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**'Old-Time Revival' Has  
Strong Ethnic Flavor**

By Tim Nicholas

HARTFORD, Conn. (BP)--It was almost an old-time "camp meeting," reminiscent of early Baptist "revival" days in a little church here.

There was a lot of foot stomping, "amening" and the hymns had more choruses than usual.

Who then, would expect to see 200 blacks, Poles, Russians and Latin Americans, among others, all congregated in one building for three hours of "old-fashioned" Baptist worship? But there they were.

The evangelist was Earl Sizemore, an Anglo American. A church of blacks, Greater Hartford St. Paul's Baptist Church of Deliverance, was host. The 45-voice young people's choir from Shiloh Baptist Church of New London, Conn., was made up entirely of blacks.

It was the first service of a week-long crusade, led by Sizemore and sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of evangelism with the Baptist General Association of New England. Sizemore is director of missions for the New England association.

Toward the front of the tiny sanctuary sat a group of women--dressed in black and white--and men--in black suits and reddish bow ties--from the Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church, led by home missionary Michael Januskiewicz.

They were joined by a group from the Ukrainian Baptist Church and a Polish group from New Haven, Conn., led by Peter Gordiejew.

Added to special music in English and Polish was the guitar and vocal music of First Spanish Baptist Church in Hartford, led by Juan Rodriguez.

Among the 200 in the congregation for the three-hour service were representatives from the Anglo congregations of Naugatuck Valley Baptist Chapel in nearby Waterbury and First Baptist Church of East Hartford.

The different national and racial flavors made surprising blends. An observer said, "It was like eating Neapolitan ice cream in the dark. No one knew what flavor would come up next."

The "total involvement" music of the black choirs was interspersed with "soulful solos" from the Spanish and Anglo groups, and the Polish chorus sang "smoothly" in their native tongue.

While everyone in the congregation didn't say "amen" and "that's all right," as some did, it was a participatory worship service.

"This is what the Lord meant for us to do--" said the host pastor Leroy Davis, "come in and be fed and go out to do his work." Sizemore said, in his message, "I feel the Holy Spirit has truly been here today."



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### BWA Youth Planners Pick Relief Project

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP)--When the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference meets here, July 31-Aug. 4, 1974, young people attending will be asked to participate in an "Oasis" relief project for Zaire, formerly known as the Congo, in West Africa, and a project to buy coconut trees to be planted in India.

Karl-Heinz Walter of Hamburg, Germany, chairman of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) youth committee, said portions of Zaire are extremely dry, and particularly where Angolan refugees have settled. The coconut trees are needed to help some Indians become more economically self-sufficient, Walter said.

The need for water for crops and day-to-day living in Zaire and for a special project in an as yet unaided area prompted the Youth World Conference administrative committee to consider Zaire. The 8,000-10,000 youths expected to attend will be asked to participate in the project through an offering at the conference, and possibly through individual purchase of the coconut trees.

Money for the coconut trees will be channeled through the Telugu Baptist Churches in India. The trees take five years to mature and will outlive the present population, Walter said. They will provide the people with a badly needed cash income, he added.

"The trees will also provide food if the people need that more than cash," he added. "One coconut tree can be purchased for \$1.25 (American)."

Money given at the conference will be used to provide wells for the dry portion of the African nation, in addition to trees for India, Walter said.

"With about \$10,000, as many as eight wells could be dug. The money will be channeled through the BWA relief committee and through Baptists in Zaire.

"We thought this was a very clear project for young people. They are confronted with the fact that there are so many dry zones in Africa at this time. And Zaire hasn't received much attention from the mass media." Most publicity and aid has gone to the more northern portion of Africa, Walter observed.

The administrative committee, chaired by Charles Roselle of Nashville, made one special stipulation on gathering money for the "Oasis" project. If any catastrophe or disaster occurs at the time of the conference, the money will be diverted to help meet that situation, Walter said.

The offering for the project will be taken on Thursday evening, Aug. 1, at the end of the European emphasis general plenary session, he said.

The 8th Baptist Youth World Conference is being sponsored by the BWA and will be the first time the event has been held in the United States. The first conference was held in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1931.

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### Aiken Church Feels No Pain As Catholics Use Building

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AIKEN, S. C. (BP)--First Baptist Church here may be the only Southern Baptist church with a Catholic high school on its premises.

St. Angela Academy in Aiken began holding classes in the Baptist church's educational

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building after the Catholic high school campus suffered major damage in a fire.

"We offered our educational facilities for their use the remainder of the school year, and they accepted," said Robert L. Cate, the pastor of First Baptist Church.

St. Angela is an old school, founded in 1900. It now has 275 students. Its fire-damaged buildings are being repaired for full use next fall. First Baptist Church in Aiken, with 1,900 members, has two educational buildings--two story and three story structures. The latter building is being used by St. Angela school.

John Roberts, editor of the Baptist Courier, Greenville, S. C., reported that there is "absolutely no proselyting, of course, by either Baptist or Catholic. Nobody's witness is weakened. Conversely, both are made stronger.

"The Catholic school is very much Catholic, and the Baptist church is very much Baptist. Offering the building for use was simply a thoughtful and Christian thing to do in a time of need," Roberts said.

Sister Alice Joseph, co-principal of St. Angela school, said she regarded the offer of First Baptist Church's facilities as a wonderful gesture of Christian brotherhood.

Cate said he was glad the church could be of help, "cementing the community of love between Christians."

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FMB Appoints Missionaries;  
Lottie Moon Goal Topped

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)--The appointment of 27 missionaries, a report of record Lottie Moon Christmas Offering receipts and election of new officers highlighted the April meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here.

