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Czech Baptists Plead:
"Remain With Us Now"

WASHINGTON (BP)--The Baptist World Alliance here has reported that Czechoslovakian Baptists have continued their worship services despite the Soviet Union's invasion of that country on August 21.

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Alliance, urged that Baptists of all countries be in prayer for the Czechs in these "difficult days of testing and readjustment."

He stated that financial assistance will be needed as the Czech Baptist churches move from former State support of their pastors to complete self-support.

Nordenhaug reported that Stanislav Svec, secretary of the Baptist Union of Czechoslovakia, in September attended a meeting of the European Baptist Federation council in Hamburg, Germany.

At Hamburg Pastor Svec declared: "We trust our government, and our people whose discipline is admirable. And, most of all, we trust our God. We believe in the victory of the truth, of the righteousness, of the right."

And after telling of the continued worship services, despite the inability of many to come because of transportation difficulties, Svec continued his message to Baptists of Europe and the world:

"We feel you always were with us in your thoughts, and in your prayers. Do remain with us now, and help us through your faithful intercession."

Vlastimil Pospisil, a Czech delegate to the Baptist Youth World Conference in Berne, Switzerland, in July, had told the assembly of young people from 60 nations:

"This year with us in Czechoslovakia has been a year of hope....Our youth and our whole church are permitted to assemble openly."

Pospisil also declared: "Our work has spread out over the whole Republic of Czechoslovakia. There are large and small groups of believers. Our largest church has about 430 members and the smallest 50 members. In all our churches we have Sunday schools and church and youth choirs. We are trying to use all of these groups in missionary endeavor."

Baptist World Alliance records show a membership of 4,200 members in 26 Baptist churches and 100 mission stations in Czechoslovakia.

Nordenhaug expressed hope that "Baptists around the world, as they meet for worship, will pray for their fellow believers in Czechoslovakia and give some tangible expression of their Christian solidarity with them through the channels of the Baptist World Alliance."

The Alliance is a fellowship of Baptist conventions and unions around the world. It reports a total membership of about 26 million Baptists in 70 countries.

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E. Y. Mullins Award
Given to L. D. Newton

ATLANTA (BP)--Louis D. Newton was presented the E. Y. Mullins Denominational Service Award of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as he retired after almost 40 years as pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta.

The award was presented as a surprise climax of a huge dinner at Atlanta's Biltmore Hotel, honoring the well-known pastor and his wife. Almost 1,000 people from across the state and nation attended the testimonial dinner.

Duke K. McCall, president of the seminary, presented the Mullins Award to Newton. It was given for "outstanding Christian statesmanship and major leadership contributions to the Christian faith in contemporary society."

Previous winners of the award were Sydnor Stealey of Wake Forest, N.C.; Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, Okla.; C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, Mo.; Gaines S. Dobbins of Birmingham, Ala.; Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va.; and McCall himself.

Newton officially retired Oct. 1 from the Druid Hills Baptist Church, which earlier gave him a special plaque as it paid its own tribute to him and Mrs. Newton.

He closed his ministry on Sept. 29 with normal worship services, a baptismal service and the Lord's Supper; as he expressed it, "just us homefolks at our own meetinghouse."

Newton has held just about every position available to a Southern Baptist except president of the Baptist World Alliance, and he has been vice president of that.

He has been moderator of the Atlanta Baptist Association; president of the Georgia and Southern Baptist Conventions; co-founder and current president of Americans United for Separation of Church and State; co-founder and current executive vice president of the Georgia Council on Alcohol Problems; and has held numerous other denominational posts.

He received a special award from the SBC in 1955 for 25 years service on the SBC Executive Committee, and a special citation from the Georgia Baptist Convention in 1964 for sustained distinguished service.

He and Mrs. Newton will continue to live in Atlanta.

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Southern Seminary Adds
Two To News Bureau Staff

(10-1-68)

LOUISVILLE (BP)--James E. Ballard of Florence, S.C., and Gene Jester of Irving, Tex., have been named to direct the news bureau at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Ballard, a graduate of Furman University (Baptist) in Greenville, S.C., has been city desk reporter for the Florence (S.C.) Morning News, press representative for Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, and associate editor of the Maryland Baptist. Before coming to Southern Seminary this year, he was a social worker in Florence and was named "Civitan of the Year" by Florence Civitans for 1967-68.

Jester, like Ballard a first-year student in the seminary's school of theology, is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University with a degree in English. He has written for several Arkansas newspapers and served on the Ouachita publication staffs.

The two news writers succeed Bob Terry, who earlier this year became assistant editor of The Western Recorder, weekly newsmagazine of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

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Michigan Baptists Dedicate
Inner City Ministry Center

DETROIT (BP)--Michigan Baptists here have dedicated a new Baptist Center Building, after long delays, to house a multiple-service program of ministries to the inner city of Detroit.

