

PRESIDENT OF SBC WOMAN'S GROUP
RETURNS FROM EUROPEAN TRAVELS

NORFOLK, Va. --(BP)-- A new vision of the opportunity and responsibility of Baptists to the need in Europe was the result of the European visit of Mrs. George R. Martin, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention, following her trip to London for the meeting of the Women's Administrative Committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

Mrs. Martin, chairman of the Alliance Committee, was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Edgar Bates of Canada, the program chairman of the committee.

After the London meeting, attended by representatives from Australia, Africa, Europe, Latin America and North America, the tour continued to Spain, Rome, Germany and Zurich, Switzerland. Mrs. Martin reports that plans were made in the London meeting for the World Day of Prayer this year in December and plans were started looking toward the Jubilee program for 1955.

The visit to Spain, a land where a permit is required to conduct religious services, reassured Mrs. Martin that "this country is a 'must' in our missionary program."

In Switzerland, the grounds of the International Seminary in Zurich were visited and in Rome they saw the new Armstrong Memorial School.

More than 600 women, some twenty-five or thirty of them from the East Zone, -- all starved for the fellowship of Christians from other communities -- came to meet them in Berlin. In Hamburg, they met with the European Baptist Women's Executive Committee in the Baptist Seminary there.

In commending the strong faith of these German women, Mrs. Martin says that it has been a "tremendous factor in German recovery and our Baptist women are playing an important role in the spiritual as well as physical rehabilitation of their country."

Again going back to the responsibility of Baptists at home, she says, "Several convictions grip me at the moment and I pass them on to you. First, we must continue and strengthen our lines of contact with the Baptist women in Europe and in all nations of the world. If firmly established, these lines will hold, even though we are separated by iron curtains.

"Second, we must exercise our rights and assume our responsibilities as Christian citizens. The world watches fearfully while the foreign policy of the nation, which bears the responsibilities of world leadership, is being tossed around. We, the people, can demand the right foreign policy. We can and if we truly want peace, we will!

"Third, we owe European Christians -- yes, European Baptists -- a great debt, because from their shores came the gospel to North America. Shall we withhold from them now, in their need, anything? God is calling us to share with them until out of the shadows of night their land rolls into light -- and it is daybreak everywhere!"

LACKEY SUCCEEDS POTTER AS
OKLAHOMA STATE SECRETARY

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. --(BP)-- Dr. Thomas B. Lackey was elected executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma recently following the death of Dr. Andrew Potter, state secretary for eighteen years. Dr. Lackey had served as assistant executive secretary for five years.

A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Dr. Lackey was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by that school in June of last year. Before coming to the state executive offices, he was pastor of the Nogales Avenue Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for four years.

Dr. Lackey was born in Arkansas in 1906 but moved to Oklahoma while a boy. He was ordained twenty-five years ago in a southeastern Oklahoma town. His Oklahoma pastorates prior to 1934 when he became a district and general missionary for the state convention included Stuart, Krebs, Indianola, Shawnee, McAlester and Bowlegs. He was a state missionary until going to Nogales Avenue in 1942 and returned as assistant executive secretary in 1946.

No successor to Dr. Lackey as assistant has been named.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED
IN DENVER, COLORADO

DENVER, Colo. --(BP)-- Denver Temple Baptist Church was organized in Denver, Colo., late in the summer with sixty-one charter members and 102 people present for the first service. Most of them were Southern Baptist families who sought help from Texas and Arizona Baptists in helping them to organize.

D.A. Bryant, a former resident of Denver and until recently pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kerrville, Texas, has been called as pastor. He led in the organization of the church.

The congregation is meeting in a funeral home building until permanent property can be secured. The church will affiliate with the Utah Association which is a part of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona.

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