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BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE  
IS NO DEBATING SOCIETY

SAINT LOUIS, Mo.—(BP)—The Baptist World Alliance at Cleveland, July 22-27, cannot be a debating society, if the provisions of the constitution are kept, according to Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the Alliance.

The constitution definitely says in the preamble. "The Baptist World Alliance, extending over every part of the world, exists in order more fully to show the essential oneness of Baptist people in the Lord Jesus Christ, to impart inspiration to the brotherhood, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service and cooperation among its members, but this Alliance may in no way interfere with the independence of the churches or assume the administrative functions of existing organizations."

Dr. Johnson made the statement in response to the announcement of certain leaders that the reports of the various commissions would be debated. Dr. Johnson said he would have to rule that the commission reports were only findings and could only be received into the records of the Alliance without debate. "The Baptist World Alliance cannot become a platform for small groups to debate their differences," he said.

Most Baptist countries of the world will be represented at the Alliance, he said, although some of them only with a minimum number of messengers, due to currency restrictions. He gave as an example that of the original 150 applications from Great Britain only 30 had actually completed arrangements to attend. There will be no representatives from Russia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, the Russian Zone of Germany, unless D.P.'s and other Baptists now in exile attend.

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WAKE FOREST OFFERED  
TO SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

RALEIGH, N. C.—(BP)—North Carolina Baptists will sell their Wake Forest College property to Southern Baptists for \$1,600,000, for use as an eastern seminary. The decision was reached in a special one-day session of the convention April 27. The vote to sell was 3000 for and 15 against.

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NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS  
REJECT FEDERAL FUNDS

RALEIGH, N. C.--(BP)--North Carolina Baptists will not use federal funds to build a wing on their Winston-Salem hospital. A special convention, meeting here April 27, voted 3000 to 100 to instruct the Hospital Board to return federal funds already in hand to the U. S. government.

The action followed a recommendation of a large committee of leaders that was presented by Dr. Casper Warren of Charlotte, N. C. The recommendation also included provisions for the needed money to be raised by the Baptists of North Carolina. Special offerings are to be taken on the last Sundays of June and September. Provision was made for the convention to borrow any unraised needed balance.

The Hospital Board has in hand \$608,000 in non-governmental funds and the state has in hand \$225,000 earmarked for hospital construction. This leaves a total of \$668,000 of the needed \$1,500,000 to be raised in the special offerings. Dr. M. A. Huggins, state secretary, spoke in favor of the committees recommendations.

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BUILDING PROGRAM  
BEGINS AT GLORIETA

ALBURQUERQUE, New Mexico--(BP)--The Glorieta Assembly buildings will be of Spanish Pueblo style architecture, according to Dr. Lewis A. Myers, New Mexico Baptist editor. The first unit will be started soon and will cover a 300-acre area around a small lake. The buildings will be designed for effective leadership training. Money for the project must come from generous contributions east and west.

General plans for the first construction were worked out at a conference recently conducted here under the direction of Dr. John L. Hill, promotional secretary; Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board; Dr. Vaughn Rock, chairman, Western Assembly Committee; Dr. Harry Stagg, executive secretary, New Mexico Baptists; and Dr. S. M. Morgan, president, New Mexico Baptists. Altogether thirty-six leaders attended the conference. The group will make several recommendations to the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago.

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TWENTY-TWO GRADUATE AT  
GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY

BERKELEY, Calif.--(BP)--Spring commencement on May 1 will close the academic year of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary at Berkeley, Calif. The final exercise will be held in the seminary chapel on Monday morning, May 1, at 10:00 o'clock.

Dr. Lewis J. Julianel, pastor, First Baptist Church, San Francisco, will deliver the commencement address. The senior class gift will be presented by Dr. F. M. Powell, professor of church history and senior class sponsor.

Twenty-two graduates will receive the following awards:

Doctor of Theology: A. J. Hyatt, Howard M. Kinlaw, Charles O. Mashburn;  
Master of Theology: Madge Lewis; Master of Sacred Music: Landon E. Harper, Wilbur Felix Martin; Master of Religious Education: Rosemary Limbert, Truett D. Allen, Charles W. Christian; Bachelor of Divinity: Edward N. Garrett, Marvin H. Harris, Clyde L. Jackson, Sam N. Jones, Edward L. Lane, Walter Lloyd Phillips, W. D. Powell, Myron H. Stagg; Bachelor of Theology: Glen O. Wood; Bachelor of Sacred Music: Darlene Hall, Lila Fae Langford; Diploma in Christian Training: Billie Jean Brian, Gloria W. Stagg.

On Sunday evening, April 30, Dr. R. E. Milam, executive secretary of the Oregon Baptist Convention, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon in the seminary chapel.

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186,000 ADDITIONS  
IN WESTERN REVIVALS

DALLAS, Texas--(BP)--Conservative estimate based on incomplete reports of the simultaneous crusade west of the Mississippi River were 120,000 for baptism, 66,000 by letter, a total 186,000. The estimation was made by Dr. C. E. Matthews, director of the crusade, Friday, April 28.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: I will talk with Dr. Matthews again Wednesday, May 3, and will airmail you results of the conversation. --A.M.