

PLANS ARE BEING PERFECTED FOR MEETING
OF BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE IN CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, Ohio—(BP)—Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, met here with the local committee on arrangements to make preliminary arrangements and perfect the sub-committee organization for the 1950 Baptist World Congress to be held in Cleveland in July. Dr. Ohrn reported that invitations to the principal speakers were being sent out from the Washington headquarters and that the program is rapidly taking shape. He said detailed announcement will be released in the near future.

The meetings of the Congress will open on Saturday, July 22, with an afternoon session in the Public Hall and a great mass gathering in the Stadium, the base-ball park of the Cleveland American League team.

President Truman has been invited to deliver an address.

Registrations are now coming into the Cleveland office of the Committee on Arrangements. Applications for hotel and home housing will be made through this committee, and in the order of the receipt of the registration accompanied by a fee of \$5.00. Address Dr. D. R. Sharpe, 900 Schofield Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

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STUDENTS SEND COW
TO ROME ORPHANAGE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—The generous response to a recent appeal for good used clothing deserves grateful appreciation, reports William Hall Preston, associate in the Baptist Student Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Two boxes each have gone out to the Baptist Orphanage in Rome, Italy; the Baptist Seminary in Zurich, Switzerland; and to the Baptist Relief Center in Stuttgart, Germany.

Mr. Preston also said that it is interesting to note that the Student Concert Mission group has been able to send the first of three cows (a \$300 check) to the Rome Orphanage, besides having \$400 toward a large washing machine for their Christmas present. The piano fund for the Girls' Training School in Rome, (Miss Virginia Wingo, director) is over \$200. A group of ladies have given a much needed typewriter to the Zurich Seminary and books are now being collected for their library. Arrangements have been made to bring more than a dozen displaced Baptists to America. Shipments of food and clothing have been sent to other needy Europeans.

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NEW MEXICO CONVENTION OBSERVES 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST BAPTIST MESSAGE

SANTA FE, N. Mex.—(BP)—The 38th annual session of the New Mexico Baptist Convention was held here in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the preaching of the first Baptist message in the state. The opening sermon of the convention was preached from the historic Santa Fe Plaza by James W. Middleton, Atlanta, Ga., pastor, as he stood at the very spot where that first Baptist sermon was preached. This was the first Protestant service to be held in the town square within the memory of Santa Fe people. There was a striking difference in the attitude of the two crowds of listeners, according to Dr. Lewis A. Myers, editor of the Baptist New Mexican. The first group, 100 years ago, stoned their preacher, Hiram Read. The last group listened responsively to Dr. Middleton's evangelistic message on "The Prodigal Son."

The approximately 1000 messengers to the convention voted a cooperative budget of nearly \$300,000 and a goal of 50,000 affiliates for 1950. Pastor S. M. Morgan, Artesia, was re-elected president. First Church, Albuquerque, was chosen for next year's meeting place.

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16,798 BAPTISMS REPORTED AT
MISSOURI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

JOPLIN, Mo.—(BP)—Adoption of an \$800,000 Cooperative Program goal, approval of a campaign to raise \$75,000 to remodel and expand the Missouri Baptist Student Center Building at Columbia, and the unanimous endorsement of plans for the 1950 Western Evangelistic Crusade are among the advanced objectives of Missouri Baptists for 1950, as voted by the messengers to the 115th annual session of the Missouri Baptist General Association, meeting here, October 25-27, according to H. H. McGinty, editor of the Word and Way, Baptist state paper.

Registration reached 1776, an all-time high. A total of 16,798 baptisms were reported by 1786 churches, with two associations yet to report.

Pastor J. E. Rains, Euclid Church, St. Louis, was elected moderator; Mr. B. H. Browning, prominent layman of Neosho, was elected assistant moderator; and Dr. Earl Harding, First Church, Warrensburg, was re-elected recording and statistical secretary. The Association will meet at Hannibal in 1950.

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