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Pilgrim 20 Singers "Wow"  
Crowds With "Finish-iative"

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WICHITA, Kan. (BP)--A group of 15 Southern Baptist college students from Kansas and Nebraska are traveling their area with a new song these days--a song of love and Christ.

The Pilgrim 20 Singers are the result of a dream by a Baptist student director who wanted to reach the collegians of mid-America and was not afraid to reach them through their own form of communication.

They talk in terms of "finish-iative" and "wow", but it has a deeper meaning than just a new slang. They play folk-rock with a strong beat and electric amplification, and the girls wear checked mini-dresses with fishnet hose.

They are dedicated to one idea--Proclaim Christ.

"Fifteen young people have found meaning in life and have set out to share their discovery with all who will listen," said one pilgrim.

And the people listen.

"We are a new movement," they say, "not towards hippydom, but towards Christ n campus, through music and testimony."

"WOW" means "Witness Of the Way," the testimony of the 20th Century Pilgrims in their venture with the living Christ.

"Finish-iative" takes up where initiative leaves off.

"Pilgrims are persistent workers for the Lord; men and women who not only have initiative, but also finish-iative," says Donna Loy of Wichita State University.

The fifteen singers are sponsored by Baptist Student Unions (BSU) on 10 Kansas and Nebraska campuses. They are directed by Clint Dunagan of Lawrence, Kan., and Steve Burns of Kansas State University is their arranger. Their goal is to proclaim Christ on the campus.

The fifteen singers, chosen from 37 who auditioned last spring, use folk-rock music to present their message. Their music is a modern folk-type with a strong beat and electrical amplification.

Their program begins with the more popular folk songs, such as "There's A Meeting Here Tonight" and "Don't Let the Rain Come Down." They move into love songs, like "Ode to Billy Joe" and "You Were On My Mind." Finally, they swing from just love to Christ and his love, singing "He's Everything To Me" and "Seek and Ye Shall Find."

Interspersed with the music is a lively, spontaneous monolog. The whole show is entertaining, but it is more than entertainment.

The talk between songs includes testimonies. "Talk-back" cards are distributed late in the program. These cards allow the members of the audience to indicate their desire to talk to someone further about the message they've heard.

If they want to search further with someone else, the local BSU follows up with prayer and discussion groups in the dorms.

"Many times people have let us know that through the programs they have been drawn close to Christ and some have accepted Christ as their personal Savior," Burns said.

Business manager Ray Gilliland said 80 per cent of the talk-back cards have been returned, with never under 60 per cent expressing an interest for further discussions.

The original itinerary for the Pilgrims called for 10 performances on Kansas and Nebraska campuses running through October 2. They have been so well received they now have firm commitments for performances through January. They must limit themselves to two or three performances a month, however, because they are still students!

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Opportunities continue to open for the group. They taped a 30 minute program for KETV in Omaha after the station screened a 15-minute show. According to Gilliland, the station managers "were excited" about it.

The Pilgrim 20 Singers have appeared in churches as well as on stage, with equally good response. Press comment has been generally favorable, with the news editor of the Wichita Eagle-Beacon noting that "the ultra-conservative Southern Baptist Convention is breaking out of bounds" with the Pilgrim 20 Singers.

This is part of their purpose. They hope to "Break Out" Christ to all members of their generation. They strive to be the "Plymouth Rock" of Christianity on the American campus.

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Tables Turned At Seminary:  
Girls Help Dad With Homework

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By Bob Terry

LOUISVILLE (BP)--For years parents have been helping their children do school work, but at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary the tables have been turned.

J. S. Bell and two of his daughters, Dorothy and Mary, have enrolled in the school of religious education as first-year students and, according to Bell, "Now the girls are helping me."

From eastern Kentucky, Bell is pastor of the Hindman Baptist Church and teaches Bible at nearby Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, Ky. He holds the master of theology degree which he received from Southern Seminary in 1936.

"I had been thinking of going back to seminary for a long time before I finally decided to come," Bell recalled. "I had mentioned it to the president at Alice Lloyd and to my church."

The college agreed to give him a leave of absence to allow for study in areas that had been added since he was a student and to brush up on other studies.

Bell said that his church had been enthusiastic about his return to seminary when the members realized he wanted to study in order to be a better minister. The deacons agreed to conduct the prayer meetings and take care of the administrative end of the church.

"I go back every weekend to do the preaching and visit as much as possible, sort of catching up all of the loose ends," Bell added.

"When I told the girls that I had definitely decided to return to Southern this fall, they were horrified," Bell said. "They were going to be new students and were not too anxious to have their father around, especially since I am probably the oldest student on campus."

Dorothy, a graduate of Blue Mountain College in Mississippi, recalled that she and Mary had taught school to earn enough money to come to the seminary. "We saved every penny we could with this fall set as our goal for entering. We knew Dad had been thinking of going back to seminary but it never occurred to us that it would be at the same time we entered," she said.

