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**Catholic Bishops Approve Participation in Key '73**

ATLANTA (BP)--The National Council of Catholic Bishops meeting here voted to approve Catholic participation in Key '73, a nationwide evangelistic effort in 1973 involving more than 130 denominations and Christian groups, including Southern Baptists.

The vote by the bishops, approving a motion by Bishop Charles H. Helmsing of Kansas City, Mo., was unanimous.

Cardinal John J. Carberry of St. Louis spoke in support of the motion, pointing out that each participating denomination is free to observe the crusade in its own way.

Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Evangelism Division Director Kenneth Chafin, who is coordinating plans for Southern Baptist national promotion of Key '73, said he was delighted at the announcement of Catholic participation, and felt a mass movement in 1973 of both Catholics and Protestants would be "tremendous."

"There is a moving of the spirit of God among lay people throughout the nation today, and this represents participation in a very well defined project aimed at involvement in witnessing and evangelistic thrust by Christians of all evangelical persuasion," Chafin said.

Though there are 130 denominations, groups and organizations participating, each will decide how it is to participate, and no denomination is asked to affirm the theology or methodology of any other participant.

The Catholic action to participate in Key '73 was taken during the first meeting of the bishops which was open to the press. Two Southern Baptists attended as observers and reporters-- C. Brownlow Hastings of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of interfaith witness, and George Sheridan, associate editor of the Christian Index.

In other actions, the Catholic bishops voted to keep a watchful eye on the development of what generally is called "the charismatic movement" among Catholics. The bishops said they would neither encourage it enthusiastically or discourage it.

A report on the movement to the bishops expressed concern over such elements as emotionalism and anti-intellectualism in the movement. But it approved emphasis on "prayer, individual holiness, the concept of ongoing conversion and devotion to the Church and the sacraments."

On the controversial subject of abortion, the bishops approved a report from Terrance Cardinal Cooke of New York taking exception with the President's Commission on Population Growth which recommended approval of a nationwide "abortion on demand" bill. The bishops called the proposal "immoral and dangerous."

Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton of Detroit expressed support for Cardinal Cooke's report, but asserted that the bishops should be equally concerned with the preservation of the dignity of human life outside as well as within the womb.

Bishop Gumbleton claimed the report stressed abortion while ignoring the war in Vietnam. The bishops' opinions on abortion would be "more persuasive" if they consistently opposed other forms of "disrespect and disregard for human life," the Detroit bishop said.

Much of the bishops' time was occupied with the financial plight of Catholic schools. The President's Commission on Non-Public Education has recommended help for the parents of children attending non-public schools in the forms of tax credit for tuition payments, voucher plans or tuition reimbursement plans, according to Auxiliary Bishop William E. McManus of Chicago, a member of the commission and chairman of the bishops' committee on education. (MORE)

Bishop McManus said the commission felt these were the only feasible ways of providing federal aid that would stand up in the courts.

The bishops voted to make next spring's National Council of Catholic Bishops conference a series of district meetings rather than a single general session. There were 75 members of the press and 23 Catholic observers attending the first open session of the bishops' organization.

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Anita Bryant to Sing  
During SBC Program

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RICHMOND (BP)--Singer Anita Bryant and Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen will share the platform with newly appointed missionaries during the board's program at the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, June 8.

Miss Bryant will provide special music, and Cauthen will deliver a missions message. The missionaries will be introduced and one will give his testimony.

The missionaries will carry flags of their appointed countries as they enter the convention hall. Solos by Miss Bryant, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," and "I'll Tell the World that I'm a Christian," will be illustrated pictorially for the audience.

New missionaries will be presented by Louis R. Cobbs, the board's personnel secretary.

SBC President Carl Bates of Charlotte, N.C., will lead a prayer of dedication prior to Cauthen's message and Miss Bryant's concluding song.

Accompanying Miss Bryant will be Gloria Roe, pianist, composer and recording artist.

Miss Bryant and her husband-manager, Bob Greene, are active members of Northwest Baptist Church in Miami.

