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World Needs Considered  
By BWA Executive Group

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Representatives from 13 countries attending the annual Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee here took a long look at world-wide Baptist activity during sessions on the campus of Baylor University here.

They acted on a half-dozen measures aimed at furthering Baptist efforts around the world after a series of study commissions concerned with religious liberty, human rights, evangelism, missions, Bible study and membership training, and Baptist doctrine.

The 70-member committee endorsed plans for making 1964 a world-wide year of evangelism, approved continued efforts to meet relief and rehabilitation needs in troubled areas of the world, and initiated plans for a North American Baptist Fellowship.

In business actions, the committee approved the cooperative construction of a \$2 million Baptist Building in Washington, D. C., for several Baptist agencies; adopted a 1965 tentative budget of \$139,500; passed a resolution commending the recent nuclear test ban treaty, and made plans for the 11th Baptist World Congress at Miami Beach, Fla., in 1965.

The proposed new Baptist Building in the nation's capital would house both the District of Columbia Baptist Convention and the Baptist World Alliance, and possibly the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The three organizations now share improvised offices in an old home on Sixteenth Street in Washington.

The BWA Executive Committee was the first of the three organizations to take any definite action. The group approved entering into an agreement with the District of Columbia Baptist Convention and possibly the Joint Committee on Public Affairs for the creation of a real estate corporation to erect the office building.

Almost all the property on the block where the present Baptist Building is located has already been acquired by the World Alliance and the District of Columbia Convention.

In approving the resolution commending the governments of the United States, the United Kingdom and the U.S.S.R. for signing a nuclear test ban treaty, the executive committee called the action "a definite step in the interests of all humanity on this earth under God."

Refugee problems in the Congo and Burundi were discussed by the committee when Adolfs Klaupiks, coordinator of relief for the Alliance, reported on his recent visit surveying relief needs in Africa. The Baptist World Alliance is helping to meet the needs there and in Cuba, Cameroun and India.

The proposed North American Baptist Fellowship discussed by the group would be a continuation of "cooperative fellowship" following the Baptist Jubilee Advance cooperation which ends in 1964.

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Proposals for the beginning of the fellowship had come to the committee last fall when leaders from seven North American Baptist groups suggested that the Alliance might sponsor such a fellowship along the pattern of the European Baptist Federation.

A total of 120 denominational leaders from 13 countries attended the five day meetings. Sessions of the study commissions were held for the first three days while the full executive committee met the last two days and one additional night.

Participants came from the United States of America, the U.S.S.R., Czechoslovakia, England, Liberia, Canada, Argentina, Chile, Jamaica, Mexico, Nigeria, Philippines, and Switzerland. Last year the Executive Committee met in Oslo, Norway.

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Baptist World Alliance  
Group Lauds Test Ban

(8-30-63)

WACO, Tex. (BP)--A resolution praising the international test ban treaty on nuclear weapons was adopted by the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee during its meeting at Baylor University here.

The resolution stated that "We....do hereby express our commendation and our prayerful thanksgiving that the governments of the United States, U.S.S.R., and the United Kingdom have signed a treaty to stop nuclear tests in the atmosphere, in outer space, and under water."

The resolution noted "with appreciation" the "thorough support for this treaty expressed by President Kennedy, Chairman Khrushchev, and Prime Minister MacMillan."

It concluded: "We consider this treaty to be a definite step in the interests of all humanity on this earth under God.

"We trust and pray that this step will be followed by other steps of a safeguarded, careful, inspired nature to move further toward the cessation of the arms race and to maintain a just and lasting world peace."

The resolution was presented by a special drafting committee which had been named earlier in the week by the Alliance's administrative committee.

The drafting committee included Edwin H. Tuller of Valley Forge, Pa., (American Baptist); Ernest A. Payne of London, England, William R. Tolbert, vice-president of Liberia, Walter Pope of Falls Church, Va., Harold E. Stassen of Philadelphia, Pa., Josef Nordenhaug of Washington, D. C., Yakov Zhidkov and Ilya Ivanov of Moscow, U.S.S.R.

Stassen, president of the American Baptist Convention, had earlier testified in favor of ratification of the treaty in a hearing by the U. S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee in Washington.

One hundred twenty representatives from 13 countries participated in the meetings of the committee and alliance study commissions.

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Howard Payne Names  
Dean, Vice President

(8-30-63)

BROWNWOOD, Tex. (BP)--Trustees of Howard Payne College (Baptist) here approved the appointment of a new administrative vice-president and a new dean, rounding out the college executive committee.

Named administrative vice-president was C. E. McCarver, who has served as Howard Payne's development vice-president since 1960.

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Appointed acting dean was Forrest Agee, associate professor of psychology at The Citadel, a military college in Charleston, S. C.

The two new administrative staff members plus President Guy Newman, and Business Manager and Comptroller N. Frank Smith make up the college executive committee.

Vice-president McCarver came to Howard Payne in 1960 from Hattiesburg, Miss., where he was in the insurance business. He had earlier coached at Howard Payne from 1935 to 1940 and had been with Mississippi Southern College in Hattiesburg; Texas Military Institute in San Antonio, Tex.; and at Texas Western College in El Paso, Tex.

Dean Agee had previously served on the faculties of the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga.; Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla.; the University of California; Texas Western in El Paso, Tex.; and John Tarleton College in Stephenville, Tex.

The appointment of two other faculty members at Howard Payne was also announced by President Newman. They are Euel Belcher, assistant professor of music and George P. Ivy, assistant professor of biology.

