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BAPTIST RELIEF TRANSFORMS LIFE FOR GERMANS

DILLENBURG, Germany--(BP)--"Where was once the spirit of the anti-Christ with cries of 'Heil Hitler' is now the spirit of Christ."

So said a German mother in praising the relief and rehabilitation efforts of Baptists in her devastated homeland. She was talking to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, on a tour of relief work in Central Europe.

Site of the tribute was a rest and recuperation home for mothers and refugees, built by Baptists from a shell-torn building used by Nazis during the war.

Nearby, at Rebe, was another marvelous example of the conversion of property from bad to good. It was a Baptist youth center, using the buildings of a former Nazi youth camp. In the camp were 50 children, their ages ranging from 5 to 12.

Children are kept in the camp for six weeks, fed an additional diet to give them their minimum need of 2500 calories daily, and are taught of Christ of whom many have never heard. Fifty per cent of them come from non-Christian homes, and their selection for the camp is based on their physical need.

Dr. McCall's tour of Germany is by auto, and is conducted by Karl Koch, director of relief. Koch is a dynamic, driving man, a former manufacturer. He serves as relief co-ordinator for the 10 districts of Germany, including the Russian zone.

Koch declared that the receipt of clothing and food supplies has been a source of life-saving of many of his people. He rejoiced over news of receipt of 10 tons of relief in Berlin during the course of Dr. McCall's visit. Keen need still is felt for bed linens and men's clothing, he said, together with money to assist in rebuilding and renovating of damaged property.

HE HADN'T HEARD ABOUT
BAPTIST FOUNDATIONS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--Arkansas officials have sold for back taxes 160 acres of the Lord's land near Williford in Sharp County.

The land had been deeded by an Iowa citizen in 1926 to his Heavenly Father. It was a noble gesture, agreed the sheriff, but unfortunately there was no designated earthly caretaker to render Caesar's legal portion.

"The Lord's work might have been advanced in this hill county had the donor made his deed to any of the community's churches, which could have managed the land and paid the taxes," editorialized the Arkansas Gazette. "Even if the acreage had not been cultivated, income might have been derived from the sale of timber.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," as the Iowa citizen believed," the Gazette continued. "But the Lord works through His instruments on earth."

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TOUR OF MEXICAN MISSIONS

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.--(BP)--Five Royal Ambassadors and a New Mexico pastor and his wife have returned from a two-weeks mission tour of Mexico -- their trip sponsored by the New Mexico Baptist Brotherhood.

The boys came one each from five New Mexico cities and were accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Walker of Albuquerque.

Route of the tour went through El Paso, Laredo, Monterey, Saltillo, and Mexico City, visiting mission stations of both Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions. Contacts were made en route with both missionaries and nationals.

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