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Arab Baptist Leaders Address  
Southern Baptists in Israel

JERUSALEM (BP)--Four officers of the Council of the Association of Baptist Churches in Israel reviewed the work of the association during the annual meeting here of Southern Baptist representatives in Israel.

This was the first time that officers of the association have reported during annual sessions of the Baptist Mission, according to Mrs. Elizabeth F. Smith, press representative.

Yousef Qubty, chairman of the association, emphasized the need for the mission and association to work together. Qubty, a lay evangelist and teacher from Nazareth, and the other officers projected plans by which two organizations might jointly provide needs of the six churches, five chapels and other preaching points of the seven-year-old association.

"Everything we plan or do should be for one purpose, to bring men and women, Arabs and Jews to a saving "knowledge of Jesus Christ," said Qubty. "We must help our churches see that their duty is to lead all believers into fellowship and active service for him."

The four council officers heard reports from 10 mission committees working in areas of direct concern to the churches, and they jointed in discussions of the reports. All 26 Southern Baptist missionaries now in Israel attended the meeting.

Speaking for the mission, Moderator Chandler Lanier said: "It has been a definite step forward and a high point in this meeting to have these national leaders present to express themselves. In the future they should have a greater part in the program of the annual meeting," Lanier is from Macon, Ga.

William W. Marshall, missionary field representative for the Middle East, said "This event marks the reality of an energetic source of Baptist leadership from within Israel."

Marshall, who is based in Nicosia, Cyprus, spoke to the group on aspects of group dynamics, including attitudes toward God, others and self in relation to group life. Marshall is from Frankfort, Ky.

Among decisions made during the five-day meeting was the placement of several missionaries in new locations or new work, as yet unannounced. Policies affecting evangelism and church development and "a statement of financial encouragement to the local churches" were discussed. These are to be studied further in view of adoption and implementation, Mrs. Smith said.

Marcus C. Reed of Knoxville, Tenn., will succeed Lanier as moderator. Robert L. Lindsey will continue as chairman of the mission, and Mrs. Lindsey was elected secretary. They are from Norman, Okla. R. Lee Bivins of Atlanta is treasurer.

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**CORRECTION**

On BP story mailed 4/6/71, headlined "Three Missionary Families Evacuate East Pakistan," please add in the first names of missionaries listed in last two graphs of story. Graph 7, line 2, should read: Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Buckley of Picayune and Gibson, Miss.; and Thomas E. Thurman of Monticello, Miss. Mrs. Thurman is a native of McWilliams, Ala. Graph 8 should read: Mr. and Mrs. James F. McKinley Jr., are natives of Kentucky, he from Nora and she from Louisville. Carl E. Ryther is a native of Belle Fourche, S.D. and Mrs. Ryther was reared in Gonzales, Tex.

ON BP story mailed 4/5/71, headlined, "Charlotte Church Lets Contract On New Building, . . ." please change last word, graph 3 from "minutes" to "months." Thanks,  
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**Alaska Crusade  
Nets 450**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP)--A 14 day simultaneous crusade, here, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Alaska Baptist Convention, saw 450 additions to churches.

The annual event featured 36 evangelists from the "lower 48" states and realized 370 additions by baptism; 118 by letter; 14 by special service; and 880 rededications,

Prior to the crusade, representatives of the 38 churches, 20 missions and 11,000 members of the convention, met for a two-day evangelism conference at First Baptist Church, Anchorage.

Speakers for the conference included Chaplain Aubrey Halsell, one of 17 people who founded First Church; "Grandma" Tucker, 113-year-old Eskimo Christian who was converted at age 83; and "Aunt" Elsie Willock, 83-year-old widow of the first Eskimo Baptist deacon. The two women spoke, and sang in their native Eskimo tongue.

Eual Lawson, associate director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Division of Evangelism, directed the crusade. E. W. Hunke, former executive secretary of the Alaska Convention, participated. He is now western regional coordinator for the board.

Hunke, who was also state secretary of evangelism for five years, described this crusade as "one of the greatest meetings we have ever had." Many professions of faith were made by young people and many churches broke all time attendance records.

Besides the 36 evangelists, a lay witnessing team of 35 men from First Baptist, Ralls, Tex., paid their own expenses to assist in the revivals. They spread out into different churches giving personal testimonies.

The meeting marked the beginning of the distribution of *In This Land*, a history of the 25 years of Baptist work in Alaska, written by Mrs. E. W. Hunke.



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