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### Baptists Urged To Observe Americas' Crusade Prayer Day

LOUISVILLE (BP)--A call for Baptists throughout North America to observe a special day of prayer for the Crusade of the Americas on Sunday, Jan. 14, 1968, has been issued by the officers of the steering committee of the Crusade of the Americas in North America.

The call to prayer urged Baptists to pray "for the healing of our lands, torn by civil strife and war and moral decay and spiritual apostasy."

"Let us pray acknowledging the Christ is our only hope, and all men must turn to Christ in repentance and faith for personal salvation," said the call to prayer.

The statement was issued here by the officers of the steering committee which is coordinating the North American plans for the Crusade of the Americas, a hemispheric-wide evangelistic effort climaxing in 1969 in North, Central and South America.

It was signed by Wayne Dehoney, chairman of the steering committee and regional coordinator for the North American crusade effort; by Gordon Anderson of Chicago, vice chairman; Kenneth Kennedy of Poplar Bluff, Mo., secretary; and Daniel Fuchs of Forest Park, Ill., treasurer.

Dehoney, a Southern Baptist, is pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church here; Anderson, a Swedish Baptist, is executive secretary of Home Missions for the Baptist General Conference in Chicago; Kennedy is executive secretary of the General Association of General Baptists in Poplar Bluff, Mo.; and Fuchs is associate general secretary of missions for the North American Baptist General Conference, Forest Park, Ill.

They called on all Baptist organizations in North America to join with Baptist bodies in Central and South America in praying for the 1969 evangelistic effort on Sunday, Jan. 14.

Text of their call to prayer is as follows:

"From Hudson Bay to the Cape of Good Hope Baptists of the Americas are called upon to unite in prayer to almighty God.

"Let us pray together, in 100,000 churches in 26 countries, 24 million Baptists in 38 conventions, in all languages, asking God to bless our hemisphere with a great spiritual revival.

"Let us pray together, in our churches and in our homes, on the same day, the second Sunday of January.

"Let us pray humbly confessing our sins, individual and social.

"Let us pray for the healing of our lands, torn by civil strife and war and moral decay and spiritual apostasy.

"Let us pray acknowledging that Christ is our only hope, and all men must turn to Christ in repentance and faith for personal salvation.

"Let us pray that as individual Christians and as churches we might be surrendered instruments in the hand of God to declare the good news of Christ to people of our hemisphere.

"Let us pray that God might take the plans and the materials and the human personalities involved in the Crusade of the Americas and add the power of his Holy Spirit that through the Crusade of the Americas the people of this hemisphere might experience a great turning to God.

"Let us pray for our leaders in the Crusade of the Americas: our Crusade president, Dr. Rubens Lopes of Brazil; our North American coordinator, Dr. Wayne Dehoney; our Southern Baptist evangelism leader, Dr. C. E. Autrey of the SBC Home Mission Board Evangelism Division; the pastors and the laymen in our churches."

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Senate Considers Interest  
Subsidy Plan For Colleges

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WASHINGTON (BP)--College housing programs will take a leap forward if the omnibus Housing and Urban Development Act of 1967 is approved.

A new approach to college housing is projected by the bill which has been favorably reported by the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, Sen. John Sparkman (D., Ala.), chairman.

Under the new proposal, a program of grants to colleges is projected to pay the difference between the cost of loans from private sources and the current three per cent interest rate charged in federal loans for college housing.

The grants to the colleges would be made on an annual contract basis for a period up to 40 years. Ten million dollars annually would be authorized to pay the interest differential in college housing loans.

A Baptist college president has proposed an amendment to the proposal to help eliminate the church-state issue of federal grants to sectarian colleges.

Abner V. McCall, Baylor University, Waco, Tex., in a letter to Senators William W. Proxmire (D., Wisc.) and Jacob Javits (R., N.Y.) suggested that the interest differential be payable to the lending agency rather than to the borrowing school.

McCall further suggested that such loans would be more acceptable to strict church-state separatists if the bond holders could take their interest differential in the form of income tax credit.

This would make the interest subsidy to colleges similar to deductions for gifts to church and charitable organizations.

The present college housing loan program at three per cent interest rate provides for \$300 million a year. Applications for these loans exceed over \$700 million a year.