The center, located on Cass Avenue not far from the area where rioting took place last year, was delayed by lack of funds, strikes, and building permits, said Fred D. Hubbs, executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan.

Hubbs, speaking of the many obstacles that had to be overcome in preparation and construction of the center, also commended the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and state convention officials for their "untiring efforts." He particularly commended Robert Wilson, director of the state convention's missions division, who directed the program.

A check for \$50,000 was presented by the state convention to the SBC Home Mission Board and given personally to Fred B. Moseley, assistant executive secretary of the board who was present for the dedication.

Clovis Brantley, assistant secretary of the department of Christian social ministries of the Home Mission Board, spoke at the dedication, saying, "Today we dedicate not just a building but a ministry."

Brantley told of having been in Detroit to see first-hand the great need for this type of ministry.

The center will house a variety of activities such as day-care for children, senior citizens ministries, hobby and craft classes, instruction classes in arts and sciences, worship facilities for the Cass Park Baptist Church, and offices and classrooms for the Michigan Baptist Institute.

A full-time director for the center will be named at a later date, but plans for the program are progressing nevertheless.

Congressman Charles C. Diggs of Michigan spoke briefly at the dedication services, pledging the support of his office and commending the beginning of the inner-city ministry.

The prayer of dedication for the facilities and people who work in it was led by M. D. Gadenhead, president of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan and pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.

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Louisiana Convention Board
Votes \$3.7 Million Budget

(10-1-68)

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP)--The Executive Board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention meeting here voted to recommend a record \$3.7 million budget to the convention when it meets in November.

Biggest share of the budget, \$1,126,850, would go to support Southern Baptist Convention world-wide mission causes through the Cooperative Program.

The \$3.7 million budget includes a base amount of nearly \$3.6 million for total operations, and an advance goal of \$111,295 pledged to ten areas of Louisiana Baptist work, with Louisiana College slated to receive 41 per cent of the total and the remaining 59 per cent going to nine other causes.

In other action, the Executive Board authorized Baton Rouge General Hospital (Baptist) to purchase a rest home for indigent and aged patients.

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Seven Seminary Profs
Take Sabbatical Leaves

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Sabbatical leaves have been granted to seven members of the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here during the current academic year.

Two professors are at Oxford University, England. They are James Leo Garrett, professor of Christian theology, who will be studying historical theology, and Clyde T. Francisco, John R. Sampey Professor of Old Testament Interpretation, who will concentrate on Old Testament studies.

Joseph A. Callaway, professor of Biblical archaeology, will be on leave during the first semester to continue work on an archaeological dig in the Middle East and to spend some time at the University of London in England.

Eric C. Rust, professor of Christian philosophy, will spend part of his first semester leave in England and the remainder at the Theological Union at Berkley, Calif., to continue his writing and research.

Wayne E. Oates, professor of psychology of religion, will spend this academic year on a research sabbatical in relation to the department of psychiatry at the University of Louisville. His project is in the area of the psychopathology of religion.

G. Maurice Hinson, professor of church music, will spend this year at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. and at other major libraries in the country to compile research on the history of American piano music.

All state university campuses in the Southeast will be toured by Sabin P. Landry, Jr., professor of religious education, as he examines the place of religion in the university and interviews university personnel, campus ministries, college town pastors, and students to determine the depth of student involvement in religious life.

Frank Stagg, James Buchanan Harrison Professor of New Testament Interpretation, will study at the University of Tuebingen, Germany, during 1967-68.

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Baptist Photographers
Win Georgia Contest

(10-1-68)

ATLANTA (BP)--Photographs by a Baptist Missions photographer of a modern high-rise apartment in Hawaii and an integrated class at a Baptist center in New Mexico took two of the first-place honors in a statewide photography contest here.

Home Mission Board photographer Don Rutledge won these top honors, in addition to a second-place award for a photograph of Caucasian and Oriental children at play.

Rutledge received nine honorable mentions in five categories of competition--feature, architecture, children, personalities and scenics.

Jimmy Wright, Home Mission Board darkroom technician, was given honorable mention in the spot news category, for a black-and-white photo of mules drawing the caisson of the late Martin Luther King Jr.

The contest was sponsored by the Atlanta Press Photographers Association and the Georgia Tourist Bureau as a part of the annual Southeastern Fair in Atlanta.

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CORRECTION

On story headlined "Youthful Texan Appointed Watts Missions Director," (9-26-68), please eliminate the parenthetical phrase "(now-dissolved)" in graph 2. San Quentin Prison is still operating, much to the inmates sorrow. Thanks.

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NEWTON GETS MULLINS AWARD: The retiring pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta, Louie D. Newton, (left) receives the E. Y. Mullins Denominational Service Award from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Duke K. McCall, president of the seminary, presented the plaque to the famed Baptist pastor during an appreciation dinner in Atlanta.
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