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DR. ABERNATHY SAFE FROM KOREA
"NO BULLET HOLES, NO BAGGAGE"

RICHMOND, Virginia--(BP)--The John A. Abernathy family, Southern Baptists' only missionaries in Korea, arrived safely at Fukuoka, Japan, a few days after fighting started in the Seoul, the capital city. According to Baker James Cauthen, secretary to the orient, they came out with the army of evacuation without "bullet holes or baggage."

They will remain in Japan until the Korean situation clarifies. Meanwhile, according to Dr. Cauthen, plans for sending new missionary personnel to Japan are unchanged. There will be sailings of new missionaries in August as scheduled.

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DR. PRUDEN GREETED
BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN

WASHINGTON, D. C.--(BP)--At a reception honoring Dr. Edward H. Pruden, new president of the American Baptist Convention, the following telegram was read from President Harry S. Truman:

"I wish I could express my congratulations to Dr. Pruden on Friday evening at the reception honoring him as the newly elected President of the American Baptist Convention. It is certainly a high honor to come to him on the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry. Also congratulate him on the arrival of Edward Hughes Pruden, Jr."

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KOREAN WAR WILL NOT CHANGE
PREACHING MISSION TO JAPAN

RICHMOND, Virginia--(BP)--The preaching mission to Japan scheduled for this fall will be carried out despite the war crisis in Korea. The announcement was made by Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Southern Baptist foreign mission secretary for the Orient. "There is no change in plans at all," he said. "If we have an outbreak of a world war, of course, that would change it, but there is no question at all about the Japanese preaching mission. Now we are going right ahead with all plans for the preaching mission and sending out missionaries to Japan."

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THREE-FOURTHS OF SBC CHURCHES
ENROL UNDER 200 IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Nearly three-fourths or 72 per cent of all Southern Baptist churches have less than 200 members. Only one out of each 49 churches have Sunday schools with more than 1,000 enrolled. These figures were released by Porter Routh, director of survey and statistics for the Sunday School Board.

There are a total of 27,285 churches. 1,787 or 6.6 per cent have no Sunday school at all. 12,896 or 47.3 per cent have Sunday schools of 99 or less. 6,738 or 24.7 per cent have from 100-199. After that, the percentage abruptly drops: 2,313 or 8.5 per cent have 200-299; 1,073 or 3.9 per cent have 300-399; 635 or 2.3 per cent have 400-499; 439 or 1.6 per cent have 500-599; 309 or 1.1 per cent have 600-699; 239 or 0.9 per cent have 700-799; 163 or 0.6 per cent have 800-899; 137 or 0.5 per cent have 900-999 and 556 or 2 per cent have over 1,000.

A partial breakdown is as follows:

CHURCHES WITH SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN THE SBC 1949

State	Chs. With Enrol. 0-99	Chs. With Enrol. 100-199	Chs. With Enrol. 1,000 & Up
Alabama	1,520 59.7%	491 19.3%	34 1.3%
Arizona	30 44.1%	18 26.5%	1 1.5%
Arkansas	572 56.1%	208 20.4%	18 1.8%
California	96 42.7%	71 31.6%	1 0.4%
Dist. of Col.	1 2.9%	3 8.8%	6 17.7%
Florida	385 42.0%	226 24.7%	29 3.2%
Georgia	1,368 53.1%	576 22.4%	51 2.0%
Illinois	356 60.7%	121 20.6%	4 0.7%
Kansas	21 52.5%	13 32.5%	
Kentucky	1,062 47.7%	538 24.2%	38 1.7%
Louisiana	504 49.5%	270 26.5%	19 1.8%
Maryland	24 23.1%	34 32.7%	2 1.9%
Mississippi	875 53.8%	390 24.0%	19 1.2%
Missouri	1,028 61.3%	293 17.5%	20 1.2%
New Mexico	71 41.1%	39 22.5%	5 2.9%
North Carolina	982 33.7%	1,040 35.7%	39 1.3%
Oklahoma	447 41.7%	234 21.8%	37 3.5%
Oregon	11 47.8%	3 13.1%	
South Carolina	390 30.7%	398 31.3%	28 2.2%
Tennessee	1,204 48.2%	671 26.9%	40 1.6%
Texas	1,472 42.7%	736 21.4%	129 3.7%
Virginia	477 38.9%	365 29.7%	36 2.9%
TOTALS	12,896 47.3%	6,738 24.7%	556 2.0%