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EASTERN DAILIES TAKE NOTICE BAPTIST SIMULTANEOUS REVIVALS

GREENVILLE, S. C.--(BP)--Eastern dailies are beginning to take notice of the 1951 Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade. The Greenville Piedmont here called it a typically Baptist undertaking and said that it might be a symptom of the religious revival expected by so many.

The editor said, "It will be a good thing for the religious life of this whole section and churches of other denominations will benefit. Anything that tends to stimulate interest in religion and to promote church activity benefits all churches and, through them, every phase of community life.

"The Baptists plan to leave no field untouched and no furrow unplowed.

"The 'Crusade' will reach a climax next March 25 through April 18 with simultaneous evangelistic services in all of the participating churches -- and the leaders plan to try to enlist every church in the campaign. But before that, there will be studies on prayer and on the evangelistic role of the Sunday school. A religious census will tabulate those who are not in church in preparation for trying to reach them...

"It is a good sign. Perhaps it indicates that mankind has learned that he is not sufficient unto himself and that he must seek assistance from a higher power.

"We are sure that all men of faith, regardless of their own religious beliefs, will wish the Baptists well in their 'Crusade.'"

Thomas L. Painter, chairman of publicity for the Greenville Association, reports that the editorial was not solicited.

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DR. MOORE, AT 80, CELEBRATES 60 YEARS AS BAPTIST MINISTER

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--The First Baptist Church here recently celebrated Dr. Hight C Moore's 60th anniversary of his ordination to the Baptist ministry. During the service the original ordination certificate of Dr. Moore was read. Written in bold Spencerian script it said that Moore had passed, a "full, fair, and deliberate examination."

Dr. Moore will be 80 years old in January. He is at present engaged in writing the 1952 Points for Emphasis. He has lived here since 1943 when he retired from the position of editorial secretary for the Baptist Sunday School Board.

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CRISWELL TAUGHT JAPANESE PASTORS
TECHNIQUE OF REVIVAL INVITATION

TOKYO, Japan--(BP)--W. A. Criswell, Dallas, released by his church for a short evangelistic tour of Japan, made a strategic contribution to Japanese religious life.

Not only did he win the lost but he taught the Japanese pastors the technique of revival, particularly the evangelistic invitation. American methods were adapted to fit the oriental mind and disposition. The form runs about like this: (1) Ask Christians to stand -- about one-third of crowd usually stand; (2) ask those who desire to declare now accept Christ as Saviour and Lord stand -- in churches about one-third crowd usually respond; (3) ask those who desire to learn of Christ who not ready to become Christian stand -- about half as many as make profession respond; (4) ask all who will to come to front as crowd sings, or if jam of people makes that impossible, ask them to remain after service and come to front where they will fill out cards and are given talk on what to do next; (5) missionaries and pastors follow up with visits and enrolment in Bible study classes before baptism.

Criswell preached in the provinces from Tokyo to the Southern tip of Japan. His results were spectacular. Normal response to his evangelistic invitation was around 100; 190 responded in a service at Osaka. His crowds varied from 1,000 to 2,000 and assembled in the city auditoriums.

If other Southern Baptist churches could follow the example of First Church, Dallas, in releasing their pastors for foreign evangelistic work, much could be done in winning the world to Christ.

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JAPANESE RESPONSE TO RELIGION
GENUINE, SAYS DUKE K. McCALL

TOKYO, Japan--(BP)--The response of Japanese to evangelistic preaching is genuine, declared Dr. Duke K. McCall, as he recently completed a missions tour of Baptist centers in this country. "The sincerity of those responding," he said, "is equal to that of those who respond in the average Stateside revival. It is not a crowd movement. The manner of standing indicates that and way they come forward -- the latter much more difficult for an Oriental than American. They are careful to distinguish between accepting Christ and being interested. We must remember the vacuum left by evaporation of faith in Shintoism. The people are looking for religion. They readily accept American statement about Christianity due to fact American conduct as conquerors so different from what they expected or would have done. They see daily the fruit of Christianity in American life."

In three different services every lost person present responded. More than 500 yielded to Christ in one invitation extended by Dr. McCall.

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MISSOURI BAPTISTS WITHDRAW FROM HOSPITAL FOLLOWING ACCEPTANCE OF GOVERNMENT MONEY

SAINT LOUIS, Mo.—(BP)—Missouri Baptists voted in their annual convention h re to withdraw affiliation from the Kansas City Baptist Memorial Hospital, following th action of the Kansas City Baptist Association. The hospital board of directors had accepted money from the federal government for enlargement purposes, an action deemed by Missouri Baptists to be a clear violation of the principle of separation of church and state.

The convention also voted to endorse a special campaign by Southwest College at Bolivar to raise \$350,000 for new buildings. Provision was also made to supply \$50,000 toward the completion of the Bible chair and BSU center at Columbia, adjacent to the campus of the University of Missouri.

Dr. T. W. Medearis, state superintendent of missions, announced that Cooperative Program gifts in the past 12 months were \$837,000 and that the 1,678 churches had baptised ^{24,082} people.

Dr. J. E. Rains, St. Louis, was re-elected moderator. T. W. Croxton, Sedalia, was elected assistant moderator, and Earl W. Harding, Warrensburg, recording secretary. The 1951 convention will meet at First Church, Springfield, Mo., October 30-November 1.

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DR. ELLIS A. FULLER DIES OF HEART ATTACK; STRICKEN WHILE PREACHING

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(BP)—Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, 59, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, died in San Diego, Calif., October 28, late in the afternoon. He had been ill since the evening before when he was stricken with a heart attack while preaching in the First Southern Baptist Church of San Diego. Mrs. Fuller was with him.

