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Former SBC President
Plans European Visit

WASHINGTON (BP)-- Brooks Hays, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be one of the main speakers at the Protestant Men of the Chapel Training Conference, Berchtesgaden, Germany, Oct. 1-4.

Earlier Hays will be in Rome (Sept. 24-30), during which time he will get firsthand reports on the third session of the Vatican Council. It is not known whether or not he will have an audience with Pope Paul VI. In 1962 Hays visited in Rome with Pope John XXIII.

Hays, a former special assistant to both President Kennedy and President Johnson, is now Arthur Vanderbilt Professor of Government at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J. His present relation to the White House is that of presidential consultant.

Hays explained that his visit to Europe is "entirely unofficial" and that he is going solely in his capacity as a private citizen.

The Protestant Men of the Chapel is an organization of lay military people with approximately 200 chapters in Europe. Founded 10 years ago the group helps military people in their relationship to the work of the chaplain and the chapel.

The Berchtesgaden conference meets in the former summer retreat of Adolph Hitler, dictator of Germany, who was overthrown by World War II. About 600 persons are expected at the conference.

Hays will be joined by Perry Gresham, layman from Bethany (W. Va.) College, as one of the speakers at the Conference.

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Racial Discrimination
Barred At BWA Congress (8-28-64)

HAMBURG, Germany (BP)-- No racial discrimination will be practiced when the 11th Baptist World Congress meets in Miami Beach, Baptist World Alliance leaders were assured here. The Congress meets June 25-30, 1965.

Conrad Willard, of Miami, told the Alliance executive committee in its annual meeting that there would be no discrimination in accomodations. Registration cards do not indicate race, hotel rooms will be assigned without regard to race, and restaurants will be open to all, he said.

Thomas Smith, convention bureau director for Miami Beach, said there had been no discrimination for convention groups for 15 years. He cited a June 1964 meeting of Miami area Baptists as an example.

"...and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32) is the proposed theme for the congress, according to Theodore F. Adams. Adams is chairman of the program committee. Evening sessions will take place in the Orange Bowl, Miami. Morning sessions will be in Miami Beach Convention Hall.

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The oratorio "What is Man?" will be a feature of the program. The oratorio was written for the Baptist Jubilee. It had its premier performance at the Baptist Jubilee Celebration, Atlantic City, in May.

Billy Graham, Montreat, N. C., and John Soren, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, will be featured speakers at the congress. Soren is president of the Baptist World Alliance.

The Baptist World Congress meets every five years, sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance. Josef Nordenhaug is general secretary of the Alliance.

Invitations for the 1970 congress were received from Sydney, Australia; Tokyo, Japan; and Hong Kong. Reports on these possibilities are to be presented to the executive committee meeting at Miami Beach. The congress itself will determine the meeting place.

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BWA Committee Proposes
Changes, Calls Goulding (8-28-64)

HAMBURG, Germany (BP)-- The Baptist World Alliance executive committee, meeting in annual session here, elected a new associate secretary and approved proposed constitutional changes for fuller representation of the Baptist bodies.

C. Ronald Goulding, pastor of the Haven Green Baptist Church, Ealing, London, was elected to succeed Erik Ruden as associate director of the Alliance. Ruden resigned, effective June 30, 1965, to become general secretary of the Baptist Union of Sweden.

Goulding will supervise the London office of the Alliance, beginning July 1, 1965. He is a former president of the European Baptist Federation. His previous pastorates include historic Carey-Fuller Baptist Church at Kettering.

The proposed constitutional changes would enlarge the executive committee and would alter membership requirements for the Baptist World Alliance. These will be presented at the 11th Baptist World Congress meeting at Miami Beach, June 25-30, 1965.

Every member convention would be represented on the executive committee by one or more members. Representatives would be nominated by the member conventions themselves.

The membership requirements would provide that member conventions and unions have identity apart from any other convention, and that they must have been a "stable organization" for three years. They would also be required to contribute regularly to the Alliance budget.

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary, reported that world developments since the founding of the Alliance in 1905 have served to make the international Baptist fellowship more necessary and meaningful for the outreach of Baptist churches around the world.

Relief and rehabilitation projects in The Congo, Burundi, Assam, Haiti and several countries in Europe were approved, subject to available funds.

Two new conventions were admitted to Alliance membership. This brings the number of constituent groups on the Alliance to 81, representing approximately 23 million Baptists. The new groups are the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., in the United States, and the Ghana Baptist Convention, in West Africa.

An operating budget of $147,000 was proposed for 1966. The 1965 proposed budget was $139,500, while the 1964 budget was $136,000.

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Baptists Assist With
New Civil Rights Law

WASHINGTON (BP)-- Ten Baptists are among the 456 men and women appointed by President Johnson to a special advisory committee on civil rights.

The National Citizens Committee for Community Relations has representatives from 42 states and the District of Columbia. Its purpose is to help smooth the

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way for carrying out the new civil rights law in the states.

The committee will be asked to consider matters of concern to the Community Relations Service, headed by LeRoy Collins. Collins is a former governor of Florida and past president of the National Association of Broadcasters. The agency was established under the new law and will operate under the Department of Commerce.

Baptists serving on the committee are: Wayne Dehoney, Jackson, Tenn., president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Brooks Hays, New Brunswick, N. J.; Billy Graham, Montreat, N. C.; Steel Hays, Little Rock, Ark.; H. E. Williams, Walnut Ridge, Ark.; William B. Hartsfield, Atlanta, Ga.; Bert Combs, Lexington, Ky.; W. W. Finlator, Raleigh, N. C.; George Heaton, Charlotte, N. C.; and Luther Holcomb, Dallas, Tex.

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