan Harrison, a Greensboro, N. C., businessman who made a cash gift and bequest totaling \$75,000.

Summers has been on the Southern Seminary faculty since 1959 and is director of graduate studies for the school of theology. He is the author of four books and formerly was professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, for 21 years.

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