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500 Men Volunteer  
For West Coast Crusade

DALLAS (BP)--At least 500 laymen have already volunteered to help needy Baptist churches in California, Oregon and Washington in a simultaneous witnessing campaign, July 22-26.

Jack Stanton of Dallas, director of the West Coast Laymen's Crusade, said plans are for 2,000 men from areas of strong Baptist work to go by car, bus, train and plane to assigned churches for five days of intense Christian effort.

The men will witness, do soul-winning enlistment, give their testimonies in the churches and before civic groups, and do any other jobs their hosts may have in mind.

The event is sponsored by the Home Mission Board and Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in cooperation with the state Baptist conventions in the three West Coast states.

"It's surprising the interest Southern Baptist churches throughout the United States are taking in this venture," Stanton said.

For instance, Westview Baptist Church in Belleville, Ill., is planning to send eight laymen on the crusade. The church has voted \$500 to help defray their expenses, Stanton said.

The church decided on this mission activity, Stanton said, after its pastor, Eugene W. Daily, returned from an evangelism crusade to Jamaica anxious to kindle among his members an enthusiasm for carrying the gospel to needy areas.

Stanton said Daily gave this account:

"I read in a state Baptist paper of the West Coast Laymen's Crusade and recognized in it a challenge for my men.

"Westview has been blessed with several men who are fired with intense evangelistic zeal. They have helped rekindle the spiritual fires of other members. I coveted for them the same opportunity I had in Jamaica.

"I'm satisfied this West Coast experience will deeply enrich the spiritual lives of the laymen and build in them a greater zeal for missions. Our church will reap the benefits of this new desire."

Stanton said he would recommend to other churches Westview's decision to embark key laymen on a special mission project such as the laymen's crusade.

Men interested in participating in the West Coast Laymen's Crusade should write their state Brotherhood departments, Stanton said.

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Missionary Retirements  
Show World Influence

(12-8-63)

ATLANTA (BP)--The retirement of four missionaries of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention reveals the world population in the United States.

Retiring are a native of Russia, a native of Mexico, a former superintendent of Panama missions and a New Orleans nursery worker.

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Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the mission agency and himself set for retirement in 1964, announced to the annual meeting of the board the retirement of R. G. Van Royen of Dallas, Paul Rogosin of San Francisco, Elias O. Delgado of San Francisco and Mrs. Lillian L. Robertson of New Orleans.

Van Royen, a native of Kansas, served the mission agency since 1944, first as visual education director, then as superintendent of work in Panama and the Canal Zone, and since 1960 as a field worker of the language missions department. He was active in organizing state and association committees for resettlement of Latin Americans.

Rogosin, born the son of wealthy Greek Orthodox Church parents in Russia, served as a missionary to the Russian-speaking people. He has been pastor of the First Slavic Baptist Church in San Francisco since 1956. He has edited in Russian, "The Christian," and is the author of several books and tracts in Russian.

Delgado, a native of Linares, Mexico, served Spanish-speaking people in Texas from 1936 to 1955, and then has been pastor of the First Spanish Baptist Church in San Francisco.

Mrs. Robertson, a native of New Orleans, has served as a nursery supervisor at Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center in New Orleans for 14 years. She received her license as a practical nurse at nursing training in that city. She was appointed by the mission agency in 1952.

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#### Opposition To Arkansas Hospital Deal Continues

(12-8-63)

LITTLE ROCK (BP)--The Arkansas Baptist State Convention's executive board was told here, in view of the narrow margin favoring it, Arkansas Baptist Hospital should not lease a mental health unit which will be built partly with federal funds.

Those appearing before the board in its first post-convention meeting used the same arguments opponents gave, unsuccessfully, a few weeks earlier at the annual convention.

There, the proposal to create a \$1-1/2 million mental health unit, to be operated by the Baptist hospital in Little Rock, passed by 35 votes out of more than 500 cast. Another 400 messengers did not vote on the issue.

The arguments against the proposal were that, even though a private corporation would be set up to build the mental health unit, this was a subterfuge. The private corporation will go after the Hill-Burton tax and other funds for construction and the Baptist hospital will lease the new unit from the private corporation.

