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BAPTIST BOOKLET TO OUTLINE  
VATICAN APPOINTMENT STAND

WASHINGTON, D.C. --(BP)-- A sixteen-page booklet outlining and asserting the Baptist stand on the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican in Rome is planned for publication soon, according to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington.

Dr. J.M. Dawson, executive secretary of the committee, is to be the author of the booklet which will be distributed among the members of the four major Baptist groups in the United States. An initial printing order calls for 100,000 copies but the committee hopes to distribute more than a million copies in all, Dr. Dawson said.

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ARIZONA BAPTISTS NAME  
LAYMAN AS PRESIDENT

GLOBE, Ariz. --(BP)-- The second layman elected to serve Arizona Southern Baptists as president of their convention is J. Will Howell, a Tucson businessman and member of the First Southern Baptist Church there.

At their annual meeting in Globe, November 6-8, messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Arizona also adopted a resolution condemning the President's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

Reports of the growth of Southern Baptist work in Arizona during the year included a \$403,694 increase in property values and a 15 per cent gain in total giving.

The convention is scheduled to meet in Glendale, November 4-6, next year.

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MINISTERIAL STUDENTS GET  
DENOMINATIONAL TRAINING

DALLAS, Tex. --(BP)-- Denominational orientation courses for ministerial students in Texas Baptist schools are being conducted this year through the Department of Student Work of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The two-day courses, required of all students receiving tuition scholarships from the convention, have been held on three campuses thus far. Course dates for the remainder of the campuses will be announced by Prentis W. Chunn, Jr., associate secretary in the student department and director of the orientation program.

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS NAME HEADS  
FOR TWO NEW DEPARTMENTS

JACKSON, Miss. --(BP)-- The Mississippi Baptist Convention created two new departments, Evangelism and Promotion, at its annual convention in Jackson recently and named Dr. C.E. Wilbanks and Rev. Joe Abrams as directors of the new fields.

Dr. Wilbanks will assume his duties as director of evangelism January 1, coming from the First Baptist Church of Vivian, Louisiana. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary. He has the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Oklahoma Baptist University.

He has served previously as leader of evangelism for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California and has held pastorates in Oklahoma and Arkansas.

As director of promotion, Rev. Joe Abrams begins his new service immediately. He has been an associate in the state Training Union Department and director of publicity for the convention. In his work with promotion, he will include promotion and publicity from the state offices as well as some editorial work for the Baptist Record, state denominational paper. His experience includes both newspaper and pastoral work.

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ROYAL AMBASSADORS IN GEORGIA  
MEET FOR EIGHTH ANNUAL CONGRESS

AUGUSTA, Ga. --(BP)-- More than 500 Royal Ambassadors, boys from nine to sixteen years old, came from Baptist churches all over Georgia to meet for their eighth annual Congress in Augusta recently.

Theme for the Congress was "Road Maps to a Christian World." Rev. Frank Ling of China was the key speaker for the boys.

H.J. Copeland of Griffin, elected president of the Congress for next year, is one of Georgia's few Ambassadors Plenipotentiary -- the highest rank attainable in the Royal Ambassador organization.

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LIVING ENDOWMENT GROWS  
FOR TEXAS BAPTIST SCHOOL

PLAINVIEW, Tex. --(BP)-- A Living Endowment campaign for Wayland College, Baptist school in Plainview, was launched last March and has grown to \$250,000 before November. The campaign has been re-emphasized with the aim of raising the subscriptions to \$1,000,000 by the end of the year.

The Living Endowment plan consists of payment of the interest (4 per cent) on endowment certificates signed at face value by the purchasers, explains Dr. Cecil Goff, chairman of the committee for the promotion of the campaign. Dr. Goff is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dumas.

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