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SBC Home Mission Board  
Names Career Missionaries

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ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board of Directors has appointed three new career missionaries, one to serve in Baltimore, Md., and a missionary couple to work in Atlanta.

Appointed as a field worker in Baltimore was Miss Bobbie Jean Murphy, a native of Montgomery, Ala.

Miss Murphy, a graduate of Alabama State College in Montgomery and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, previously directed the Baptist Center and served as a summer missionary for the Madison Baptist Association, Huntsville, Ala.

Other new appointees include Terry and Rebecca Moncrief, Christian social missionaries in Atlanta. Moncrief, an Augusta, Ga., native, is director of the Clark Howell Techwood Baptist Center in Atlanta. He is a graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta; Southern Seminary, and University of Georgia, Athens.

A native of Union, Miss., Mrs. Moncrief is a graduate of the Gilfoy School of Nursing, Union, Miss.; and the University of Alabama. She also attended Southern Seminary.

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## Southern Baptists Win 11 Religious PR Awards

FORT WORTH (BP)--Southern Baptists walked away with the largest number of awards during the 1972 Paul M. Hinkhouse national, interfaith honors competition sponsored here by the Religious Public Relations Council (RPRC).

Six Southern Baptists, led by J. Eugene White of Thomasville, N.C., won 11 awards in the competition. Following closely in the number of awards won were representatives of the Church of the Brethren who won 10 awards, and Methodists, with seven.

The awards were presented during the 43rd annual convention of the Religious Public Relations Council, an interfaith organization of religious communicators, at the Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel here.

White, former editor of Charity and Children, publication of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc., collected three awards, including one of four grand prizes given for the best in each class.

His "Cold Turkey Campaign" on drug prevention won White both first place in the public relations campaign category and a plaque and \$125 cash award for best in its class.

A television spot from the Cold Turkey Campaign was second in the television spot category. The same spot finished second a week earlier in San Antonio in the annual awards competition of the Baptist Public Relations Association.

Other Southern Baptist RPRC winners were Ed Malone and Clarence Duncan of the SBC Radio and Television Commission here; John Earl Seelig of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here; John Boskas of the SBC Annuity Board, Dallas; and Robert O'Brien of the public relations department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas.

Malone won first place in radio spots and a second place in radio programs ("Powerline"). Seelig won the booklet category and finished second to White in the public relations campaign category.

Duncan had two second places in television series (for "Home") and newsletters (for "The Beam").

Boskas received first in feature writing and O'Brien was second in newswriting.

Southern Baptists were also among speakers, workshop leaders and planners for the three-day meeting.

In a major address, Clyde Fant, professor of preaching at Southwestern Seminary, chided "insiders" of any denomination who pressure religious public relations practitioners to communicate in inside terminology at the expense of true communication.

Speaking at a banquet to honor representatives of the secular press, Fant said public relations people should be allowed to "build bridges of communications to the public--the people they are trying to reach."

He characterized the religious public relations worker as one who "stands at the door" between the religious and secular worlds and tries to see enough of both groups to create mutual understanding.

Fant also warned against pressure for a religious communication that is so predictable and distant from the lives of secular man that it fails to produce creative communication.

Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the SBC Radio-TV Commission, told RPRC delegates who visited the commission that "electronic communication is the best weapon the church has in its struggle for the heart of man. But its potential is such that today's seemingly sophisticated satellite system will be tomorrow's model-T."

In other awards presented, the council honored with "Merit Awards" the Los Angeles Times, Dallas Times Herald, Washington Post, Nashville Tennessean and the Associated Press for "outstanding religion coverage," and honored ABC-TV and its news department for "Religion in America Today," and CBS-TV for a three-part series on the black church.

Named as RPRC fellows were Dan Thrapp and John Dart of the Times, Martha Man of the Times Herald, Betty Medsger and William R. MacKaye of the Post and William A. Reed of the Tennessean and George Cornell of the AP.



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