Walter L. Johnson, pastor, University Baptist Church, Fayetteville, one of the original opponents of the action, pressed his view at the board's post-convention meeting here. He said the agreement violates the principle of church-state separation.

One board member moved the convention be recalled into special session to consider the hospital issue again, but only seven of about 60 board members--a near full attendance by the board members--sided with his motion.

It was apparent the hospital will continue with its plans to lease the mental health unit from the private corporation after it is built.

The Arkansas executive board also approved a three-week travel and writing-preaching visit to the British Isles next April for Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the Arkansas Baptist weekly newsmagazine.

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### Baylor Drops Color Bar In Athletic Program

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Baylor University's athletic council has ruled here that any student who qualifies to enter the University may compete on the school's athletic teams.

The unanimous vote to permit integration of Baylor athletics followed less than a month on the heels of the board of trustees' vote to integrate the world's largest Baptist institution of higher learning.

Integrated athletics is not expected to give Baylor an advantage in the Southwest Conference, however, said George Wright, Baylor sports publicity director.

Although a number of outstanding Negro athletes will graduate from high school this spring, most of the other schools in the conference are moving to integrate their athletic programs also.

Wright said several Negro athletes have been recommended to Baylor, and thorough investigation of their potential will be made. However, rules do not permit the granting of scholarships until season's end.

"The same moral and scholastic principles will be applied to Negro and White athletes," Wright pointed out. "Where the other factors are equal, we will naturally take the man who is the better athlete."

Scholastic requirements are that an applicant finish in the top half of his class or show unrealized potential on the entrance examination, said Baylor President Abner McCall. Coach John Bridgers, Baylor athletic director, does not request exceptions be made for athletes.

McCall said there have been few inquiries and no completed applications from Negro students since trustees voted to integrate.

"We don't expect many until next September," he added, "although there may be some Negroes to enter the school of graduate work next semester."

"The direction we follow in implementing the new policy will depend largely upon the applications received," McCall said, adding that he sees no insurmountable problems in integrated dormitories or other areas.

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### Arkansas Minister Starts Oswald Fund

(12-8-63)

By the Baptist Press

A Baptist minister in Smackover, Ark., is one of several ministers across the country who have started funds to help the widow of Lee H. Oswald, accused slayer of President John F. Kennedy.

The Baptist minister is Lewis E. Clarke, pastor, Maple Avenue Baptist Church in that city. Two businessmen there joined the venture.

Clarke said his sponsorship of the fund was inspired by his six-year-old son. During a family devotion, the national tragedy was a main topic of their petitions. The six-year-old closed by praying God's blessings on Mrs. Oswald and her two small children.

The young Oswald family was evidently short on finances. The Russian-born widow does not speak English. A lapsed insurance policy, taken out in Lee Oswald's name, still had over \$800 value, with Oswald's mother as beneficiary.

A Methodist minister in Houston reportedly collected about \$1000 for the young Mrs. Oswald and her children. A Fort Worth woman said she collected another \$2000. Religious New Service told of ministers in Benton, Ill., and Plainfield, N. J., both Presbyterians, who started funds to help the wife and children of the man who Dallas police say gunned down the President.

The Associated Press quoted Oswald's mother as claiming her son's widow has received about \$2000 in contributions.

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Committee To Find  
New Executive Named

ATLANTA (BP)--C. G. Cole of Atlanta, president of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, named 12 members of the agency as a committee to nominate an executive secretary.

The action came following the announcement by executive secretary Courts Redford of his retirement effective Dec. 31, 1964.

The committee was instructed to report at the August meeting of the board, both to name a successor to Redford and to suggest ways of honoring him for his more than 20 years of leadership.

Named to the committee were Bert I. Cherry, Carbondale, Ill., chairman; David C. Hall, Phoenix, Ariz.; Joe Weldon Bailey, Waco, Tex.; W. Harold Hicks, Little Rock; Volus Norsworthy, Oklahoma City.

Lloyd N. White, Coral Gables, Fla.; Mrs. Roy W. Babb, Nashville; William A. Mitchiner, Oxford, N. C.; G. W. Bullard, Baltimore; James H. Robb, Pittsburgh (representing Baptists in Ohio and two adjacent states).

John W. Hughston Jr., Atlanta, Mrs. John J. Hurt Jr., also of Atlanta, and Cole (ex-officio).

