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Singing, Empty Foyers Mark British Meeting

EDITOR'S NOTE: Robert J. Hastings, stewardship secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention, attended the annual meeting of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland and compares it with the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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By Robert J. Hastings For Baptist Press

The magnificent congregational singing and the way the delegates crowded into the sessions rather than loitering in the halls are only two of many favorable impressions I received while attending the 153rd Assembly (convention) of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

For the first time in 26 years, the assembly, which ordinarily meets in London, convened in Northern England in the city of Leeds. Howard Williams, pastor of London's Bloomsbury Baptist Church, presided.

Since the meeting time was so near that of the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, I constantly compared the two. Here were some of my observations:

1. Congregational singing: It was very impressive, sounding very much like a 2,000-voice choir. There was no special music as such. But each hymn was sung with meaning and reverence. There was no music director, the organist being responsible for setting the pace. Unlike Southern Baptist Conventions, practically everyone attended the sessions. The hallways and exhibits were deserted when the first hymn was announced.

2. Representation of churches: With about 2,200 churches in their Union, delegates to the assembly numbered nearly 3,000. To equal this with its more than 30,000 churches, the SBC would have well over 40,000 messengers and visitors.

3. High interest in foreign missions: As in the SBC, interest reached a peak on foreign missions night when 17 young appointees were commissioned. Seats were at a premium, and the overflow watched on closed circuit television.

4. Business and worship: When business was to be transacted, a separate session was held. The specified times for worship and preaching were carefully safeguarded. Business sessions tended to be much shorter than those at the SBC. The Baptist Union appeared to be designed more for fellowship than for denomina-tional enterprises.

Discussion from the floor was practically non-existent. For example a resolution endorsing racial integration took only 38 minutes, with only four brief comments from the floor. When the resolution passed unanimously, spontaneous applause broke out.

5. Absence of children: Although there was a session for young people, the almost total absence of children and teenagers was quite apparent. Unlike many Southern Baptists, who combine a family vacation with the convention, British Baptists tend to leave their families at home, coming solely for the proceedings themselves.

6. Wide spectrum of speakers: British Baptists tend to be more ecumenical. Speakers included officials of both the World Council and British Council of churches, as well as the Archbishop of York, second ranking prelate in the Church of England. When introducing one of these guests, the president said, "he knows, as we know, that there is only one body of Christ, and that either one is a part of it or he is not." (Easter of 1980 has been set as a target date by some groups for church union in Britain).

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Although it is risky to draw conclusions after such a brief encounter, I believe both British and Southern Baptist could learn from each other.

Southern Baptists could well imitate their deep, personal devotion, their skill in public worship, their willingness to look for good in all faiths, and their appreciation for men of all races.

In turn, the Britishers might profit by imitating the SBC's more democratic participation in denominational life, its conviction that Baptists still have a unique message for this generation, and its promotional techniques for reaching large numbers of people for at least a nominal commitment.

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Etheredge To Do Home Mission Personnel Work

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ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board added an associate secretary to its department of missionary personnel in a move to strengthen its work with missionary candidates.

Cecil D. Etheredge of Atlanta, presently secretary of industrial and institutional chaplaincy for the mission agency, moves to the personnel department July 1.

The board employs 2,458 missionaries, appointing more than 400 each year after processing some 800 candidates. Most of the mission force is employed in cooperation with state Baptist convention.

"Etheredge's appointment will speed up the interviewing and processing of candidates," said Glendon McCullough of Atlanta, secretary of the personnel department.

"His knowledge of home missions, his training in clinical pastoral education and counseling, and his experience as a pastor qualify him for our candidate work," he said.

Etheredge will work in recruitment, orientation, and processing of missionaries, and will give special attention to three of the six Southern Baptist seminaries.

Personnel work for the mission agency has been expanding since the department was created in 1959 when McCullough was employed.

Before 1959, each of the departments of the board recruited and processed missionaries. Since 1959, the board has adopted standard personnel requirements, started appointment services, and held weeks of orientation.

A native of Marengo County, Alabama, Etheredge was a pastor in Hodgenville, Ky. and Wetumpka, Montgomery, and Selma, Ala.

His education includes clinical pastoral work at Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta, Howard College (Baptist) in Birmingham, the University of Alabama, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

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Carson-Newman Honors Citrus Industry Man

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JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. (BP)--Thomas B. Swann of Winter Haven, Fla., one-time student at Carson-Newman College (Baptist) here, has been named to get an honorary doctorate from the school.

The degree, doctor of business administration, will be conferred on Swann for his contributions to the citrus industry in Florida for many years. Swann also is a trustee of Florida Presbyterian College, St. Pet reburg.

