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**Baptists Are Summoned to  
Exert Influence in Areas of Need**

CHICAGO (BP)--Representatives of seven Baptist conventions in the United States and Canada have called upon Baptists of North America "to exert a dynamic new spiritual, moral, and social influence in the communities and areas of critical need."

The group met in Chicago at the call of Kenneth L. Chafin of Houston, North American regional director of the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ, a program of the Baptist World Alliance.

Joseph B. Underwood of Richmond, Va., international chairman of the Mission of Reconciliation, reported that 98 Baptist conventions and unions in 85 countries are participating in the worldwide movement which will reach its climax in 1975.

Participants at the Chicago conference issued the following statement suggesting positive ways in which churches may be involved:

"Rejoicing that Baptists, irrespective of race or nationality enjoy a new sense of brotherhood in their common faith and commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ, we therefore call upon all Baptist churches and conventions of North America to engage in a more meaningful relationship of joint ministry and witness and in sharing our resources and strengths for the mutual benefit of all.

"Possible activities for church involvement include:

- "1. A prayer partnership with churches of other countries and conventions.
- "2. Mass distribution of scripture related to the reconciliation theme.
- "3. Lay evangelism training and practice.
- "4. Interracial fellowships and Bible studies.

"The committee prays that church members may be so involved that real achievements in bridging chasms of misunderstanding can be realized by the time of the Baptist World Congress in Stockholm in 1975."

Baptist groups represented at the meeting were the Baptist Federation of Canada, the Baptist General Conference of America, the General Association of General Baptists, the North American Baptist General Conference, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Churches in the USA, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Baptist World Alliance.

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Southern Baptists  
"Invade" Germany

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DALLAS (BP)--Germany, which drew the wrath of the mightiest armada in history on "D" Day, 1944, will receive a vastly different invasion force from the United States on "D" Day, 1973.

A Christian armada of nearly 400 Southern Baptists from four states has left Dallas to "invade" the Rhineland for two weeks, but instead of tanks and guns, their weapons are Bibles and their ammunition is the love of Jesus.

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Spearheaded by two plane loads of Christian lay people from 21 churches in Texas, Tennessee, Kansas and Kentucky, the Baptists will preach throughout Germany and tell what Christ has done for them, said W.H. Jackson Jr., director of the Dallas-based World Evangelism Foundation (WEF).

The "New Life Crusade" sponsored by WEF and churches of the German Baptist Union, said Jackson, follows a similar pattern to an evangelistic crusade held in Spain in November, 1971.

According to reports, Protestantism had been forced underground in Catholic Spain, but many people were shocked by Time magazine's report that the Spanish government and Catholic Church "outdid each other" in greeting the 238 visitors from America.

World evangelism leaders said 386 emissaries for Christ will divide into evangelistic teams to speak in 21 churches and witness for Christ in public places.

The group included the choir from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., the New Californians singing group of San Diego and several celebrities including former olympic wrestler Shelby Wilson of Boulder, Colo., the Ohman Brothers trumpeters of Royal Oaks, Mich., and Negro spiritual singer Willa Dorsey of Portland, Ore. Miss Dorsey gave a previous concert before a capacity crowd in Dusseldorf in 1971.

Most of the Southern Baptists come from churches in Texas including the Forest Meadow and Bethany Baptist Churches of Dallas; Bacon Heights, Lubbock; East Fourth, Big Spring; and the First Baptist Churches of Merkel, Friona, El Paso, Seminole, Kermit and Munday. Also a team will go from Dallas Baptist College.

Other teams come from the Richland, East Park and Poplar Avenue Baptist Churches, Memphis, Tenn.; the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Wichita, Kan.; and from Hopkinsville, Ky.

Jackson said a group of German Baptists will return the visit, preaching in churches in the United States in 1975 or 1976.

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Raley Leaves Ohio  
For Michigan Post

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP)--Charles E. Raley, director of Sunday School work in the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio since 1967, has resigned to accept an administrative post with the John Wesley College in Owasso, Mich. He joined the convention staff in 1965.

Raley received the A.B. degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and the B.D. and M.R.E. degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

A native of Illinois, Raley has held pastorates in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky.

While Sunday School director, Raley visited 300 of the nearly 500 churches and missions in Ohio, saw the number of Vacation Bible Schools double, and developed the church music emphasis that led to a separate department promotion in the field of music in Ohio.

Raley will assume his duties in the Michigan college on July 26, 1973.

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