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Program Plans For Baptist World Congress Announced

WASHINGTON (BP)--The 12th Baptist World Congress meeting in Tokyo July 12-18 will feature major addresses by the president of the United Nations, Miss Angie Brooks of Liberia, by Mrs. Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King Jr., and by Evangelist Billy Graham.

Plans for the program for the congress were announced to the Baptist World Alliance administrative subcommittee meeting here by Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex., program chairman for the congress.

Mrs. Mathis told the administrative subcommittee that a total of 220 persons and groups from 65 countries will be listed on the program for the week-long congress in Tokyo.

In a dinner meeting, former Minnesota Governor Harold Stassen of Philadelphia told the group that the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo can be a vital factor for reconciliation in a tension-filled world.

Stassen said in a speech to the committee that the decade of the 1970's can be a decade of either confrontation or reconciliation.

"One of the forces for reconciliation will be the Baptist World Alliance and all the aspects of its work," Stassen said. "The Congress meeting in Tokyo right at the beginning of the decade can be a vital instrument for world harmony and peace in the 70's."

Theme for the congress is "Reconciliation through Christ," based on the scripture II Corinthians 5:19. About 8,000 Baptists from 70 countries are expected to attend.

It will be the first time a Baptist World Congress has met in Asia. William R. Tolbert, president of the Baptist World Alliance and vice president of the Republic of Liberia, will preside.

Miss Brooks, an active Baptist who is president of the United Nations, will speak on "Peace with Justice." Stassen, who now practices law in Philadelphia, will deal with the same subject in a symposium.

Theodore F. Adams, a past president of the alliance and retired pastor from Richmond, will bring the keynote address on "Reconciliation through Christ."

John W. Williams of Kansas City, Mo., a vice president of the alliance, will preach the congress sermon, and John Soren of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, another past president, will deliver the coronation address.

Mrs. Mathis said that the congress program will likely have the most international flavor in its history. A heavy emphasis is being placed on participation of Asia and Africa, she said.

Three of the major speakers are black, as is the president of the alliance.

Major speakers from Asia include Daniel Cheung of Hong Kong, Pauline Roberts of India and Lien Hau-Chow of Taiwan.

Asian choirs, a Javanese ensemble, and the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra will highlight the week's musical program, directed by Claude H. Rhea.

Other major speakers include David S. Russell of Great Britain, Gerhard Claas of Germany, David Lagergren of Sweden and Dr. Hervyn Himbury of Australia.

The congress will open on Sunday evening, July 12, and continue through Saturday evening, July 18. Morning and evening plenary sessions will meet in the Budokan, Tokyo's largest sports arena, and special interest sectional meetings will be held each afternoon.

In another major report before the alliance administrative subcommittee, BWA Relief Coordinator Frank H. Hoyke told the committee a total of \$154,400 was contributed to world relief efforts through the alliance during 1969, and that a total several times that amount was spent individually by member conventions and unions serving needs in their own domestic or foreign mission fields. Most went to the civil war area of Nigeria.

The committee named Chester J. Jump Jr., secretary of the American Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Societies, Valley Forge, Pa., as acting chairman of the alliance's relief committee. He will serve until a permanent chairman is elected at the Tokyo congress.

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SBC Missionaries Unaffected
By Rhodesian Consulate Closing

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RICHMOND (BP)--The decision of the United States to close its consulate in Salisbury, Rhodesia, is not expected to affect the work of 56 Southern Baptist missionary personnel assigned to that country, according to H. Cornell Goerner, SBC Foreign Mission Board secretary for Africa.

Goerner pointed out that Southern Baptist missionaries in Rhodesia work almost entirely among the blacks, who number nearly five million. There are about 225,000 whites in Rhodesia.

Southern Baptist missionaries entered Rhodesia in 1950 and their work has expanded rapidly. In Africa only Nigeria and Kenya outrank Rhodesia in the total number of Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to these countries.

Announcement of the planned U.S. diplomatic withdrawal followed closely Rhodesia's disclosure of a Republican Constitution to be effected April 10. The government, currently headed by Prime Minister Ian D. Smith, is representative of Rhodesia's white population.

Rhodesia's ministry of external affairs, reacting to the U.S. decision, issued a statement which read, in part:

"The U.S. government, in closing the consulate, is secure in the knowledge that their citizens will be safeguarded and their rights protected under our stable Rhodesian law and government."

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New Children's Consultant
Joins Baptist Board Staff

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Miss Ethel McIndoo has joined the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as a consultant in children's work for the church training department.

A native of Missouri, Miss McIndoo is a graduate of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Prior to joining the board's church training department, she was director of children's work and day school at First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.

She has served as superintendent of primary and junior work in the Sunday School department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and as director of children's work for churches in Texas and Louisiana.

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California College Trustees
Grapple With Fund Deficit

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RIVERSIDE, Calif. (BP)--Trustees of California Baptist College here discussed for several hours possible solutions to an anticipated operating deficit that may reach \$200,000 this summer, but adopted no measures to solve the problem.