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Language Missions Adds Romo, Promotes Golonka

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here has made personnel moves to improve its ministry to the 40 million language background citizens of the United States, Panama, and Puerto Rico.

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Oscar I. Romo of Dallas becomes on July 1 assistant secretary of the nationwide Baptist mission board's language missions department to promote church growth and the use of language literature.

Elias L. Golonka of Atlanta was elevated from field representative to assistant secretary of the department to promote use of lay workers and use of radio and television in language missions.

"These personnel moves reflect our changing mission methods," said Loyd Corder of Atlanta, secretary of the department. "In recent years Southern Baptists became a national denomination, and the number of people and scope of our task has multiplied."

"Missionaries cannot be placed everywhere language people live, but we can help churches and train lay people to minister to these with a language background," Corder said.

Both Romo and Golonka come from language backgrounds themselves, Romo from Mexican parentage and Golonka from Polish. Each will be consultants--Romo in Latin and Indian cultures and Golonka in Slavic and other European cultures.

Corder also said the men would be responsible for general promotion and administration of language missions in assigned states.

Romo will work in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

Golonka will work in Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Romo, a native of Lockhart, Tex., has been an associate in the language missions department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1956. He speaks Spanish.

He grew up in San Antonio, Tex., graduated from Howard Payne College (Baptist) in Brownwood, Tex., and from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Golonka, a native of Orzeszkowo, Poland, became field representative in the language missions department for the Home Mission Board in 1963, following pastorates in Chicago and Minnesota.

He earned degrees from the Chicago University Divinity School, Chicago, Ill., and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago, in addition to other degrees earned in Europe.

Golonka speaks seven languages, served as an European pastor, an officer in the Polish Army, and was a chaplain to displaced persons following World War II. He was imprisoned by both the Russians and the Germans.

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Carter, Marsh Elected To Chaplaincy Posts

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ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board elected Thomas E. Carter of Dallas and Gerald E. Marsh of Houston to leadership positions in its chaplaincy division.

Marsh, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Houston, becomes secretary of hospital chaplaincy June 1.

Carter, staff counselor at Buckner Baptist Family S rvice Center in Dallas, becomes secretary of institutional and industrial chaplaincy June 1.

Both men served as chaplains in the military; both ar 38 years old, and when Carter gets his in July, both will have doctoral degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. "These men are well qualified in every area of this work by educational background and experience as pastors and as chaplains," George W. Cummins of Atlanta, director of the division, said in announcing the appointments.

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Marsh will work with the nation's 7,000 registered hospitals and with their Southern Baptist chaplains. He will encourage hospital administrations to establish chaplaincy programs, and assist in bringing qualified chaplains in contact with opportunities of service.

He will conduct workshops, institutes, and conferences to help pastors serve as volunteer chaplains.

Marsh, a native of Waco, Tex., graduated from Baylor University (Baptist) Waco, and SouthWestern Seminary.

A reserve military chaplain for 11 years, Marsh served two years with the U. S. Air Force as a lieutenant administrative officer during the Korean campaign. He was pastor of other Texas churches in Corsicana, Hillsboro, and Nocona.

He married Shelley Posey in 1953 and they have two sons and two daughters.

Carter will work with administrators, chaplaincy committees, mission committees, and pastors interested in establishing a chaplaincy ministry in penal and other institutions, and in industry. He will assist in bringing qualified chaplains in contact with opportunities of service.

He will also conduct workshops, institutes, and conferences to help pastors serve as volunteer chaplains.

Carter, a native of Atlanta, graduated from Furman University (Baptist) in Greenville, S. C., earned a master of arts degree from Florida State University at Tallahassee, then graduated from Southwestern Seminary. His doctorate thesis dealt with the penal chaplain.

He sas served as pastor of churches at Monticello and Capitola, Fla., and Washington, Ga. For eight years he was an active chaplain with the U.S. Army, three years of which was at the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He has been a reserve chaplain since leaving the army in 1961.

He was chaplain for the Edna Gladney Home in Fort Worth from 1961-63, then went with Buckner Baptist Benevolences.

The Carters have twin sons and a daughter.

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EDITORS: BP Photos of Etheredge, Marsh, Romo and Golonka to accompany preceding three stories are available on request from the Baptist Press Atlanta Bureau, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, Ga.

Baptist Student Center Unroofed By High Winds

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CORSICANA, Tex. (BP)--Tornadic winds ripped the roof off the Baptist Student Center at Navarro Junior College here, but no one was injured.

Fourteen students were inside the Baptist Student Union building when the winds hit the center, but no one was even scratched.