Ivy was previously a public school teacher in Kermit, Tex., and Belcher had served on the music faculties of Indiana University, Blue Mountain College (Baptist) in Blue Mountain, Miss.; and Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C.

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10 Churches Exceed  
\$3 Million Valuation

(8-30-63)

By the Baptist Press

Ten churches cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention have property valued at \$3 million or more, according to 1963 denominational statistics.

First Baptist Church, Dallas, with the largest membership (12,879), also has the greatest property value--\$6,780,631.

Shreveport, La., First Baptist Church, follows with property worth \$4,978,203. The "most valuable" property east of the Mississippi River belongs the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, with \$4 million valuation.

Park Cities Baptist Church is fourth in line with property value of \$3,866,183. It is located in Dallas.

The remaining churches and property values are:

Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth--\$3.5 million.

Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis--\$3,254,078.

First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex.--\$3,177,348.

First Baptist Church, Midland, Tex.--\$3,108,369.

First Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C.--\$3,020,000.

Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth--\$3 million.

Figures are based on reports of churches to associations, in turn furnished to the research and statistics department, SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville.

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Midwestern Launches  
New Training Course

(8-30-63)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here will launch a new school of christian training this year for students' wives, for laymen and for pastors in the Kansas City area.

Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings for 15 weeks with study course awards being given those completing the course. Seminary officials said the courses are in answer to a popular demand for them.

Seminary professors will teach the courses.

At the same time, seminary officials announced the visiting professor of missions for the 1963-64 academic year. He is Raymond L. Kolb of Mississippi, missionary in North Brazil.

Kolb taught in the North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary and directed the Baptist Industrial Institute. A licensed pilot, he was appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board in 1944.

Midwestern has also appointed a new director of food services--Horst Ludwig who previously worked for two Kansas City restaurants. He is a native of Germany.

The seminary cafeteria is located in its new residence hall. It is the first time the seminary could provide complete food service on the campus, officials said.

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Baptists Release Tape on  
Catholic-Jewish Work

(8-30-63)

ATLANTA (BP)--The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has released a two-hour tape recording which answers basic questions concerning Catholicism and Baptists' approach to Jews.

Purpose of the recording is to inform Baptists who work with Catholics and Jews, according to William E. Burke of Atlanta, assistant secretary of the department of metropolitan mission ministries.

Burke, a former Catholic priest, said he hoped the tape would help prevent mixed marriages, a goal of both Catholics and Baptists.

The tape also gives suggestions for Baptists in witnessing to Roman Catholics and Jews, and informs them of basic Catholic dogmas and doctrines and how Baptists work with Jews.

William B. Mitchell, also of Atlanta and the metropolitan missions ministries department, has prepared the section on Jewish work. He directs the mission agency's efforts with Jews.

The tape includes the following sections: "Witnessing to Roman Catholics, Mixed Marriages, Testimony of Converted Priest, Practical Questions and Answers on Catholicism, and Questions and Answers on Jewish Work."

The tapes are recorded on Ampex 311 (3-3/4 inches per second, dual track) and are sold for \$2.50 by the Home Mission Board, SBC, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, Ga. 30303.

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Howard Payne Awards  
Doctorate to Chaplain

(8-30-63)

BROWNWOOD, Tex. (BP)--Chaplain James B. McLeroy, a lieutenant colonel with the U. S. Air Force Reserve and base chaplain at Brooks Air Force Base,

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San Antonio, Tex., has been awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree by Howard Payne College (Baptist) here.

Chaplain McLeroy, a trustee on the Howard Payne Board, has been in the Air Force for more than 20 years, serving as chaplain in such posts as Korea; Phoenix, Ariz.; Fresno, Calif.; the Southern Pacific; Honolulu; Izmir, Turkey; and Texas.

He had also served as pastor of Baptist churches in Kilgore and Wichita Falls, Texas. He is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

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3 Take Sabbatical  
Leave at New Orleans

(8-30-63)

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Three professors at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here are taking one-year sabbatical leaves for study and research.

William A. Mueller, professor of church history, is in Europe. He spoke at the European Baptist Men's Conference at the Baptist Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland.

This fall, under sponsorship of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board, Mueller will be guest professor at the seminary in Ruschlikon, teaching "The Church and the Ministry."

He will spend the spring as guest professor at Italian Baptist Seminary, Rivoli. Mrs. Mueller accompanied him; their son, Herbert (Nick), will do research in medieval history at Zurich.

Miss Frances Brown, assistant professor of music education and voice, begins work this fall at George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville. Her major will be in music education, working on a doctor of education degree.

Stanley J. Watson, professor of youth religious education, was to study further in youth education and psychology this fall at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg.

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Research Librarian  
Receives Scholarship

(8-30-63)

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Ronald F. Deering, research librarian at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, has received a scholarship from the American Theological Library Association to do advance studies in library science at Columbia University, New York City.

The scholarship amount of \$2,400 will be paid by the Lilly Endowment. It will enable Deering to study during the second semester and the 1964 summer term.

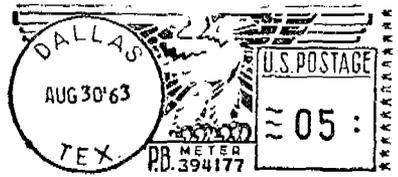
Columbia University will present the master of science degree in library science to the seminary librarian when he finishes his studies. He attended Columbia this past summer to prepare for his research projects.

Head Seminary Librarian Leo T. Crismon, received the B. S. degree in library science from Columbia in 1956.

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