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Brazilian Pastor, Moyers, Chafin,
Fletcher Slated to Address WMU

PORTLAND (BP)--A nationally-known commentator on the American scene and former White House press secretary, a flaming Brazilian evangelist-pastor, a missions executive and the anchor man of the new Baptist televangelism series will deliver major addresses at the Southern Baptist Women's Missionary Union annual meeting here June 10-11.

The WMU convention will meet here Sunday evening, June 10 through Monday evening, June 11, preceding the Southern Baptist Convention June 12-14.

Major speakers for the women's meeting will be Bill Moyers, public affairs commentator for the Public Broadcasting System (PBS); Nilson do Amaral Fanini pastor of the First Baptist Church of Niteroi, Brazil; Jesse Fletcher, director of the Missions Support Division for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; and Kenneth L. Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, and host for the television series, Spring Street USA.

Theme for the session will be "All Things Are Made New," according to Mrs. R.L. Mathis, of Waco, Tex., president of WMU. The theme points to the possibility for individuals to find new life, new attitudes, and fresh awareness in Christ, Mrs. Mathis said.

Moyers, former press secretary to President Lyndon B. Johnson and later publisher of News-day in Garden City, N.Y., will address the convention on Monday evening, June 11, on the topic, "Listening to America 1973," a sequel to his best-selling book, Listening to America.

Chafin, former director of the Division of Evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board who currently is host on the television series sponsored by the mission agency, will be the keynote speaker for the opening session on Sunday night. Chafin's topic will be, "Making Things New Again."

The flaming Brazilian evangelist-pastor, Nilson Fanini, will be the lead speaker Monday morning. Fanini, pastor of the church in Niteroi across the bay from Rio de Janeiro, will tell Southern Baptists how their foreign mission efforts have taken root and are flourishing in Brazil.

In the major Monday afternoon address, Fletcher of the Foreign Mission Board will sketch the trends and challenges confronting foreign missions in an address on the topic, "As New as Tomorrow."

Immediately following the Sunday night service slated at the Memorial Coliseum, a reception will honor the Northwest Baptist Convention on its 25th anniversary. Portland area Southern Baptist churches will join the convention for their evening services.

The anniversary celebration, slated in the adjoining exhibit hall, will feature entertainment by the Spring Street Singers, a musical group starring in the television series Spring Street USA, and by Jerry Clower, country comedian and Southern Baptist layman from Yazoo City, Miss. Hosts for the celebration will be the WMU and SBC Home Mission Board, with June Whitlow, WMU Education Division Director, as coordinator.

In addition to Chafin's address during the Sunday evening program, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goad, newly appointed missionaries en route to Vietnam, will speak, along with several home missionaries.

In the first of four presentations on language missions in the west, Oscar Romo, language missions secretary for the Home Mission Board, will present four home missions workers for testimonies.

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They are Joe Vasques, now of San Francisco, Calif., who developed ministries among Spanish-speaking people in Portland; Fanny and Christine Toledo, young Indian singers from Gallup, N.M.; Willie Johnson, an Eskimo pastor in Anchorage, Alaska; and David Saludez, staff member of the Kalihi Baptist Church in Honolulu, Hawaii.

In addition, on Sunday evening, "Ministry 73," a group of singers from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will present a concert. The group is directed by Phillip Landgrave.

For three Monday sessions the WMU will move to Portland's Civic Auditorium. Session times will be 9:30, 2:00, and 7:30. Each session will begin with a theme meditation by Mrs. T. Marshall Collins, pastor's wife and WMU leader from Dothan, Ala.

A foreign missionary will speak each session with the topic, "There's a New World Coming." They are Marjorie Jones, Brazil, morning session; Mrs. Carlos Owens, Tanzania, afternoon; and Mrs. Charles Love, Guyana, evening.

The Home Mission Board will continue at each session to present representatives of its language missions work in today's west. Speakers and musicians will be backed up by multi-media introductions.

Home missions speakers in the morning session will be Irvin Dawson, of the board's language missions department; Harold Heiney, home missionary working with Indians at Wounded Knee, S.C.; Mrs. Irene Stark, leader in work with the deaf in Renton, Washington; Mrs. Huron Polnac, home missionary in Boise, Idaho; and Mrs. Fern Powers, who works with international seamen in Olympia, Wash.

Home missions representatives in the afternoon session will be Chinese Baptists from California. The evening home missions presentation will be totally electronic.

Alma Hunt of Birmingham, executive secretary of WMU, will speak Monday afternoon on "Lifting the Veil of Yemen." She will report on her recent travels among missionaries in the Middle East.

Mrs. Mathis, who serves as president of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance as well as WMU president, will speak Monday evening. Her address will report on a tour among Baptist women in Asia, including Vietnam. Her topic will be "Rising from War Ashes."

A multi-media panel report Monday morning will announce plans for and progress on Giant Step, WMU's enlistment-enlargement campaign. Panel participants will be Mrs. I.W. Bowen, III, Forsyth, Ga., president of Georgia WMU; Mrs. Hughes Scherff, Clarksburg, Mo.; president of Missouri WMU; Mrs. Gilmer Cross, Lexington, N.C. president of North Carolina WMU and Mrs. Lee N. Allen, Birmingham, public relations director for the WMU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Baptist Press will mail the complete agenda for the WMU convention next week.

Texas BSU Group Leads
Outreach in Los Angeles

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NACOGDOCHES, Tex. (BP)--A contingent of 212 Baptist Student Union members from Stephen F. Austin College here have returned from a one week trip to Los Angeles which may result in formation of Baptist Student Union organizations on a dozen California campuses.

The students visited 22 Los Angeles area campuses at the invitation of California State BSU Director Wendell Foss. They reportedly witnessed individually to some 10,000 students.

The trip was part of an emphasis by BSU directors of state Baptist conventions and the National Student Ministries at the Baptist Sunday School Board to provide evangelistic outreach to campuses in new convention territories.

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Eleven other Texas BSUs have traveled outside Texas to assist campuses but "the Stephen F. Austin trip is the largest single evangelistic effort launched by one college campus to other college campuses we know anything about anywhere," said Charles Baker, Texas Baptist Student Division associate who helped train the students for the trip and accompanied them.

Foss invited the Stephen F. Austin group to return next year for a similar emphasis in San Francisco which would mean, he said, they could cover 70 per cent of the colleges in California during the two visits.

The Stephen F. Austin BSU choir, the New Dimension, performed the Christian musical, "Celebrate Life," in two churches and divided into five musical groups to perform and give testimonies in some 30 Los Angeles area Baptist churches.

"We got a tremendous response from the California pastors," said George Louterback, Stephen F. Austin's BSU director.

"Many of the Baptist church people there didn't know much about the BSU program," he said. "They don't have many college students in their churches and only two BSU directors serve some 90 campuses in the Los Angeles area."

Some 25 known professions of faith resulted from the personal encounters on the campuses, including a member of the nationally ranked Long Beach State basketball team, according to Baker.