

August 3, 1963

**American Group Gives
Atlantic City Plans**

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (BP)--The program committee of the American Baptist Convention, meeting at Convention offices here, selected "Courage to Live" as the theme of the Atlantic City Convention to be held May 18-22, 1964.

The committee also selected 1 John 4:18-21, "Perfect Love Casteth Out Fear," as the Convention scripture, and "God of Grace And God of Glory" as the Convention hymn.

Program committee members decided the objective would be to confront the American Convention delegates with three major issues of Christian concern. The issues selected are: race relations, world peace and Christian unity.

The morning sessions will open with a worship service to be followed by a comprehensive paper giving basic information about one of the issues. The remainder of the morning sessions will be devoted to business matters and resolutions.

In order to include all delegates in the program, the afternoon sessions, starting at 3 o'clock, will include workshops and small group meetings.

The evening meetings will be centered about the particular issue being presented on that day. The annual missionary dedication service will be held on Thursday evening.

These program plans are tentative and will be presented to the executive committee of the Convention's General Council at the September meeting.

Because of the fact the joint Baptist Jubilee Advance Convention will also be held in Atlantic City, May 22-24, the American Baptist Convention meetings will be shortened by two full sessions. This will change the schedule of several non-Convention meetings.

The joint sessions of the seven Baptist bodies cooperating in the Baptist Jubilee Advance will start Friday evening and continue through Sunday at 4:30 p.m. The Southern Baptist Convention is one of these seven.

On Saturday night, an oratorio especially commissioned for the occasion will be presented. The libretto has been prepared by Samuel Miller of Harvard University, the music composed by Ron Nelson, of Brown University, and the conductor is Thor Johnson of Northwestern University.

An orchestra composed of musicians from the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra will accompany the oratorio and the "Singing City Choir," Elaine Brown, director, of Philadelphia, will sing.

The closing session at 3 p.m., Sunday, will feature Evangelist Billy Graham.

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**New Colors Reflect
Merger At Louisville**

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--New colors combining the traditions of two institutions and a renamed campus were announced here as part of the merger of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Carver School of Missions and Social Work.

The official merger of the two Louisville schools received final approval at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Kansas City when Carver's teaching purposes and facilities were made part of the seminary.

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Signifying an academic merger, gold from Carver and scarlet from Southern were selected as the official seminary colors. The new color combination will be used for academic hoods and all other insignia.

The previous Carver colors were gold and purple; scarlet and white were the seminary's.

Newly designed academic hoods and a banner will use the two colors with an arrangement of reversed chevrons symbolizing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The scarlet, the traditional symbol for diety, will be designed against a background of gold, representing human life and service.

The entire Carver area will be known as the W. O. Carver campus. The original building will be called the Woman's Missionary Union Hall and will be used mostly as a woman's dormitory.

Rankin Building has been named Rankin Hall and will house the seminary's school of church music. Portions of the woman's dormitory will also be used by the music school.

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July Gifts Exceed
Comparative Months'

(8-3-63)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Cooperative Program receipts at the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer's office here for July, 1963 exceeded both the previous month's and those of July a year ago.

Treasurer Porter Routh said state Baptist conventions forwarded \$1,575,123 in Cooperative Program funds for SBC agencies. In June, it was \$1,534,770 and in July of last year, it was \$1,548,418.

Designations for July, 1963 came to \$362,243. This was greater than July, 1962 receipts of \$342,973 but below June, 1963, when \$714,603 came from the state conventions.

The SBC thus far has collected \$11,072,303 on the Cooperative Program budget, up 2.28 per cent over the first seven months of 1962. During the first seven months of 1963, it has received \$14,143,033 by designations, up 9.7 per cent over comparative months in 1962.

Churches receive these funds through their weekly collections. After keeping the vast majority of the weekly offerings for local expenses and activities, the churches send their Cooperative Program gifts to treasurers of state conventions.

The states, in turn, keep on the average of two-thirds of the gifts to meet state budgets. (The division varies from state to state but averages two-thirds.) The remaining third goes to the Cooperative Program budget of the SBC, to be shared by the various agencies.

Designations, however, though forwarded through the state offices, go only to the objectives intended by the donor.

Funds reported by the SBC treasurer do not include total church offering plate collections, nor the amounts used within the state conventions.

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Editors: Please note this story has timeliness only up to Aug. 12.

Contest Winner Gets
Visit With President

WASHINGTON (BP)--The winner of the national Royal Ambassador address contest will have an audience with the President of the United States, it was disclosed here.

In a letter to Roy Jennings, Memphis, press representative for the Third National Royal Ambassador Congress here, Kenneth O'Donnell, special assistant to the President, wrote:

"The President will be pleased to see this boy, and I have set aside time on his schedule for the appointment at 11:45 on the morning of Aug. 12."

The contest winner will be accompanied on his White House visit to President John F. Kennedy by Edward Hurt Jr., Memphis, director of the Congress and head of Royal Ambassador work for Southern Baptists.

The contest winner will also make an eight-minute address on opening night of the Royal Ambassador Congress at the Sylvan Theater near the Washington Monument. About 6,000 Baptist boys are expected to hear him.

In addition, he will receive a \$100 U. S. savings bond from the Congress director.

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."

Fourteen states have entries in the contest. They 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; John T. Walsh of Kennett, Mo.; Fletcher Hartsell of Concord, N. C.; Joe Pryor of Oklahoma City; Mickey D. Bowman of Johnson City, Tenn.; Davis L. Smith Jr. of Lynchburg, Va., and Jim Armstrong of Euless, Tex.

Royal Ambassadors is a missionary education organization for boys 9-17 in the Southern Baptist Convention, with 242,000 boys enrolled.

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

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Arnold T. Ohrn
Dies In California

(8-3-63)

BERKELEY, Calif. (BP)--Arnold T. Ohrn, formal general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, died July 31 following an operation. He was 74.

Dr. Ohrn, a Norwegian, was general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, 1948-60. He has served since 1960 as a lecturer on the faculties of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in the San Francisco Bay area.

During his years as leader of world Baptists, Dr. Ohrn directed planning of Baptist World Congress sessions at Cleveland, 1950; at London, 1955, and Rio de Janeiro, 1960. He visited Baptist people on all continents.

"The Baptist World Alliance has grown almost unbelievably in these 12 years of Dr. Ohrn's service," said the Baptist World (magazine) at the time of his retirement. "He worked with Presidents C. Oscar Johnson, F. Townley Lord and Theodore F. Adams in building an Alliance which has the respect not only of Baptists but of all people everywhere...."

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"No spot on the world has been too remote for Arnold Ohrn in his travels....He always found time and transportation (of many varied and sometimes primitive types) and fortitude to make his way to any church or association where people call themselves Baptist. And to keep this fellowship warm, he founded the Baptist World magazine.

"Arnold Ohrn," the magazine tribute continued, "is a sweet and gentle and understanding person, yet a person of conviction who never wavers from the course he knows is right. He is a theologian, delving deep into the truths of the Bible and the purpose of God's church; yet he is always warmly human, able to bring God's truth in the simplest terms to all people. He is, above all, a man of vision and of courage, charting a path for Christian advance and leading fellow Baptists to the goals he envisions."

Dr. Ohrn is survived by Mrs. Ohrn, and by four children and 17 grandchildren. One daughter, Mrs. Reidar B. Bjornard, lives also in Berkeley, and her husband is professor of Old Testament at Berkeley Divinity School.