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Woman's Missionary Union To Open with Hymn Sing

PHILADELPHIA (BP)--The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will open a week-long series of nation-wide Baptist conventions in June with a Sunday night hymn sing and keynote service.

The first event of the Southern Baptist Convention week, June 4-9, will be staged Sunday, June 4, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Philadelphia Civic Center, Convention Hall.

Though sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union, the opening session will seek to involve all Southern Baptists planning to attend the nation-wide Baptist meetings slated here that week, said Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex., president of Woman's Missionary Union.

Leaders of the Baptist groups holding national meetings during the week have pledged their support to the opening session, and will be special platform guests for the meeting, said Mrs. Mathis, director of the Student Union for Baylor University in Waco, Tex.

Keynote speaker for the opening session will be W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas and immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Criswell will speak on the WMU Convention theme, "Freedom's Holy Light."

First half of the Sunday evening meeting will be a hymn sing and a focus on the Philadelphia missions story, said Mrs. Mathis in releasing the proposed agenda for the WMU convention.

Music will be directed by Claude H. Rhea, dean of the School of Music for Samford University, Birmingham; Gene Bartlett, church music secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City; and C. V. Ford, pastor of First Baptist Church of Piney Grove, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., (affiliated with National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and American Baptist Convention).

Soloist will be Irene Jordan, internationally-known concert artist and soloist with the Metropolitan Opera Association.

A 40-piece symphony orchestra of New York musicians will also be featured. Conductor will be Buryl Red, composer, arranger and producer who heads BR Productions in New York City.

In addition, the Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma, directed by James D. Woodward of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, will perform "The Testament of Freedom."

A salute to Baptist beginnings in Philadelphia and an analysis of current Southern Baptist expansion in the area will be presented by Kenneth L. Chafin, director of the Evangelism Division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Following the opening Sunday night session, the Woman's Missionary Union will move its annual convention to the Academy of Music auditorium in downtown Philadelphia for all-day Monday sessions, June 5. Simultaneously, two other conventions will be in progress--the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference and the SBC Religious Education Association.

Astronaut James Irwin, a Southern Baptist who piloted the Apollo 15 lunar module, will address the women on the subject, "I Felt God's Presence on the Moon," during the Monday night session.

Two Southern Baptist foreign missionaries serving in world trouble spots will speak to the women. Dr. Roy McGlamery, staff physician at the Baptist hospital in Gaza, will address the Monday afternoon session; and James McKinley, missionary to Bangladesh, will speak Monday night.

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Closing speaker for the Monday morning session will be Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond.

The SBC Home Mission Board will field a panel of home missionaries and national mission leaders during each Monday session. The panels will discuss consecutively the roles of youth, ethnics, and churches in the northeast.

Panel leaders for the three topics will be M. Thomas Starkes, secretary of the board's department of interfaith witness; Oscar I. Romo, head of the board's language missions department; and F. J. Redford, secretary of the church extension department for the board. Nine SBC home missionaries serving in the northeast will participate on the panels.

Two other Home Mission Board officials will deliver major addresses. Warren Rawles will speak on the topic, "Drugs--Which Way America"; and Miss Beverly Hammack, will speak on the topic, "Poverty--Which Way America?" Both Rawles and Miss Hammack serve as assistant secretaries of the department of Christian social ministries.

A recently-published cantata, "The Freedom Song," will be presented Monday afternoon by the Children's Choir of First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va.; and an oratorio, "Candles of the Lord," will be performed Monday night by an interracial, intercultural choir organized by the Mary Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. The oratorio was commissioned for the 1972 centennial of the Maryland WMU organization.

Music for the Monday sessions will be directed by William R. O'Brien, Southern Baptist music missionary to Indonesia. Soloists will be Mrs. O'Brien, and Irene Jordan.

The women's convention will conclude Monday night with the president's address by Mrs. Mathis on the topic, "Woman's Missionary Union--Which Way?"

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Logue Elected President
Of State Student Directors

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LOS ANGELES (BP)--The heads of student work departments for Baptist state conventions meeting here elected Tom Logue, director of student department for the Arkansas Baptist Convention, as president of the State Baptist Student Directors Association.

Logue succeeds Joe Webb, director of the department of student work for the Florida Baptist Convention, as president of the organization.

For the first time, the organization named a president-elect who will take office next year.

Glenn Yarbrough, secretary of the department of student work for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, was named vice president and president-elect of the organization. Named secretary-treasurer was Wendell Foss, director of the department of student work for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

Most of the time for the meeting here was spent discussing trends in Baptist student work of mutual interest to the state directors, Yarbrough said.