The board accepted with regrets the resignation of J. L. Harden, business manager for 13 years, who told the trustees he no longer felt he had "the physical or mental stamina to continue facing the pressure and tensions of his job."

The summer financial deficit was anticipated since all the college's reserve funds were transferred into a building program for a gymnasium and two dormitories, and the college has borrowed \$90,000 against building campaign pledges yet to be paid.

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Income during the summer months is very low since the major portion of the college income is received during registration in September and January, the board was told. Since there are no operating reserves, the deficit this summer may run as high as \$200,000.

A recommendation that the college hold meetings in Baptist Association in California to try to raise funds for the school was referred back to a committee for further study. The last special offering campaign among churches in the state produced only \$17,000 and the most successful fund campaign produced only about \$50,000 the board was told.

In a preliminary report to the board, Richard Sanders, of Manteca, Calif., chairman of a special committee to study federal aid for the college trustees, said that his own ideas on federal aid were not the same as when he started the study.

He advised trustees that Baptists should recognize two "hang ups" on federal aid. One he identified as the belief that federal control always follows federal funds and a second is the belief that it is an infringement of religious liberty to use public tax funds to aid a religious institution.

Sanders said he did not believe that federal control is necessarily a problem but that he did not have an adequate answer to the second problem.

Sanders pointed out that his committee feels that the college is already subjected to considerable governmental regulation whether it accepts government aid or not.

In addition, Sanders continued, the college is already accepting at least six kinds of financial assistance including tax exemption, mail subsidy, income tax deductibility of gifts to the college, certain tax shelter on gifts, exemption from excise tax on travel for college purposes. This far more than \$400,000 of federal money has been channeled through the college for student loans and scholarships, he reported.

Sanders emphasized that his committee is continuing its study and that his report was an interim progress report only.

California Baptist College has been without a president since Loyed R. Simmons, a staunch opponent of federal aid to Baptist institutions, resigned effective Nov. 30, 1969.



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1970 Annual Meeting
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention

Denver Convention Center
May 31-June 1

THEME: Living the Christ Life

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, May 31
Convention Center Arena, 2:30 o'clock

Music and Missions

Commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Southern Baptist Convention

Hymn Festival--Directed by Claude H. Rhea Jr., chairman, fine arts division, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama and

Gene Bartlett, secretary, church music department, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Pianist, Kurt Kaiser, Word Inc., Waco, Texas

Organist, Fred Bock, Texas

Featuring Soloists of the Lawrence Welk Show--Norma Zimmer and Jim Roberts

Interpreting Theme, "Living the Christ Life"--W. A. Criswell, president, Southern Baptist Convention, and pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

"Into the 70's in Home Missions"--Bob Tremaine, pastor-director, Worcester Baptist Chapel, Worcester, Massachusetts

"Into the 70's in Foreign Missions"--Missionary appointees of the Foreign Mission Board

MONDAY MORNING, June 1
Convention Center Theater, 9:00 o'clock

Worship in Music and Prayer--Claude H. Rhea Jr., Birmingham

Organization

Business

"Into the 70's in WMU"--Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the SBC, Birmingham, Alabama

Commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Foreign Mission Board

"The Christ Life Worldwide--A Decade Design"

Film: "Missions...Impossible?"

"Yesterday and Tomorrow"--Winston Crawley, director, Overseas Division, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia

Testimonies--Foreign Missionaries

Solo: "Forward to Christ"--Sidney C. Reber, director, Management Services Division, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond

"The High Cost of Living"--Jesse Fletcher, director, Missions Support Division, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond

"The Christlife--Worldwide"

Testimonies--Missionary Appointees

"The Way Ahead"--Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond

Closing Meditation

MONDAY AFTERNOON, June 1
Convention Center Theatre, 2:00 o'clock

Worship in Music and Prayer--Claude H. Rhea Jr., Birmingham

Business

Commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board

"The ChristLife--in the Homeland"

Illustrated Dialogue: "The West That Was"

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board,
Atlanta, Ga.

Albert McClellan, program planning secretary, Southern Baptist Convention
Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee

"The West: A World Witness for the Church"

Wendell Belev, Atlanta, Georgia

Dewey Hickey, Valentine, Nebraska

LaVerne Inzer, Winnemucca, Nevada

Tommy Grozier, Bellevue, Nebraska

Roy Owen, Atlanta, Georgia

"The World of the West: Global Witness of Churches"

Don Kim, Los Angeles, California

Benjamin Duque, Pueblo, Colorado

Wilfred Chung, Sacramento, California

Theo Patnaik, San Jose, California

"The West: A Continuing Spiritual Frontier"--Kenneth L. Chafin, director, Evangelism
Division, Home Mission Board, Atlanta

"The Bigger Home Mission Frontier"--Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary, Home Mission
Board, Atlanta

Closing Meditation