In other actions, the board employed a record 85 missionary journeymen, appropriated additional relief funds for West Africa, appointed a special committee to study the philosophy of missionary financial support and expressed appreciation to Arkansas Baptists for hosting the Little Rock meeting.

The evening appointment service was attended by more than 3,000 persons, who overflowed Robinson Auditorium. Featured were testimonies by the new appointees and a missions message by Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary.

Cauthen reported that a record \$21,184,573 has been received as of April 9, 1974, for the 1973 Lottie Moon Offering. The goal for the offering was \$20 million. Total receipts were to be tabulated at the end of April.

Referring to the offering as an expression of the Southern Baptist Convention's "deep love for missions," he expressed gratitude to the people in the churches and to the Woman's Missionary Union which sponsors the annual offering.

Cauthen also emphasized that a major strength of the Lottie Moon Offering is that it "deepens and stimulates missionary motivation so that giving through the Cooperative Program (unified budget) throughout the year is strengthened."

W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor of Little Rock's Immanuel Baptist Church, host church for the meeting here, was elected president of the board. Vaught has represented Arkansas Southern Baptists on the board for about 14 years.

Other officers elected were Robert B. Bass of Richmond, Va., first vice president; E. H. Westmoreland, retired pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Tex., second vice president; and Mrs. Thomas C. Womble Jr. of Clemmons, N. C., recording secretary.

Elizabeth Minshew of the board's executive staff was reelected to the post of assistant recording secretary.

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The 27 new missionaries included 13 couples and one single person. They will serve in 13 different countries following a missionary orientation session.

Appointed as missionaries were Dr. and Mrs. Lee Baggett of Texas, to Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny J. Baker of Louisiana, to Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. G. Dean Dickens of Arkansas and Texas, to the Philippines; Mr. and Mrs. Ray W. Eitelman of Texas, to Upper Volta; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. (Bill) Gaddis Jr. of Texas and Oklahoma, to Indonesia; Mr. and Mrs. William Gopffarth of Texas, to the Philippines.

Also, Miss Vivian Hargrove of Missouri, to Togo; Mr. and Mrs. Tome R. Hayes of Louisiana and Oklahoma, to Lebanon; Mr. and Mrs. Ron E. Hill of Texas and Oklahoma, to Liberia; Mr. and Mrs. Gary W. McCoy of Missouri, to Korea; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. (Gene) Meacham of Kansas and Texas, to Malawi; and Mr. and Mrs. Van W. Williams III of Mississippi and Texas, to India.

Employed as missionary associates were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Neighbour Jr. of Michigan and Minnesota, to Singapore; and Mr. and Mrs. Bob E. Simmons of Mississippi, to Hong Kong.

The record number approved for employment as missionary journeymen will enter training at Meredith College in Raleigh, N. C., in June. Upon completion of a seven-week training program, those commissioned by the board will serve two years overseas in a specific job assignment alongside career missionaries.

An additional \$10,000 appropriated for famine relief in West Africa brings the total amount sent by the board to that area to more than \$50,000. This total includes thousands of dollars channeled through the board to West Africa by individuals and churches.

Little Rock is the first Arkansas city to host such a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. Usually meetings are held at the board's headquarters in Richmond, although they have been held at least once a year for the past five years in another location.

Purpose of the change in sites is to allow Baptists to participate more directly in the appointment of missionaries whom they support.

The board will hold its spring 1975 meeting in Columbia, S. C., April 7-9. Board members Robert L. Deneen and Ira Q. Craft issued the invitation on behalf of South Carolina Baptists.

The board voted to hold its spring 1976 meeting in Oklahoma City.

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#### Southern Seminary Damage May Approach \$1 Million

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Preliminary estimates of tornado damage to property of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here may approach the \$1 million mark, seminary officials report.

Damage to buildings is fully insured, but more than 300 trees on campus, felled by the twisters' fury, are uninsured. Re-landscaping efforts alone will exceed \$250,000 in cost, according to estimates. Original estimate of about 75 trees lost has swelled as the seminary continues cleanup operations. Many of the huge trees are 30 to 50 years old.

Although a spokesman said the 18 buildings on the campus sustained no permanent structural damage, as earlier reports had corroborated, Foster Hall, an apartment building for staff personnel, did suffer extensive wind and rain damage. The seminary evacuated nine of the 12 apartments in the building.

Almost every building on campus suffered some roofing loss. Three buildings--Mullins, Fuller and Williams Halls--lost cupolas from their roofs, seminary officials report, and Fuller Hall lost three of its four ornamental columns. Buildings on campus lost hundreds of window panes.

Classes, dismissed for a week following the April 3 disaster so that students could continue relief efforts in the stricken area, were to resume after spring recess on April 22.

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Student relief centered not only around the campus but in single devastated towns in Kentucky and Indiana.

Because two power substations were disabled near the campus, the seminary was without electricity and heat for more than a week, following the tornadoes which left a 10-mile gash in metropolitan Louisville, inflicting heavy damage in the Crescent Hill area just north of the seminary.

Both electricity and heat were still unavailable in 16 of the 18 buildings on the main campus three days before the scheduled spring recess, which was to begin on April 12.

Seminary spokesmen estimate re-landscaping of the seminary property will cost in excess of \$250,000. Many of the huge trees destroyed were 30-50 years old.

No deaths and only eight minor injuries were reported to members of the seminary community of 1,500 persons. But many student automobiles were damaged or destroyed when hit by giant oaks and beeches uprooted by twisters.

Some 30 student families had to be relocated when their off-campus apartments were devastated in the Crescent Hill neighborhood. Twelve faculty members and staff suffered heavy damage to their homes.