Chairman Cherry announced the committee will hold its first meeting Jan. 16 in Atlanta.

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Chattanooga Editor  
Speaks To Schoolmen

(12-8-63)

MEMPHIS (BP)--Southern Baptist Convention educators from 11 states were advised here to concentrate on enriching the spirit of man and to spread wide the qualities of love and beauty.

John N. Popham, managing editor of the daily Chattanooga (Tenn.) Times, said church-related colleges will never be able to equal major universities in all areas of scholastic excellence because of money.

However, the role of church-related colleges is more exciting today than ever before, the newspaper executive said. He added that many must have an awareness of the divine sense of love and this group of institutions is the logical one to provide it.

Southern Baptists were generously sprinkled among the delegates to the Conference of Church-Related Colleges in the South where Popham was the principal speaker. It was one of 17 auxiliary groups meeting during the four-day annual gathering of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Popham covered the 1955 session of the SBC for the New York Times.

One of the leaders of the church-related college conference was Leslie S. Wright, president of Howard College (Baptist), Birmingham, the outgoing secretary-treasurer.

About 100 Baptists also flocked to the dinner session of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools. Main speaker was Gus E. Metz, assistant to the president of Clemson College, Clemson, S. C., who discussed standards for schools. D. Harley Fite, president of Carson-Newman College at Jefferson City, Tenn., directed the meeting.

Other Baptists who played leading roles in auxiliary meetings included:

Ben Copass, director of curriculum at San Marcos (Tex.) Baptist Academy, who described at a secondary school session the relationship of a school principal to a guidance program.

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E. M. Keebler, dean of Louisiana College (Baptist) at Pineville, who gave the student personnel committee report at a junior college session.

Robert H. Spiro, dean of the college of liberal arts at Mercer University, and Francis W. Bonner, dean of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., who directed the registration of delegates at sessions of the academic deans. Both Mercer and Furman are Baptist colleges.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is one of four such regional groups in the United States concerned with improving the quality of education.

Its membership totals more than 3,000 colleges, junior colleges and secondary schools in 11 states--Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia--and Latin America. (Thus not all SBC-related schools fall in its regional area.)

Accreditation is the process of applying a stamp of quality to a school, signifying the level of excellence it has attained.

Frank Dickey, director, said one of the main reasons colleges and secondary schools join the Southern Association is to share ideas and experiences.

However, the association also protects schools and colleges against educationally and socially harmful pressures and forces. Its weapon is the threat of the loss of accreditation.

Campbellsville College (Baptist) in the Kentucky community of the same name was admitted to the association at its meeting here.

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Baptist Church Provides  
Christmas Radio Service

(12-8-63)

(Editors: Since many of you omit publication Christmas week, you may want to note carefully the time element in this article. (BP)).

FORT WORTH (BP)--National Broadcasting Co. (NBC) will broadcast by radio on Christmas Day a worship service in a Baptist church here.

The hour-long service will come from the University Baptist Church where James G. Harris is pastor. It will begin at 11:05 a.m., Eastern Standard Time (10:05 Fort Worth time).

Harris will deliver a sermon, "Hail the Incarnate Deity," taken from a Charles Wesley hymn title.

Announcement of the network radio broadcast was made by Paul M. Stevens, Fort Worth, director of the Southern Baptist Convention's Radio and Television Commission, co-sponsor of the production.

Music will be provided by the Junior and Adult choirs of University Church, directed by Joseph King, minister of music; and by the Baptist Hour Choir, directed by Miss Joe Ann Shelton, Fort Worth. Miss Shelton also will sing a solo, "Jesu Bambino," followed by the choir presentation of such songs of the season as "While Shepherds Were Watching," "Forth We Go to Bethlehem," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Christmas Day" and others.

Harris' message will trace the beginnings of man, the birth of Christ, Christ's humanity and death and Christ's ultimate triumphant resurrection.

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Sweet Music To School

(12-8-63)

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. (BP)--The music department at Carson-Newman College (Baptist) here has been accepted into the National Association of Schools of Music. Accepted on an associate basis for two years, full status can be gained at the end of that time if the quality of the program still merits membership.