Insurance will cover the repair costs, officials said, which will run into several thousand dollars. About 40 per cent of the roof was destroyed.

Heavy rains poured into the building after it was unroofed, with as much as six inches on the floor at one time.

Quick-thinking students almost immediately began to move furniture and records from the center to the First Baptist Church of Corsicana.

The director of the Baptist Student Center here, Larry Hodges, was in Dallas at the offices of the Baptist General Convention of Texas Division of Student Work when the tornadic winds struck. The students themselves directed the moving of furniture and records.

About 50 students worked in the cleanup operation following the unroofing.

Carpets were taken up for cleaning, the floors were mopped, and debris was cleaned out of the building. Most of the furnishings will be useable after cleaning.

Several other buildings on the college campus were slightly damaged by the high winds, but the Baptist Student Center was hit hardest.

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Free Bus To Circle Downtown SBC City

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DALLAS (BP)--Free bus service from Dallas Memorial Auditorium to downtown hotels and Baptist buildings will be available for out-of-town messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention and related meetings here May 31-June 1.

The chartered bus service will be free, courtesy of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

The bus will make stops at major downtown hotels, the meeting sites for the convention and several related conferences, and at the Annuity Board building and the Baptist Building which houses offices of the Baptist General Convention of Texas

The bus will begin a 30 minute run on Monday and Tuesday, May 31 and Junel, and a 15 minute run Wednesday through Friday at 8:30 a. m., starting at the Baker Hotel, the convention neadquarters. No fixed time schedule is set, nowever, because the time will vary according to the amount of traffic.

From its initial starting point, the bus will make stops at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, the White Plaza Hotel, the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel, and the two Baptist buildings.

On Mondays and Tuesdays, the bus will make additional stops at the First Methodist Church where the SBC Church Music Conference will be held, at the First Baptist Church where the SBC Religious Education Conference meets, and at the Dallas Market Hall, where the SBC Pastors' Conference will be held.

During the first two days, the bus will drive from Market Hall to the Dallas Memorial Auditorium where the SBC Woman's Missionary Union Convention meets.

The last three days of the week, the bus will skip the churches and Market Hall, leaving from the Annuity Board Building direct to the Auditorium.

The bus will run only during the daytime hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., not at night.

It will be plainly marked as a Baptist Convention chartered bus.

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3 Younger Seminaries Graduate 300 Students

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#### By the Baptist Press

Nearly 300 students received certificates or degrees when the three youngest Southern Baptist Convention seminaries held their 1965 spring graduation exercises.

An even larger number of students was expected to receive degrees or certificates when the three older SBC seminaries staged their commencements a few weeks later.

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. handed out 19 certificates in theology, 142 bachelor of divinity degrees and 12 master of theology degrees.

The S. L. Stealey church history award went to Morris G. Wray of Purdy, Va. This award is named for the seminary's first president, now retired. John E. Steely, Southeastern's professor of historical theology, delivered the charge to the graduates.

In Mill Valley, Calif., Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary has a graduating group of 77. One each received bachelor of church music and master of church music degrees. Twenty-three more received master of religious education

degrees. The bachelor of divinity degree went to 44 students and the master of theology degree to eight.

President Harold K. Graves delivered the charge to Golden Gate's graduates.

Ralph A. Phelps, President, Quachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., spoke to the 44 graduates of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. All 44 got the bachelor of divinity degree. (BP)

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Honor Code Approved By Baylor Faculty

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WACO, Tex. (BP)--The faculty of the Baylor University College of Arts and Sciences has approved an honor code for the Baptist university.

Faculties of the Baylor School of Music and School of Business are expected to add their endorsement of the code. It had already been approved by the Baylor Student Congress and the student body in a referrendum vote.

Under the code, each Baylor student will be responsible for implementing the honesty and anti-cheating system.

A seven-member Honor Council (five members in summer session) will hold hearings for persons reported for dishonesty. An Honor Court of Appeals composed of the university president, the deans of instruction and students, and a faculty representative is also provided under the new system.

The Honor Council will have the power to enforce the code and assess five degrees of punishment to guilty students, ranging from private reprimand to expulsion.

In other business, the Arts and Sciences faculty awarded posthumously a bachelor of arts degree to Ekk Lauhacharernchai, a student from Bangkok, Thailand who died of burns suffered in an automobile accident when returning to Baylor during the Easter holidays. He would have graduated this spring with a mathematics major.

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Hardin-Simmons To Give Three Baptists Doctorates

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ABILENE, Tex. (BP)--Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist) here confers honorary degrees on the head of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, a Baptist pastor, and a Baptist medical doctor during their 73rd annual commencement here.

