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California Crusade
Draws Texas Support

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--Texans responded to a California Baptist invitation during a joint meeting at Glorieta Baptist Assembly.

State convention and associational and area mission personnel from the two states met at the beginning of Home Mission Week to discuss "Encounter-California", a massive state-wide evangelistic crusade effort planned for the spring of 1968.

Issuing the call to, "Come over and help us," California Baptist Executive Secretary Robert Hughes said, "There are more lost people in the state of California than the total population of the state of Texas."

In response Charles McLaughlin, state missions secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas said, "We are ready to roll up our sleeves and help you do what God has led you to do." McLaughlin said the 15 member state missions commission had expressed its willingness for the Texas Baptist evangelism staff, insofar as schedules will permit, to work with the California staff in planning the crusade effort.

The plan calls for staff members from Texas to work with California Convention staff members in planning the adaptation of techniques used this year in "Encounter" crusades at Odessa, Texas and Dayton, Ohio. Staffing of central crusades and training of personnel will be coordinated by the Texas Convention staff.

T. A. Patterson, Baptist General Convention executive secretary, said, "We are certainly deeply concerned about this great effort in California and we join with our fellow Baptists in that state in united and concentrated prayer for its success.

"Our convention has no funds that are available for the crusade in California", Patterson continued. "We do not see any way we can participate as a convention effort, but numerous pastors and associational leaders in Texas have expressed a desire to share in it.

"We are happy for them to participate as they wish, and upon their request and the request of California Baptists members of the state missions staff will be glad to assist in the preparations as their schedules will permit," he said.

The idea for "Encounter-California" was born in the hearts of Eugene Grubbs, California evangelism secretary, and K. Owen White, metropolitan missions coordinator for the Los Angeles area. Both had been active in the New Life Crusade in the Orient in 1963. They had watched with interest the development of "Encounter" which features large area crusade meetings followed by revivals in the local churches. They became convinced that what had happened in the Far East could also happen in California.

Grubbs predicted Southern Baptists in his state would have invested some \$300,000 in the crusade before its conclusion. Grubbs said, "When we ask you to come over and help us, we're not asking that you come do something for us, but that you come do something with us; do something we cannot do alone." He outlined plans to distribute two million copies of the Gospel of John in California homes "where forty per cent do not have a usable Bible."

The proposal to invite Texas associations to aid in the crusade had been approved previously by separate meetings of the two groups of missionaries. The Glorieta meeting was the final step before extending invitations to Texas associations and churches.

The division of evangelism of SBC Home Mission Board has joined in sponsoring the crusade and \$20,000 has been appropriated for administrative expenses.

California Baptists number 200,000 resident members in the 20 million state population.

Crusade plans call for forty central crusades and nearly 1,000 local church revivals.

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Evelyn Marney Phillips
To Southwestern Faculty

FT WORTH (BP)--Evelyn Marney Phillips has been elected assistant professor of church music education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

She taught music at the school from 1948 to 1952.

Mrs. Phillips and her husband, the late Dwight Phillips, served various churches in the music ministry. For eight years she was director of children's choirs at the First Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas.

For seven years she served in a similar position with the First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.

She received the bachelor of arts degree from Carson-Newman College in 1941 and the master of music education from Texas Christian University in 1960. She has done graduate study at Columbia University, Emory University and the University of Georgia.

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12 New HMB Missionaries
Recognized at Glorieta

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GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--Home Mission Board directors, acting in a meeting at the Southern Baptist Assembly here in August, appointed 10 new missionaries, including three couples to work with language groups.

The new appointees are: Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis M. Hearn, Mr. and Mrs. Earl V. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold Jr., language missions; Edd L. Brown, D.E. Strahan and James E. Norman, metropolitan missions; and Jerry M. Chance, work with National Baptists.

Two appointments made in July were not announced until the Glorieta meeting: Aron Isaiah Jones, work with National Baptists and Larry J. Patterson, pioneer missions.

The Hearn will be working with the deaf in Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

He formerly served as pastor of Quankie Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids, N.C., and also worked with the deaf at Rosemary Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids.

A native of Portsmouth, Va., he is a graduate of Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem, N.C. He also attended the University of Richmond (Va.), Mars Hill (N.C.) College and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.

He has held several pastorates in South Carolina and one in Virginia.

Mrs. Hearn also attended Piedmont Bible College and William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Va.

The Jacksons, native South Carolinians, will be going to the Fort Hall Baptist Mission at Blackfoot, Idaho, as missionaries to the Indians.

He presently is working on a doctor's degree at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. A graduate of William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Miss., he holds a master's degree of religious education and a bachelor's degree of divinity from New Orleans Seminary.

He has been pastor of Mount Beulah Baptist Church in Stapleton, Ga., and of Oleh and Clear Creek Baptist Churches in Sumrall and Lumberton, Miss., respectively.

The Arnolds will attend language school at the Mexican Baptist Bible Institute in San Antonio, Tex., before receiving an assignment to a particular field to work with Spanish-speaking people.

Both are graduates of California Baptist College in Riverside, Calif. He also holds a master's degree of theology from New Orleans Seminary.

Jackson has served as pastor of First Spanish Church in San Pablo, Calif., Sierra Baptist Church in Oakdale, Calif., and Midway Baptist Church in Pascagoula, Miss.

Mrs. Jackson has been a public school teacher in Moss Point, Miss., and Meraux and Houma, La.

