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**39 Missionaries Appointed
To Serve in 17 Countries**

RICHMOND (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board added 39 new persons to its overseas force during its July meeting here. This number, combined with 75 missionary journeymen expected to be commissioned in July, will be a record increase of missionaries in a single month.

"The appointment of such a large number of new missionaries is due to accelerated gifts to foreign missions and to an increased interest among Southern Baptist young people and young adults," said Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the board.

The new missionaries include four who have previously served as missionary journeymen, three who are children of missionaries, and two who were previously US-2 home missionaries.

In other actions, the board appropriated the final \$2,191,646 of the record \$19,664,972 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to the seven administrative areas of overseas mission work, appropriated \$2,400 for famine relief in drought stricken West Africa, and approved an additional \$60,000 in emergency compensation adjustments in 25 countries. This was another in a recurring series of such adjustments since the first dollar devaluation in 1971.

The board also paid tribute to the late L. Howard Jenkins who was a board member for 48 years including 30 years as president before ending his tenure in 1963. Jenkins died in June.

H. Cornell Goerner, the board's secretary for West Africa, presented a report about the trend toward Africanization and self-support among churches and institutions in West Africa, particularly Nigeria.

The 15 new missionary couples, three single missionaries, two missionary associate couples, and one special project couple were appointed in a night service in the chapel at board headquarters here following an afternoon business session. They will serve in 17 foreign countries.

Appointed as missionaries were Miss Virginia R. Adian of Fort Worth, Tex., to East Africa; Mr. and Mrs. John Anthony of Montgomery, Ala., to the Middle East; Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Crane of Rocky Mount, N.C., to Southeast Asia; Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Hawkins of Archer City, Tex., to Venezuela; Mr. and Mrs. Larry N. Keaton of Gastonia, N.C., to Spain; Mr. and Mrs. Jim H. Lassiter of Fort Worth, Tex., to Vietnam.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Michael Newton of Broussard, La., to Korea; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. (Pat) Patterson of Chestertown, Md., to Ecuador; Miss Ann Pearce of Dillon, S.C., to Paraguay; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Perry of Excelsior Springs, Mo., to Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold A. Peterson of Stockton, Mo., to Korea; Mr. and Mrs. Gene A. Phillips of Garner, N.C., to France.

And, Dr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Pirtle of Brunswick, Ga., to Yemen; Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Rhoads of Kansas City, Mo., to Korea; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schellenberg of Friendswood, Tex., to East Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shehane of Tishomingo, Okla., to the Leeward Islands; Miss Betty Ann Smith of Roanoke, Va., to Brazil; and Mr. and Mrs. Don B. Snell of Dothan, Ala., to Trinidad.

Employed as missionary associates were Mr. and Mrs. Bob J. Daugherty of Nashville, Tenn., to Japan; and Mr. and Mrs. Major C. McDaniel Jr., of Natchez, Miss., to Korea.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold E. Mitchell of Pine Bluff, Ark., were employed as special project dentists to Bowswana.

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North Carolina Again
Leads SBC Registration

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NASHVILLE, (BP)--Final tabulation for the Southern Baptist Convention June meeting in Portland, Ore., indicates that North Carolina provided 1,042 of the 8,871 "messengers" registered.

Attendance at the meeting was the lowest since 1951 when 6,493 Baptists registered at San Francisco.

A record high of 16,678 for the convention was set in 1969 at New Orleans.

Officials commented that the low attendance this year was due to the convention city being at a distance from southern and southeastern states which have large Baptist populations.

The big North Carolina delegation was due to the convenience of several chartered planes from that state, officials said.

There were 1,398 registered from North Carolina at the 1972 meeting of the convention in Philadelphia, constituting the largest state group there also.

Texas Baptists were the second most numerous group at the Portland, with 940 registered, according to W. Fred Kendall, convention registration secretary.

The Northwest Baptist Convention, hosting the 1973 meeting, covers two states and provided the third largest delegation with 625 registered, 225 from Oregon and 400 from Washington.

Close behind were California, 548; Alabama, 528; South Carolina, 516; and Tennessee, 514.

Others, in order, were: Virginia, 447; Georgia, 445; Missouri, 399; Oklahoma, 355; Kentucky, 349; Mississippi, 336; Florida, 285; Louisiana, 275; Arkansas, 185; Illinois, 172; New Mexico, 140; and Arizona, 106.

Also, with registration less than 100 each, were: Indiana, 85; Colorado, 85; Kansas, 79; Ohio, 78; Maryland, 70; Utah-Idaho, 68 with 22 from Utah and 46 from Idaho; Northern Plains, 67 with 7 from North Dakota, 13 from Wyoming, 22 from South Dakota, and 25 from Montana; Michigan, 39; Alaska, 29; District of Columbia, 19; Hawaii, 17; New York, 12; West Virginia, 11; and Pennsylvania-South Jersey, 8.

Expected registration for the June 11-13, 1974 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas is around 16,000.

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