Mary, a graduate of Memphis State University, added that they felt that their father was smarter than they, and that they didn't want to be in any of the same classes with him. "Can you imagine what it is like to be in the same class with your father when the professor asks you a question and you can't answer it?" she sighed.

"Dorothy and I worked out our schedules so we would not have classes with Dad," continued Mary. "Then he would decide to take one of the courses we scheduled and we would have to start all over again."

"Finally we just had to give up and accept the fact that we would have classes together," Dorothy recalled, "and now we don't mind it at all. In fact, it is nice to have Dad around at times."

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Baptists Say "Freedom"  
Emphasized By Catholics 1028

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By C. E. Bryant

WASHINGTON (BP)--Two Baptist observer-consultants attending the Third World Congress of the Lay Apostolate of the Roman Catholic Church agreed that the Catholic lay participants "demonstrated a tremendous freedom of expression."

The two Baptists who attended the Catholic meeting in Rome are believed to be the first observers from the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) to attend a Catholic meeting.

C. Ronald Goulding of London, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance in London, and Claus Meister of Zurich, lay president of the Baptist Union of Switzerland, filed individual reports here with the general secretary of the BWA, Josef Nordenhaug, summarizing their observations.

Nordenhaug, who was authorized by the BWA Executive Committee to use his own discretion in sending representatives to meetings of other church bodies, had asked Goulding and Meister to attend the congress and report their observations to him.

Goulding, former pastor in London and former president of the European Baptist Federation, noted in his report that this Congress of the Lay Apostolate was the first occasion that the laymen of the Roman Catholic Church have met in international congress since the end of the last Vatican Council.

"At that council," he recalled, "both bishops and laymen were faced with the mandate to bring the church closer to the modern world, and this was the occasion on which the laymen were assessing how successfully this mandate was being achieved."

Goulding said that the conference followed the theme, "God's People on Man's Journey," and was divided into two parts, with the first few days used to discuss "Man Today" and the second section, "The Laity in the Renewal of the Church."

Christian education, missions, dialogue and family planning were among the various subjects discussed.

"It became clear that the laity of the Roman Catholic Church is a numerous, organized, vocal and somewhat revolutionary body whose members are anxious that their point of view should be not only heard but accepted with the Roman Catholic Church," Goulding said.

Meister, a professor in the International Baptist Seminary at Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, said that "not even the speech of the pope midway in the congress could dampen the free expression" of the laymen. Meister's report continued:

"In his speech, Pope Paul VI clearly attempted to put the laymen in their place. He instructed them to leave the principal concerns up to the hierarchy. Many of the laymen were obviously and openly disappointed and depressed by the pope's message. Some wondered if the congress stood a chance. Yet, the congress went on with the second half of its work as if the pope had not said those words."

Meister noted also that the laymen sought further representation on various ecclesiastical commissions and that these commissions "should be formed not by appointment from above but through democratic voting processes."

Goulding quoted an American priest, Thomas F. Stransky, as saying that differences of opinion within the Roman Church were not necessarily between the clergy and the laity but between conservative and liberal elements in both groups.

"It was a conflict," Stransky said, "between on the one hand a church with jitters and on the other a church with hopes."

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Both Goulding and Meister felt that it was wise for Baptists to attend the meeting. Both noted that Italian newspapers and radios made reference to the presence of Baptist representatives.

Both noted also that the congress gave opportunity for strengthened acquaintance with representatives from other church groups.

"We had access to all the sessions, both plenary and workshop, and were invited to participate, comment or question as we wished," Goulding said.

"A number of observers, apart from the Roman Catholic delegates, were interested in our Baptist position, and I felt that it was particularly good that we were able to be there to share our convictions with those who were genuinely seeking to know."

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Southern, National Baptists  
Cooperate In Harlem Revival

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NEW YORK (BP)--A week-long, inter-racial meeting in Harlem has marked the beginning of what hopefully will be continued cooperative efforts between Southern Baptists and National (Negro) Baptists in this city of 10 million.

The revival-type meeting, which was held in the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Harlem, was planned by a steering committee composed of representatives from the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association and two National Baptist bodies: the Progressive National Baptist Convention of the USA, and the National Baptist Convention of the USA, Inc.

W. R. Grigg, associate secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of work with National Baptists, preached in the Monday through Friday services.

The meeting was kicked off at a Sunday rally at which Progressive National Baptist President Gardner Taylor spoke.

"This was not so much an evangelistic effort as it was a fellowship," said Larry Walker, pastor of the Farmingdale Baptist Church on Long Island, who was publicity director.

"It was a good time of worship together, and I think just the fact that it took place is noteworthy."

Walker said many of the National Baptist pastors in Harlem considered the meeting a visible testimony of their beliefs to Black Power extremists in the area.

"In the light of fellowship and cooperation, the meeting was very successful," Grigg said.

"People got acquainted and apparently will follow up the meeting with pulpit exchanges and other affiliations across racial lines," he added.

Grigg said attendance ran about 600 for the opening rally, and between 100 and 300 during the week.

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