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CONDITIONS IN GERMANY IMPROVED;
MANY PEOPLE STILL IN NEED

BAD HOMBURG, Germany--(BP)--There are at least three groups of people in Germany who are still having a difficult time finding enough food to keep "belt and buckle" together, according to Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Memphis, Tennessee, chairman of the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. They are (1) those whose earning power was cut off by currency reforms, (2) the sick and old without earning power, and (3) an estimated eight million refugees, jobless and homeless in the Western zone.

Currency reforms mostly effected investors, large and small, dependent on all kinds of savings for income. The measure, however, is expected to be widely beneficial in the end because it restores money stability and confidence in trade.

Relief agencies must address much of their ministry in food and clothing to the sick and aged, Dr. Caudill believes. He reports that some agencies are contemplating establishment of special winter social service stations to provide one good meal a day for those of this group.

The refugees, who cannot near all be classified as DP's (Displaced Persons) constitute the largest and most hapless group needing assistance. Their problem is more than food and clothing for the present. Dr. Caudill says, "Something must be done to help these refugees to become re-established either in Germany or elsewhere as emigration laws may permit." The Baptist World Alliance is attempting to minister to approximately five thousand Baptists in the group.

In spite of still existent need for relief, conditions in Germany are some better than a year ago, says Caudill, whose work in relief has brought him to Germany several times in the last three years. He says, "The people in general are better fed, have better clothes, and appear to be in a better state of health than last year."

"UNTO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE"

SAINT LOUIS, Mo.--(BP)--The long hand of Christian love has reached all the way from Saint Louis to South America to bring mercy and healing to thirteen-year-old Rudy, a slender, deeply-tanned, Spanish-speaking boy of Barranquilla, Columbia.

Rudy -- or Rodolfo Gutierrez, if you want his whole name -- is in Saint Louis for a very rare heart operation, the kind that will bring health to his thin body. Rudy was born a blue baby.

The operation is to be paid for by the Baptist churches of Saint Louis and is to be performed early in September in Barnes Hospital by the eminent heart surgeon, Dr. Thomas H. Burford. Rudy made the long trip accompanied by Mrs. H. W. Schweinsburg, a Southern Baptist missionary to Columbia. His parents, members of one of the Baptist churches of Barranquilla, remained at home.

Rudy is very consecrated, Mrs. Schweinsburg says, and knows about as much about the Bible as any Intermediate boy in this country, except, of course, his knowledge is all in Spanish. He also plays the violin.

One of his friends who came to see him just as he was leaving for the states asked Rudy, "What if the operation is not successful? What if you do not come back?" The boy answered, "That will be all right. I am in God's hands."

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSION
GIFTS CONTINUE TO INCREASE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Gifts to Southern Baptist mission causes for the first seven months of 1949 were 10.4% higher than for the same period of 1948, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary and treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. Total receipts for funds sent through the Executive Committee, including both Cooperative Program and designated gifts, were \$6,512,716.21 as compared to \$5,997,309.29, an increase of \$615,406.93.

Designated gifts for the period increased 11.5% or from \$2,494,331.71 to \$2,782,015.22, an increase in dollars and cents of \$287,683.51. Cooperative Program gifts went up 9.6% or from \$3,402,977.58 to \$3,730,700.80, an increase of \$327,406.73.

Cooperative Program funds are expected to pass the four million mark late in August, which will mean that the capital distribution percentages voted by the Convention will then be in effect, according to Dr. McCall.