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BAPTIST BECOMES NEW
CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS

WASHINGTON, D.C. --(BP)-- Col. Ivan L. Bennett, chief chaplain of the Far East Command and an ordained Southern Baptist minister, has been named by President Truman as the new army chief of chaplains.

Col. Bennett is coming from his present headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, to accept his new appointment which carries with it the rank of major general. He has held the colonel rank since 1945.

The new chief, a native of Ash, North Carolina, has served in the chaplaincy since 1920. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, North Carolina, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He was a pastor in North Carolina before beginning his thirty-two-year span of service as an army chaplain.

He holds the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Wake Forest College and Wilberforce College, Wilberforce, Ohio.

Among his many military citations and honors are the Distinguished Service Medal, presented by President Truman, and the Legion of Merit, Legionnaire, presented by General Douglas MacArthur in 1946. He also served as administrative chaplain of the United Nations.

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BESSIE TIFT COLLEGE
HAS NEW PRESIDENT

FORSYTH, Ga. --(BP)-- Dr. Carey T. Vinzant, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fitzgerald, Georgia, has been elected president of Bessie Tift College, Georgia Baptists' school for women, announces the board of trustees.

An active leader in Georgia's Baptist life for many years, Dr. Vinzant will succeed Dr. W. Fred Gunn who recently announced his retirement at the close of this school year.

The new president is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary in Louisville. He received the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Mercer University in 1948.

A member of the executive committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention for ten years, Dr. Vinzant was pastor in Atlanta and Sandersville before going to Fitzgerald in 1944.

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CONVENTION FIRST AID STATION

MIAMI, Fla. --(BP)-- Minor accidents and emergencies need be no fear of prospective Florida visitors attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, May 14-18, report convention planners. The Miami chapter of the American Red Cross will set up a first-aid station in a convenient location at the Dinner Key Exposition Hall, site of the convention, to be available throughout the sessions.

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AUSTRALIAN YOUTH WORKER VISITS IN STATES SOON

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- John W. Drakeford, youth director of the New South Wales Baptist Union, Australia, is visiting in the United States this spring and is very anxious to visit Southern Baptist churches and youth activities, according to word received through Baptist World Alliance leaders.

A young man with ten years' experience in the pastorate and chaplaincy, Drakeford comes recommended as "excellent, powerful and outstanding" by leading Australian Baptists. He writes that he is anxious to "see as much as I can of your Sunday schools, camps and all aspects of your youth work." He also wants preaching engagements in Baptist churches.

Scheduled to arrive in San Francisco in mid-April, he will visit the Baptist work in this country for three months. Anyone interested in contacting him for a visit to a Southern Baptist church may write him at: Australian Consul General, 206 Sansome Street, San Francisco, or through the Baptist World Alliance office, 1628 Sixteenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

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