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**Baptists Active in Berlin  
World Evangelism Congress**

BERLIN (BP)--More than 1,000 persons from 92 countries, including several dozen Southern Baptists, have been invited to participate in a World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin this fall.

The Congress is being sponsored by Christianity Today, non-denominational magazine as a tenth anniversary event.

Evangelist Billy Graham is honorary chairman for the meeting, and Carl F. H. Henry, editor of Christianity Today, is chairman. Both are Baptists.

Six Southern Baptists have been listed as program participants. Numerous others will go as delegates or observers, including many of the state Baptist evangelism secretaries.

Southern Baptist program participants include C. E. Autrey of Atlanta, director of the evangelism division for the SBC Home Mission Board; Wayne Dehoney, president of the convention and pastor from Jackson, Tenn.; Duke K. McCall, president, and Kenneth L. Chafin, evangelism professor, both of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; David E. Mason, of the Laubach Literacy Foundation, Syracuse, N. Y.; and Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals, Washington.

Several of these, and other Southern Baptists, are listed among the 55 members of the sponsoring committee for the Congress.

Included on the sponsoring committee are Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board; Dehoney, McCall, and Taylor.

In addition to the Southern Baptists who will be program participants, delegates, and observers, seven Southern Baptists have been invited to help handle press coverage for the world-wide meeting.

Gil A. Stricklin, a Southern Baptist, is associate director of information for the World Congress, and a Billy Graham team member.

Other Southern Baptist press personnel include Floyd A. Craig, communications director for Oklahoma Baptists who will handle photographic coverage, [REDACTED], and pressroom news writers John Earl Seelig of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Jim Newton of Baptist Press in Nashville, Frank Whitsitte, a Baptist deacon and managing editor of a chain of weekly newspapers in Kansas, and Theo Sommerkamp, director of European Baptist Press Service, Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

Theme for the Congress will be "One Race, One Gospel, One Task." Conference leaders say the roll call of delegates will sound like the roll call at the United Nations.

Sessions are slated Oct. 26-Nov. 4, 1966, at the Kongresshalle in West Berlin. Delegates from all 92 countries are expected to attend.

"This will definitely be a world Congress," said Congress Chairman Henry of Christianity Today. The Congress will not seek to endorse "the American way of evangelism," but rather will explore every legitimate means for proclaiming the gospel in our generation, Henry said.

More than 200 people will participate in the ten-day program. In addition to 20 major addresses and papers, there will be more than 150 panel discussion papers and reports.

All of the addresses of the congress will be translated into four languages---English, German, French, and Spanish. Each session will have simultaneous translation into these four languages.

Henry said the Congress has a seven-fold purpose; (1) to define and clarify biblical evangelism for our day, (2) to establish beyond any doubt its relevance to the modern world, (3) to underline its urgency in the present situation, (4) to explore new forms of witness now in use throughout the world and new ways of reaching contemporary man, (5) to deal frankly with problems of resistance to the gospel, (6) to challenge the church to renew its own life through an intensified proclamation of the historic faith, and (7) to show the world in a fresh and dramatic way that God is in truth Lord of all, and that he saves men through his Son.

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Chairman of Annuity Board  
Finance Committee Dies

5-2-66

DALLAS (BP)--Funeral services were held here for Horace J. Blackwell, 68, Baptist layman and chairman of the finance committee of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

Blackwell died at his lake cottage while preparing to return to Dallas to attend church services.

In addition to his service as trustee of the Annuity Board, Blackwell served since 1952 as assistant secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Foundation of Texas. He was also a member of that agency's investment committee and advisory director.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, conducted the services at the First Baptist Church, where Blackwell was a deacon.

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Golden Gate Seminary  
Graduates 63 Students

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MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)--Students from 22 states and three foreign countries received religious degrees in commencement exercises at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Forty were granted bachelor of divinity degrees; 17 received master of religious education degrees; three received the master of theology degree; two were granted the master of church music degree, and one was awarded a diploma in theology.

One student received two degrees---Charles Higgins, a native of Yazoo City, Miss., who received the master of church music and master of religious education degrees.

Students from Argentina, Chile, and Hong Kong were among the graduates. Thirteen from California and eight from Texas received degrees.

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Florida Pastor Named  
New Orleans Speaker

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)-- The pastor of a rapidly growing church adjacent to the nation's moonport will deliver the commencement address at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in May.

He is Adrian Rogers, of the First Baptist Church of Merritt Island, Fla., located adjacent to Cape Kennedy. The community is made up largely of engineers and space technicians from the missile center.

Rogers is former pastor of Baptist churches in Mississippi and Florida, and is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary.

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