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The three metropolitan missions appointees all were named superintendents of missions--Brown to North Bay and Redwood Empire Association in California, Strahan to East Central Association in Champaign, Ill. and Norman to South Zone, Chicago (Ill.) Southern Baptist Association.

A graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., Brown was formerly pastor of Michigan Heights Baptist Church in Stockton, Calif.

He also has served as minister of music at First Baptist Church in Norwalk, Calif., and as minister of education and music at First Baptist Church in Woodward, Okla.

Strahan attended Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee and attained a diploma from Southwestern Seminary. He has been a superintendent of missions for the Kay Association in Ponca City, Okla., and for the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists.

He also was pastor of First and Capitol Baptist Churches in Haileyville, Okla.

A native of Marshall, Ill., Norman formerly was pastor at Glenfield Baptist Church in Glen Ellyn, Ill. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois in Champaign and Southwestern Seminary.

He also was pastor at Erie Street Baptist Church in Chicago, Ill.

Chance and Jones were appointed as teacher-missionaries at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee and Mississippi Baptist Seminary in Jackson, respectively.

Chance formerly was an instructor at Dillard University in New Orleans, La. While in New Orleans, he was assistant executive director of the Commission on Alcoholism for greater New Orleans.

A native of Tennessee, he is a graduate of Union University in Jackson, Tenn., and New Orleans Seminary.

He also has been pastor of Fordoche (La.) Baptist Church and Main Street Baptist Church in Bogalusa, La.

A graduate of the American Baptist Seminary in Nashville, Tenn., Jones was pastor at St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Springfield, Ohio.

He also has been pastor of Pleasant Baptist Church in Laurel, Miss., and Greater Pleasantview Baptist Church in Brentwood, Tenn.

Patterson was pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Ind. He was appointed as director of church extension in Cambridge, Mass.

He is a graduate of Baylor University (Baptist) in Waco, Tex., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

He is a native of Glasgow, Ky.

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Negro Pastor Commends
Baptist Racial Progress

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GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--A California Negro pastor here commended Southern Baptists for their progress in crossing racial barriers.

The commendation came from S. M. Lockridge of San Diego, the first Negro minister ever to serve as an assembly pastor during a Southern Baptist conference.

"I might have had bricks and bottles in my hands these past few months had I not had the experience of an education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and other contacts with Southern Baptists," he said.

Lockridge suggested in an interview that more opportunities be found for the races to do things together, "So we can find out that the other fellow is an individual, too."

He preached here during Home Mission Week at the Glorieta Baptist Assembly, a week which recorded a record registration of more than 3,000. Assembly officials said they were unable to accommodate another 2,000 requests.

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The pastor of the 1900-member Calvary Baptist Church in San Diego, said he saw a growing trend toward unity between Southern and National Baptists.

"We are now accepting each other for what the other is, not looking at white or black," he added.

He has been a close observer since 1951, the year he and another Negro minister were accepted at the seminary as the first of the race to study there.

"I see a trend toward more dual alignment of churches with both groups in the immediate future, and eventually (though not for a long time) a possible uniting of the two groups," he said.

Lockridge, a native of Waco, Tex., and the son of a Texas Baptist pastor, graduated from Bishop College at Marshall, Tex.; and held pastorates in Ennis, Mexia, and Dallas, Tex. He has been at Calvary Church for 15 years.

A recognized leader in the Negro religious community, he serves as statistician for the National Baptist Convention of America, as moderator for the Progressive Baptist District Association, and as dean of the Sunday School Congress for the California Baptist State Convention.

Lockridge said he had a brother serving as a representative in the Texas legislature. He is Joseph E. Lockridge of Dallas, who represents a district 80 per cent white.

Lockridge does not favor separate Negro states in the United States and does not feel that the majority of the Negro people want this.

He also said, "Riots solve nothing, and they are destructive to the Negro community and to the cause of civil rights.

"Of course, the riots did give publicity to some and there is money flowing into Watts that was not before."

Lockridge strongly advocates a Christian attempt to change the individual.

Society is now at the stage where people must be changed, he said. "We have the laws, but they cannot be enforced unless people want them enforced.

"Let's give each individual his rights; let's change the hearts of men, and he will change his environment. It is not enough to change the house (and I'm for better housing) we must change the man in the house."

Lockridge had some criticism for government poverty programs because they were failing in making "people creative and industrious." They too often teach people to look for handouts.

"There must be a great effort, and the church has a role here, at stimulating and motivating people to be self supporting."

He said the Negro young people and young adults tend to drift away from the church. "I'm told that we have prayed enough. We have made no progress praying.

"Our youth are becoming disillusioned because we have the laws passed but they do not see their lot improving."

He also said the Negro churches face a critical shortage in the future of ministers because the young people are not responding. "My church has not had an applicant for the ministry in the last seven or eight years, and we previously would have three or four each year."

Lockridge called his week's preaching experience as one of the highlights of his ministry. "I have been better received here than with any group, and the response has been excellent."

There had been no restrictions on his preaching, he indicated. "I have sought to preach the Gospel as the Holy Spirit directed. Some have suggested I turn loose with both barrels, but I have preached here just as I preach at home.

"Sure, I get called an Uncle Tom. Every person does who does not go along with the crowd that says rise up and fight the white man. I do not try to defend my position. I am just who I am, and I preach the Bible. I don't think man will be changed unless we change his heart."