Due to the excessive requests beyond funds available the Department of Housing and Urban Development has not received requests for over two years with the exception of a 30-day period last April.

At a cost of only \$10 million a year to the federal government, according to Sen. Javits, an additional \$300 to \$400 million a year in college housing loans would be available, if the interest subsidy plan is approved.

Javits told the Senate that "this plan is adaptable also for college education facilities for hospitals and for other similar construction."

Another Baptist college president, James R. Scales, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., wrote Sen. Javits in support of the proposal. He explained that Wake Forest has sought to finance its capital needs in cooperation with private lending agencies.

Scales wrote that the school intended to continue this policy as long as funds are available at reasonable rates. "Otherwise," he said, "our only alternative is to turn to the public resources available through the Department of Housing and Urban Development."

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Baylor Dentistry Dean  
Plans Retirement Soon

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DALLAS (BP)--Dr. Harry B. McCarthy, dean of the Baylor University College of Dentistry here since 1952, will retire at the end of the current academic year, university officials disclosed.

Screening of possible successors, with six now under consideration, is in progress, said Boone Powell, vice president of the Baptist school in charge of university units here.

Dr. McCarthy, who will be 72 on April 23, was eligible for retirement in 1966, but the trustees asked him to continue for two years, Powell said.

"During the past 16 years," Powell continued, "Dr. McCarthy has done a miraculous job at the College of Dentistry." His retirement in June, 1968, was accepted "with great reluctance," he added.

Powell added that Dr. McCarthy will continue to serve in a consulting capacity after retirement.

Dr. McCarthy, a native of Swanton, Vt., is a graduate of University of Maryland's dental department, where he served on the faculty for 29 years before becoming Baylor's Dental College dean in 1952.

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Baptist Unity Movement Board  
Dissolves To Support Fellowship

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DOVER, Delaware (BP)--The board of trustees of the Baptist Unity Movement have voted to dissolve the organization and encourage its members to support the work of the North American Baptist Fellowship Committee.

The Baptist Unity Movement has been composed of persons in the American and Southern Baptist Conventions concerned with uniting the two major Baptist bodies, but it has not been officially endorsed or supported by either Baptist convention.

An announcement from Howard R. Stewart, an American Baptist minister who is chairman of the Baptist Unity Movement, stated that the reason for the board's action was "the inability of the group to meet the financial responsibilities involved in the growth of the movement."

The announcement indicated that the Baptist Unity Movement began in 1962 when 12 Baptist pastors and laymen from the Southern and American Baptist Conventions met in Towson, Md., "because of a concern over the divisions among Baptists."

Its stated purpose was "to help create a climate wherein under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the organic unity of Baptists might take place."

Stewart said that about 1,000 persons have been associated with the movement during its five years of existence, but the growth required financial resources which could not be obtained.

The dissolution will become effective Dec. 31, 1967, when the organization's charter as a non-profit religious corporation expires.

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World Alliance Youth Meet  
Still Has Rooms, Denny Says

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The Baptist World Alliance here is seeking to squelch a rumor that all the rooms are taken for the Baptist Youth World Conference in Berne Switzerland, July 22-28, 1968.

There is still plenty of space available for young people wanting to attend the world-wide Baptist conference, but they must apply no later than Feb 1, according to an announcement by Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance and secretary of its youth department.

Denny said that setting the early deadline was necessary "to squeeze the air out of the ballooning bag of requests" from tour directors for room accommodations in the Swiss capital.

Denny explained that there are 5,000 available beds in Berne hotels, dormitories and private homes, with 3,000 marked for North Americans, 1,500 for Europeans, and 500 for young people from the rest of the world.

A total of 123 tour directors from North America, however, have requested a total of 4,290 beds; but only 80 such tours have been allocated the 3,000 beds on a first-come, first served basis.

This leaves a list of 43 tour leaders still asking for 1,290 beds which do not exist, Denny pointed out.

He called "unfortunate" the rumor that everything is filled, for the truth is that few of the tour groups are filled. Denny said that many of the 3,000 beds are still available to individuals who apply for membership in these tour groups.