The degrees go to Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board; H. E. East, pastor of First Baptist Church of Arlington, Tex.; and Dr. Robert A. Hingson, professor at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Hingson will be the commencement speaker, and Cauthen will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

Cauthen has been the top executive of the SBC Foreign Mission Board since 1954, previously serving as a missionary to China.

Hingson, an American Baptist, is inventor and developer of a hypospray gun which injects vaccines and drugs into the body tissue without use of a needle. He directed a mass inoculation project in Liberia in 1962 known as "Operation Brother's Brother," and has been on the Western Reserve medical faculty since 1951.

Hardin-Simmons confers bachelor and master degrees on about 200 students during the May 31 commencement program.

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Boggs Concert Slated In Dallas During SBC

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DALLAS (BP)--A sacred music concert by internationally-known bass soloist Frank Boggs will be held at Lakewood Baptist Church here the Sunday evening preceding sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Boggs, a Baptist who formerly was guest soloist with the Billy Graham team and on the Baptist Hour radio program, will sing a complete concert of gospel songs, hymns and spirituals. The concert will be open to the public.

The concert begins at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 30, just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention. The Lakewood Baptist Church is located in East Dallas, Vickery at Hillside Streets.

Boggs has just returned to the United States after singing in England, and Ireland for youth rallies and evangelistic campaigns.

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Negro Pastor Given Honorary Doctorate

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CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP)--The University of Corpus Christi (Baptist) here grants honorary doctoral degrees this year to two men from San Antonio, Tex., and two from Corpus Christi, including a Negro Baptist pastor.

The honorary doctorates go to two Baptist ministers, a school superintendent, and a banker.

Charles Bowles, pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Antonio, gets an honorary doctor of letters degree in May.

Harold T. Branch, pastor of the St. John Baptist Church (colored) in Corpus Christi, receives the doctor of divinity degree. Branch's church is affiliated with the Corpus Christi Baptist Association and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Lon C. Hill, president of the First State Bank of Corpus Christi, will also get the doctor of laws degree in May.

During August graduation exercises, an honorary doctor of laws degree will go to Joe P. Wood, superintendent of the North East Independent School District in San Antonio, Tex.

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Baptist Record Wins Again For Editorial

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CHICAGO (BP)--Editor Joe T. Odle of Jackson, Miss., won honors the second week in a row for an editorial he wrote for the Mississippi Baptist Convention weekly newspaper.

At the annual meeting of Evangelical Press Association here, the Baptist Record received first place for editorials in denominational publications. The winning editorial was "Smoke Over Mississippi," which last fall sparked a campaign to rebuild Negro churches burned during racial tension.

The week before receiving the Evangelical Press Association's award, the Baptist Record won an award from Associated Church Press at its meeting in Ottawa, Canada for the same editorial.

Another Southern Baptist Convention periodical received a top award from evangelical Press Association here. The Commission, monthly publication of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, received first place for its covers.

There are 149 members of Evangelical Press Association. Attending the 1965 annual meeting here from Southern Baptist circles were Odle and Leonard E. Hill, Nashville, production editor of the Baptist Program, denominational leadership magazine.

Next year Evangelical Press Association will go to Los Angeles, May 9-11 for its meeting. The 1967 meeting will be in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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SBC Weather Forecast:

Dallas in June is HOT

DALLAS (BP)--Baptists planning a trip to Dallas for the Southern Baptist Convention and related meetings May 31-June 4 should be fore-warned. It's hot in Dallas during June.

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Lightweight summer suits are recommended for the men, and perhaps short sleeve shirts. Summer short sleeve dresses are in order for the ladies.

The average Dallas temperature for the first week in June, according to the city's weather bureau, is 80 degrees. During the heat of the day, temperatures have sometimes risen to a sizzling 103 degrees. Average high, however, is 90 degrees.

Although the days are hot, it usually cools to about 70 degrees at night.

A weather bureau spokesman here said that Dallas should not be held responsible for the hot temperatures, for unexpected cool snaps, or sudden thunderstorms. So don't blame it on the people or the weather bureau.

Texas weather is notoriously unpredictable, he admitted.

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Speakers Announced For Home Mission Assemblies

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ATLANTA (BP)--Speakers for Home Mission weeks at Southern Baptist assemblies are Paul B. Leath of California for Glorieta and H. Franklin Paschall of Kentucky for Ridgecrest.

The announcement was made by L. O. Griffith of Atlanta, director of the division of education and promotion for the Home Mission Board.

The Home Mission weeks will be August 5-11 at Glorieta, N. M., and August 19-25 at Ridgecrest, N. C. The theme for both weeks is "Witnessing To Our Dynamic Nation."

