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**Former Russian Baptist
Leader Dies in Moscow**

MOSCOW (BP)--Jakov I. Zhidkov, 81, ~~once controversial~~ ^{retired top} leader of Russia's 600,000 Baptists and for many years pastor of the Moscow Baptist Church, died here in October.

News of his death was reported to Baptist World Alliance headquarters in Washington, D.C. by Iija Ivanov, who succeeded Zhidkov this fall as president of the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the USSR. Zhidkov had been president of this group since 1928.

~~While in Miami for a Baptist World Alliance meeting in 1965, Zhidkov was accused of being a communist by Carl McIntire, president of the International Council of Christian Churches.~~

~~McIntire mobilized a corps of pickets that carried signs saying "Communists Go Home" and "Russian Churches Not Truly Christian."~~

Zhidkov appeared frequently at Baptist World Congresses and was in the U.S. twice for BWA meetings. He served the BWA as a vice president from 1955 to 1965.

At the time of his death, a delegation of Baptists and Mennonites from the U.S., Canada and Great Britain were in Russia as guests of the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists.

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**Student Dialogue
Project Underway**

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NASHVILLE (BP)--A pilot project to learn the thinking and feeling of college students has been undertaken by Southern Baptist leaders here.

Known as "denominational dialogues," the pilot project has been initiated by the Southern Baptist inter-agency council for college, university and seminary campuses.

The student department of the Baptist Sunday School Board was assigned by the council's coordinating committee to take the lead in planning, conducting and evaluating the dialogues, which present developments within the Convention and its agencies and gauge student reaction.

"Student opinion is important to Southern Baptists," David K. Alexander, student department secretary, said. "We must know their thinking and feeling toward major aspects of denominational programs. This reaction is especially important in long-range planning."

The first of the denominational dialogues were held at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., and the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

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**Baptists Asked To Invite
Jews for Bible Study**

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ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here has suggested that Baptist churches invite Jewish neighbors to join in the January study of the Book of Amos.

William B. Mitchell, Jewish work director for the Board, recommended a special World Home Bible League edition of Amos for the study and suggested that churches provide the book for Jewish neighbors.

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Hymn-writing Awards
Revealed in Nashville

NASHVILLE (BP)--Winners of the fourth Southern Baptist hymn-writing competition have been announced by the Baptist Sunday School Board's church music department, sponsor of the competition.

First place award of \$200 went to Beth Rice (Mrs. Lester) Luttrell of Griffin, Ga., for her hymn "In This Age of Noise and Turmoil." A free-lance writer, Mrs. Luttrell has contributed articles to both Southern Baptist and secular publications.

Second place award of \$100 went to Betty Pratt (Mrs. A. Wayne) Barrett of Brooksville, Miss., for her hymn, "Increase in Knowledge of Thy God." Mrs. Barrett is teaching two classes of French at Mississippi State University at State College, where she is working toward a master's degree in foreign languages.

Both of the winning texts will appear in the August 1967 issue of The Church Musician, in which they will be set to new original hymn tunes. The Church Musician is a monthly publication of the church music department.

The purpose of the hymn-writing competition, held from Nov. 1, 1965 through April 1, 1966, was to encourage and stimulate creative hymn writing among Southern Baptists.

Rules of the contest stated that texts submitted were to be based on the 1966-67 denominational emphasis "The Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Education."

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CORRECTION: Story sent 10-27-66 entitled "Baptist University Matches Layman's Grant of \$500,000," should be college instead of university throughout story.