He urged interested youth to contact tour leaders in their area, or to write to the Youth Department of the Baptist World Alliance for a list of the tour groups.

Fundamental ground rules for reservations adopted by the Baptist World Alliance administrative committee include stipulations that registration will be restricted to youth ages 17 to 30; that housing and seats will be limited to those registered for the full conference period, with visitors and part-time participants getting left-over rooms; and that Feb. 1, 1968 be set as a registration deadline.

Speakers already enlisted for the conference include such persons as Evangelist Billy Graham, Negro educator and former Peace Corps executive Samuel Proctor, physical and author Paul Tournier of Switzerland, and Southern Baptist Seminary professor Kenneth Chafin.

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Foundation Reports Trust  
Corpus Hike Of \$500,000

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NASHVILLE (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foundation, meeting here for its 22nd annual session, honored its three former executive secretaries, heard the first report of its most recently-elected executive secretary, adopted a proposed 1969 budget, and re-elected its officers.

The Foundation paid tribute to C. H. Bolton, its first executive (1949-53) who now is interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla.; T. L. Holcomb, Foundation executive from 1953-56 who for 18 years was executive secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board, now retired in Dallas; and J. W. Storer of Nashville, who retired in July after 10 years as the Foundation's executive.

Kendall Berry, a businessman from Blytheville, Ark., who succeeded Storer, brought his first report to the Foundation board, reporting an increase in the total trust corpus the Foundation administers of nearly one-half million dollars.

The total trust corpus rose during the last nine months to \$9,121,101, compared to the \$8.6 million reported at the end of the last fiscal year.

Berry pointed out, however, that the increase would have been much more had it not been for the fact that the period was only nine months instead of one year, since the Foundation has switched from a January-December fiscal year to an October-September fiscal year.

Berry also pointed out an increase in the average rate of return on Foundation investments from 5.11 per cent at the end of the last fiscal year, to 5.41 per cent.

The report also indicated that during the nine-month period, the Foundation earned \$318,351 in income from its four major funds, plus a profit of \$14,224 realized on securities sold. The Foundation also received \$375,385 in additional cash and securities for investment.

Berry told the board that he felt the Foundation should place more emphasis on trying to get the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention to place their reserves in the Foundation. Berry said this was one of the purposes for which the Foundation was established.

He pointed out that the SBC Woman's Missionary Union and Home Mission Board had been especially cooperative with regard to investments of their reserves by the Foundation.

"The future of the Southern Baptist Foundation never looked brighter," Berry said. He added however, that the Foundation does not yet have \$1 for every person in the Southern Baptist Convention (only \$9.1 million compared to 11 million members), and that "this is pitiful."

He pointed to a rising growth of the Foundation, from a total trust fund balance of \$305,136 in 1949, to its current \$9.1 million, adding that the total should increase about \$1 million per year in the future.

The Foundation is a service agency of the convention, investing reserves, endowments and trusts for all Southern Baptist Convention agencies, and administering trusts and endowments on behalf of individual donors who wish to support Southern Baptist causes.

In other actions, the Foundation re-elected its officers, and adopted a proposed 1969 budget of \$87,300, including a new \$10,000 allocation for estate settling, reserve and contingencies. The budget request will go to the SBC Executive Committee for consideration in February.

Re-elected president of the board was L. B. Stevens, owner of a Nashville investments company. Walton N. Smith of Nashville was re-elected vice president, and John P. Gifford of Nashville was re-elected recording secretary.

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CALL TO PRAYER FOR CRUSADE ISSUES: The officers of the steering committee coordinating North American plans for the Crusade of the Americas has issued a call to prayer, urging Baptists to observe Sunday, Jan. 14, 1968, as a day of prayer for the Crusade of the Americas. Wayne Dehoney (second from left), former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, is chairman of the steering committee and North American Coordinator for the Crusade of the Americas. Other officers are (left to right) Gordon Anderson of Chicago, vice chairman and home missions secretary for the Baptist General Conference; (Dehoney), Kenneth Kennedy, secretary and executive secretary of the General Association of General Baptists, Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Daniel Fuchs, treasurer, and associate general secretary of missions for the North American Baptist General Conference, Forest Park, Ill. (BP) Photo

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