Leath is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fresno, Calif. He is a graduate of Baylor University (Baptist)., Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.

Paschall, a native of Hazel, Ky., is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn. He graduated from Union University (Baptist), Jackson, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Leath will be joined at Glorieta by B. Gray Allison, professor of evangelism in New Orleans Seminary, as the Bible teacher. W. Hines Sims, secretary of the church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be the music director.

Jesse J. Northcutt will be the Bible teacher at Ridgecrest. He is dean of the school of theology and professor of preaching at Southwestern Seminary. J. N. McFadden, minister of music and education of the Leawood Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C., will direct the music.

Special conferences for laymen will be held each morning by leadership of the Brotherhood Commission, and the men will be free to attend general program and mission conferences otherwise.

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Survey Finds New York Suburb Well Churched

GREENWICH, Conn. (BP)--A religious survey of the 60,000 people of the greater Greenwich area, a suburb of New York City, found church membership at 67.2 per cent, three per cent above the national av rage.

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Releasing the information was Leonard G. Irwin of Atlanta, survey specialist for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Irwin led all 17 of the Protestant churches, a Roman Catholic church, and a Jewish temple in making the telephone canvass.

Another 18 per cent of the population, composed of children under 11, was church related.

On the other hand, only 64.2 per cent of the church members are active, attending services at least once a month.

Breakdown of the church membership by denominations revealed the five highest were: Roman Catholics with 54.6 per cent, Congregationals with 12.7 per cent, Episcopalians with 9 per cent, Presbyterians with 7.51 per cent, and Lutherans with 5.3 per cent.

"While the survey shows the churches of the area have served the people well," Irwin said, "it also showed the need for a Baptist church."

The Greenwich Baptist Church, affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, was organized in April, 1963. Lawrence Martin is the pastor.

Irwin said the success of the survey in enlistment of the churches and in its scope emphasized the acceptance of Southern Baptists by other churches. Southern Baptists organized their first church in New York state in 1957.

"It also points to the increased contribution we can make in these areas, even though we have few churches," he said.

The survey was the first area-wide religious survey led by the department of survey and special studies of the mission agency in the New England area.

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LATE BULLETIN

34 Baptists On Trial Before Cuban Court

ATLANTA (BP)--Cuban authorities placed 34 Baptist ministers and laymen, including Southern Baptist Missionaries Herbert Caudill and David Fite, on trial May 14.

The government, according to a United-Press-International report from Havana, asked for a 30-year sentence for Caudill, and for an 18-year sentence for Fite.

Other sentences ranged from nine to 30 years for the Cuban Baptists.

The defendents were arrested April 8, together with 19 others, including four women. No indication was given as to the disposition of the other 19.

The defendents are being prosecuted on charges of espionage, counter revolutionary activities, and violations of currency regulations.

Swiss Ambassador Emil Stadlehoffer, who is looking after U.S. interests in Cuba, reported the trial was scheduled for 9 a.m. No word was received as to the outcome of the trial.

Stadlehoffer said Dr. Jorge Carro Gonzalez, a Cuban attorney, has been engaged by Caudill and Fite families in defense of the American and the Cuban Baptists.

Stadlehoffer indicated he would be in attendance at the trial.

Loyd Corder of Atlanta, secretary of the language missions department of the Home Mission Board and immediate supervisor of Cuban mission work for Southern Baptists, released the news here.

Corder said Baptists of the world have intervened with Fidel Castro to ask for a "full and fair trial."

He said John Soren of Brazil, president of the Baptist World Alliance, had wired Castro, as have leading Baptists in Canada and Mexico.

The Baptist World Alliance, with headquarters in Washington, asked Baptists of the world to join in prayer for the Baptists on trial.

Text of their call to prayer read as follows:

"To the Baptists of the World A Call to Prayer"

"As is our custom, we call to your attention from time to time certain of our people who need our prayers. At the present time we are concerned about our brothers in Cuba. About 50 Cuban Baptists and two United States citizens have been arrested on charges of subversion and illegal currency deals. Naturally we do not know all the facts, but we do urge our Baptist people in one hundred and fifteen countries to pray that the dignity of these men like the dignity of all men might be respected and that justice with honor shall prevail."

Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, also wired Castro expressing confidence in a full and fair trial.

Dehoney asked Castro to take into account the unlimited devotion to the Cuban people and their many years of sacrificial, humanitarian service to Cuba rendered by the missionaries.

The SBC president also asked Castro to grant permission for "the entry into Cuba of a person to be present during their trial."

No answer has been received from the Cuban government to Dehoney's request.

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