The Fullers had been in the West two and one-half weeks, vacationing, preaching, and visiting the western Southern Baptist conventions. Dr. Fuller had preached 15 times on the trip.

Funeral services were held, Thursday, November 2, from the chapel of the Seminary at Louisville.

Dr. Fuller is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and three children, Ellis A. Fuller, Jr., Sara Elizabeth, and Ida Lee.

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ELLIS A. FULLER

Born: Cross Hill, South Carolina, April 1, 1891

Parents: John Rhett Fuller and Ida Lee Fuller (nee Adams)

Brothers: Fred

Sisters: Vashti

Childhood Residences: Cross Hill, South Carolina (Laurens County)

Education:

Grade school, Cross Hill

Presbyterian College, A. B., 1912, with medals for oratory, chemistry, and scholarship, and several bids to play in minor baseball leagues.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Th.M., 1921.

Denominational Experience:

Head of Department of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, 1925-28.

President of Home Mission Board, 1928-42.

Chairman, Georgia Baptist Hospital Commission, 1938-42.

President of Georgia Baptist Convention, 1939-42.

Chairman, Executive Committee, 1940-42.

President of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1942-1950.

Member of Administrative Committee, Baptist World Alliance.

Member of Executive Committee, Baptist World Alliance.

Author:

Numerous articles for newspapers and magazines.

Clubs:

Conversation Club, Executives Club

Hobbies:

Horseback riding

Pastoral Experience:

1912-17, Various country churches in South Carolina

1918-21, Campbellsburg, Kentucky, Baptist Church

1922-24, South Main Baptist, Greenwood, S. C.

1924-25, Earle Street Baptist, Greenville, S. C.

1928-42, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia

Teaching experience:

1912-17, Taught school in S. C.

Marriage:

Elizabeth West Bates, Greenville, South Carolina, December 17, 1925.

Three children: Ellis A. Fuller, Jr., November 6, 1926; Sara Elizabeth, August 27, 1931; Ida Lee, March 2, 1936.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Duke K. McCall (Nashville, Tenn.) and Dr. W. A. Criswell (Dallas, Texas) are on a special mission to various existing and prospective Southern Baptist mission fields of the world. Following is one of Dr. McCall's reports from Nazareth, Israel.

ISRAEL: AN IMMORAL MIRACLE

By

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Southern Baptist Convention
Executive Committee

The new nation Israel is a miracle. In honesty I must add it is an immoral miracle.

For the people who have built a nation in just two years I have profound admiration. For the future of the nation I have great hope. For the way the nation began there must be some atonement.

Legally the Jewish claim on the land of Palestine is exactly the claim the descendants of the Indians, who sold Manhattan Island for some beads, now have on New York City. Most of Palestine belonged to Arabs who had inherited it for dozens of generations.

In the 1930's the Jews began to buy back the land. To protect the Arabs the British forbade such sales. The Jews resorted to terrorism to secure the land.

That over-simplified statement of the background sets the stage for Dier Es Siem. That is a little Arab village just outside of Jerusalem. The Jewish Stern Gang turned it into a slaughter house. The story of it belongs alongside of Lidice and Dachau. Hitler never sank lower.

Responsible Jewish leaders have disclaimed the Stern gang. I am sure they are sincere, but during the war with the Arabs they did not hesitate to use the story of Dier Es Siem to frighten the Arab population out of the land. The Jewish radio blared "Remember Dier Es Siem" and the Arab leaders fell into the trap. They ordered the Arab people to abandon their businesses, homes, farms, and flee for their lives.

Thus the visitor to Palestine is amazed to find whole villages and adjoining orchards abandoned. Homes, shops, goods, everything was left to be appropriated by the new nation.

Across the border the once prosperous Arabs live in refugee camps. These camps make the European D.P. camps, from which a million Jews have come to Israel, seem like a summer spent on a dude ranch. Unfortunately for themselves the Arabs are stupid propagandists. For example, they let me go where I pleased, talk with whom I pleased, but provided a police escort to see that I did not take any pictures of their horrible refugee camps. They are doing almost nothing for the Palestinian Arab who fled to them for refuge, and they do not want the world to know how badly they are treating their brothers.

Ten days spent driving all over Jewish Israel and Arab Trans-Jordan won all my sympathy for the Jewish people who have at last made a national home and won all my sense of justice for adequate recompense for the displaced Arabs. I approve of the United States' support of the nation Israel. Somewhere, however, our advocacy of human rights must remember the Arab. Otherwise we will become partners in stealing a land.

The Jews originally wanted to buy the land. The British tried to dam back the flow of history by refusing to allow it. The dam broke with tragedy for all. Now the word "immoral" must be wiped out of the miracle of the birth of a nation.

With most Christians I look upon the Jewish people as especially chosen and favored of God. I visited Israel not because I was interested in the new nation. I visited it because two thousand years ago in that land "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life." Jesus of Nazareth was that Son.

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I wish there was more religion in the new Israel. As Joe Cohen from Philadelphia told me in the Kibbutz, a collective farm, near Nazareth, "I am not here for any religious reasons. This is just the best way to live." Privately Joe's wife whispered to me, "Do not believe him. We both want our baby to be born here and grow up and help build a nation." I believed her. There is a tremendous amount of idealism which I hope is going to find a religious channel.

P.S.--The Christian workers in Israel are all pro-Israel. The Christian workers among the Arabs are all pro-Arab. That I advance as proof that there are two sides to the whole matter of Israel-Arab relations.