Principal outside speakers for the meeting included Duane Pederson, editor of the Hollywood Free Paper, who led a discussion on the Jesus movement; and Ed Davis, chief of police for Los Angeles, who discussed campus security and disorder.

Other speakers included Culbert Rutenber, professor at American Baptist Seminary of the West, Covina, Calif.; Sidney Smith, director of cooperative Christianity for South Central Los Angeles and the California Baptist convention; Philip Landgrave, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; Clinton Phillips, director of California Family Studies Centers in North Hollywood, Calif.; and Charles Roselle, secretary of National Student Ministries, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

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1972 Annual Meeting
 WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
 Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention
 June 4-5, 1972, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Theme: Freedom's Holy Light

Sunday, June 4, 5:30 p.m.
 Convention Hall, Philadelphia Civic Center

Hymn Sing

Directors: Gene Bartlett, secretary, church music department, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City
 Claude H. Rhea, dean, School of Music, Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.
 C. V. Ford, pastor, First Baptist Church of Piney Grove, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
 Symphony Orchestra Conductor: Buryl Red, composer, arranger, producer and president of BR Productions, New York, N.Y.

Soloist: Irene Jordan, Metropolitan Opera, New Rochelle, N.Y.

Prayer--Carl Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.; president, Southern Baptist Convention

Special Presentation, "The Philadelphia Story"--Kenneth L. Chafin, director, Evangelism Division, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Expression of Christian Greetings--Porter W. Routh, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.

Greetings from the Baptist World Alliance--V. Carney Hargroves, president, Baptist World Alliance, Philadelphia, Pa.

Solo--Irene Jordan

Keynote Address, "Freedom's Holy Light"--by W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.

"The Testament of Freedom"--the Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma, directed by James Woodward, head of music department, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.

Benediction--John R. Bisagno, pastor, First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.; president, Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference

Monday, June 5, 9:30 a.m.
 Sessions at the Philadelphia Academy of Music

"To Thee We Sing"--music directed by William R. O'Brien, Southern Baptist music missionary to Indonesia

Soloist--Mrs. William O'Brien, missionary to Indonesia

Business

"Drugs--Which Way America?"--Warren Rawles, assistant secretary, department of Christian social ministries, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

"Youth in Missions in the Northeast"--M. Thomas Starkes, secretary, department of interfaith witness, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

James C. Wideman, US-2 missionary to Greenland, N.H.

Glen Iglehart, director of interfaith witness for the Northeast, Glen Ridge, N.J.

Mack Taylor, student worker at Harvard University and surrounding colleges, Peabody, Mass.

Woman's Missionary Union--Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala.

Solo--Irene Jordan

"He Sets the Prisoner Free"--Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

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Monday, June 5, 2:00 p.m.
Philadelphia Academy of Music

"To Thee We Sing"

"The Gaza Story"--Roy McGlamery, staff physician, Baptist Hospital in Gaza; medical missionary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board

Cantata, "The Freedom Song"--Children's Choir, First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va., M. F. Ellerbe, director

"Poverty--Which Way America?"--Beverly Hammack, assistant secretary, department of Christian social ministries, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

"Ethnics in Missions in the Northeast"--Oscar Romo, secretary, language missions department, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Rodolph Morgan, pastor, Atonement Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Jesus Martinez, language missionary, Home Mission Board, Rochester, N.Y.

Armando Silverio, language missionary among the Italians, Home Mission Board, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Business--Election of Officers

Solo--Irene Jordan

"Liberating the American Christian"--D. Elton Trueblood, author and lecturer, Richmond, Ind.

Benediction--Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary, Home Mission Board, Atlanta

Monday, June 5, 7:00 p.m.
Philadelphia Academy of Music

"To Thee We Sing"

"Churches in Missions in the Northeast"--F. J. Redford, secretary, department of church extension, Home Mission Board, Atlanta

Robert Fling, pastor-director, Southern Baptist mission work in Westchester County, Hartsdale, N.Y.

James A. Wright Jr., missionary to Spanish speaking people, Manchester, Conn.

Samuel G. Simpson, pastor-director, Bronx Baptist Church, Bronx, N.Y.

Paul Glenn, US-2 missionary, Westmont Baptist Chapel, Johnstown, Pa.

Introduction of Speaker--William H. Rittenhouse, pastor, Nassau Bay Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

"I Felt God's Presence on the Moon"--James Irwin, astronaut, Houston, Tex.

Solo--Irene Jordan

"The Bangladesh Story"--James McKinley, Southern Baptist missionary to Bangladesh

Oratorio, "Candles of the Lord"--presented by Maryland Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Frank A. Downing, Baltimore, Md., director

"Woman's Missionary Union--Which Way?"--Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union; director, Student Union, Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

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