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Baptist Hospital Names  
New Executive Director

HOUSTON (BP)--W. Wilson Turner, administrator of Memorial Baptist Hospital here, has been appointed executive director of the 740-bed hospital system.

Turner, whose appointment fills the vacancy created by the death of John G. Dudley, has been administrator of Memorial Hospital since 1958. Previously, he was associate administrator for three years.

Turner heads the operation of the downtown hospital which is enlarging its capacity with a new \$5 million addition. Also, he will head up two satellite hospitals, the first of their type in the Southwest.

Memorial Hospital was slated to open in December the second of its satellite branches, a 135-bed general hospital just off Gulf Freeway near Houston International Airport. In addition, the first of Memorial's neighborhood branch hospitals is being expanded to 160 beds.

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Columbia Police  
Arrest Intruder

(12-8-63)

COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP)--Columbia police have arrested a 23-year-old man they say twice broke into offices of the South Carolina Baptist Convention here during darkness. He was not identified by name.

The intruder took a checkbook belonging to Assistant General Secretary A. Harold Cole and about \$9 from food vending machines. Police said they recovered the checkbook and had other evidence to link the man to the crime.

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Stetson Graduate Wins  
National Teacher Award

(12-8-63)

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (BP)--A 1962 Stetson University graduate, Miss Marilyn Jean Greenlaw, has been chosen one of 20 outstanding teachers in the nation by the National Education Association.

A professor of education at the DeLand, Fla., Baptist college nominated her former student for the honor. Miss Greenlaw now teaches fourth grade in Fort Lauderdale.

The 20 winners were selected from among 150 finalists from all 50 states. Winners were judged on being "personable, enthusiastic, and articulate in teaching and in preparation of teaching."

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Wake Forest Relieves  
Athletic Director, Coach

(12-8-63)

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (BP)--The athletic director and head football coach at Wake Forest College (Baptist) here have been relieved after a season in which their team, the Deacons, won only one game.

Wake Forest President Harold W. Tribble said Athletic Director William H. Gibson and Coach Billy Hildebrand were relieved "after a thorough study of our athletic situation." The study, he added, indicated "a reorganization of the athletic department and the football coaching staff be made at once."

Gibson, 55, a former Federal Bureau of Investigation agent and a Wake Forest alumnus, served eight years as athletic director. Hildebrand, 39, played at Mississippi State and was an assistant coach at Minnesota.

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Under his direction, the Deacons won only seven games and lost 33 since 1960. He had three years on his coach's contract remaining, at \$12,000 a year.

Both men were offered positions in the athletic development program at the college.

The Deacons came from behind to upset South Carolina, 20-19, toward the end of the 1963 season for their only victory of the year. They play in the Atlantic Coast Conference along with three nearby Tarheel colleges--Duke, North Carolina and North Carolina State--and colleges in surrounding states.

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2 Baptist Historians  
Challenge 'Pope Peter'

(12-8-63)

By the Baptist Press

Two Southern Baptist historians have said any reference to the Apostle Peter as the first pope is "reading back into the past something that happened later."

Baptist Press sought their comments after two major national news agencies and a national television network said without qualification that Peter was the first pope. This came in news accounts of Pope Paul VI's planned visit to the Holy Land.

Controversial facts or opinions are normally attributed to a source in news reporting, rather than given solely on the authority of the newspaper or news agency.

The Dallas Times Herald, in a report carrying a United Press International credit line, said, "The visit to the Middle East, the birthplace of Christianity," will be the first by a pope since the time of St. Peter--1,900 years ago."

And later in the same story, it stated without qualification, "Not since St. Peter, one of Christ's 12 apostles and the first pope, who left Palestine and established a papacy in Rome, has a pope returned to the Holy Land."

The United Press International account in the Raleigh (N. C.) Times, again on the news agency's own authority, stated, "Peter, Christ's apostle, and the first pope, died a martyr's death in the Eternal City in 64 A. D." It was datelined, Vatican City.

Baptist Press could find no United Press International story which qualified the statement, or carried it as a quotation from another source than on its own authority. It is possible, of course, that this was done since a major wire service story is usually rewritten or revised several times.

A bureau chief for United Press International said Baptist Press should consider the copy reported here in the context of Roman Catholic beliefs, not implying that Peter as the first pope is an unquestioned historical fact.

This, he said, was because the story covered the closing of the 1963 session of Vatican Council II.

The Associated Press evidently carried one account citing Peter as a pope on its own authority, and another account attributing this controversial historical point to a Catholic source.

The services prepare at least two versions of major stories, one for morning newspapers and another for afternoon newspapers. Their radio and TV wire copy is specially rewritten to suit the voice rhythm of news announcement, and slightly revised to meet frequent newscasts during the day.

Also, locally employed wire editors sometimes make changes in wire copy and still retain the logotype crediting the national news agency which provided the story for a newspaper.

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The time sequence of the Associated Press accounts, if they were published unedited, could not be learned by the Baptist Press.

In the Nashville (Tenn.) Banner, the Associated Press' account, given on the agency's own authority, said: "Pope Paul's trip to the Holy Land will be the longest trip ever made by a pope since St. Peter...left for Rome after the death of Christ."

The account in the Louisville (Ky.) Times, credited to Associated Press, gave qualification rather than putting it on the agency's own authority: "Pope Paul said that it would be the first time that a pope had been in the Holy Land since Peter left for Rome after the death of Christ."

Milton Bracker's byline appeared from Rome on the New York Times News Service story, as it was carried in a sister paper, the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Times.

The New York Times News Service gave qualification. It said, "Roman Catholics believe St. Peter, who travelled from the Holy Land to Rome and was martyred about 64 A. D., founded the papal line as the first bishop from Rome."

The Huntley-Brinkley evening newscast and the morning Today show on the National Broadcasting Co. (NBC-TV) gave their own authority to the statement Peter was the first pope.

The Baptist historians contacted by Baptist Press were C. Penrose St. Amant of Louisville and Davis C. Woolley of Nashville.

St. Amant, dean of theology and professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said,

"The chances are Peter actually did go to Rome although the evidence for this is not solid. There is really no evidence to my knowledge that he was anything remotely resembling what we later call a pope.

"For example, Peter is not referred to in the letters which Paul wrote from Rome. Actually papacy in the Roman Catholic Church is a result of a rather long process of historical development. The emergence of the pope coincides with the emergence of the Roman Catholic Church and the Roman Catholic Church does not really emerge historically until the Bishop of Rome became the chief bishop in the church," St. Amant continued.

"And therefore to speak of a pope in the sense in which the term is now used and to use this to describe Peter is what the historian calls 'secondary elaboration.' You are reading back into the past something that happened later."

Woolley, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Historical Commission, agreed with St. Amant and added, "There was no use of the word 'pope' whatsoever in the early church in Jerusalem and Peter was not even considered the head of the church at Jerusalem.

"This was an entirely different concept of the first century Christians. This is the thing that has grown up across the years, and nobody has seemed to challenge it much, and just let it ride until it has come to this day in which they claim Peter to have been the first pope."

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Public Relations  
Workers To Meet

(12-8-63)

FORT WORTH (BP)--Public relations representatives from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will meet here Jan. 22-24 for the annual Baptist Public Relations Association workshop. The workshop will spotlight two new features this year-- shirt-sleeve sessions and "table hopping" sessions.

During shirt-sleeve sessions, the workshop will split into two main groups-- one for public relations practitioners and another for development and fund raising specialists--which will discuss in depth aspects of Baptist programs in these fields.

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The table-hopping sessions will feature 14 tables. Consultants at each table will help the Baptist public relations men and women with specific problems relating to news, radio, television, photography, development, publications, fund-raising, motion pictures, filmstrips, design and layout, general public relations and advertising.

Principal speakers during the workshop include Baptist Public Relations Association President Gomer Lesch of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Roy Bacus, general manager of station WBAP-AM-FM-TV in Fort Worth; R. Keith Parks, recently elected associate secretary of personnel for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; Max Clampitt, president of Clampitt Paper Co., Dallas; Quentin Ault of Tulane University, New Orleans; and Stewart Harrell, professor of public relations at Oklahoma University, Norman.

The association will present awards for outstanding public relations programs and projects during the annual awards breakfast. More than 124 projects have been entered in all 14 categories.

The three-day workshop will end with performances of the world famous Fort Worth exposition, livestock show and rodeo.