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CONGRESS RESCUES TEACHER
FACED WITH DEPORTATION

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--A professor at Grand Canyon College here, faced with deportation to Java, has been granted permanent residence in the United States by a special act of Congress.

China-born Shih Ming Wang, assistant professor of science and acting head of the science department at the local Baptist college, faced possible reprisal for his anti-Communist activities if deported.

Wang originally went from China to Java to escape Communist occupation of his native country, then several years later came on to the United States to take graduate work in mathematics and chemistry.

When his student visa expired, immigration officials told him there was no quota number available to prolong his stay in America. Sen. Barry Goldwater and Rep. John Rhodes, both of Arizona, then introduced bills in Congress in Wang's behalf.

Wang's wife and son still live in Java; he hopes they can join him soon in the U. S. Three daughters are already in this country as students.

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14 GOLDEN GATE STUDENTS
FORM FLIGHT ORGANIZATION

BERKELEY, Calif.--(BP)--Fourteen men attending Golden Gate Baptist Seminary here have formed a Baptist Missionary Pilot-Training Association.

The organization will provide flight training to seminary students who feel they need to know how to fly in their work as ministers.

The association has purchased a training plane and is conducting ground-school training already.

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LOUISIANA SKETCHES OKAYED

PINEVILLE, La.--(BP)--Architect's drawings for Louisiana College's proposed new \$500,000 dormitory building program have been approved by the college's long-range building committee. President G. Earl Guinn said the college hopes to take bids about May 1.

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GEZORK AMONG CHURCHMEN
TAKING TRIP TO RUSSIA

NEW YORK--(BP)--Herbert Gezork, president of Andover Newton Theological School and former vice-president of the American Baptist Convention, will be one of nine church leaders visiting Russia for 10 days in March.

The visit is sponsored by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Gezork spoke to Southern Baptists in Convention at Miami last year and also addressed the Baptist World Congress in 1955.

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DISTRICT CONVENTION
PICKS EDUCATION HEAD

WASHINGTON--(BP)--Winston H. Ambrose has been elected director of the department of education for the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

Son of a Baptist minister in Michigan, Ambrose comes to the local convention staff from the First Baptist Church, Silver Spring, Md., a Washington suburb. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

An educational office in the District was created at the annual District convention session last Fall.

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PRUDEN AT MARS HILL

MARS HILL, N. C.--(BP)--Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of First Baptist Church, Washington, spoke at ceremonies commemorating the 97th year of chartering Mars Hill College, Baptist junior college located here.

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CHURCH BLOOD BANK

SHREVEPORT, La.--(BP)--Members of Broadmoor Baptist Church here have established a blood bank that will supply blood to church members whenever there is a need. Blood on deposit in the blood bank will be donated by members.

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EVANGELIST QUILTS NAZARENES
TO JOIN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--A former Church of the Nazarene evangelist, recently baptized at First Baptist Church here, has been licensed as a Baptist minister.

Holland B. London, of Pasadena, Calif., said he plans to move to Dallas in the near future.

W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, and other ministers and lay Baptists examined London extensively, they reported, before recommending him as a Baptist minister.

London was a minister-evangelist of the Church of the Nazarene for more than 20 years and is a former Arkansas district superintendent for the Nazarenes. His brother, Haskell B. London, is minister of music at Northeast Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS,
CHAPLAINS ELECT OFFICERS

ST. LOUIS--(BP)--Administrators and chaplains of hospitals affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention met here recently and elected new officers.

Administrators, meeting in an organization known as the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association, installed Robert Guy, of Baton Rouge General Hospital, Baton Rouge, La., as president, and elected Edwin B. Peel, of Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, as president-elect.

Emmett R. Johnson, of Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, Ky., was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the administrators' group and Frank Tripp, New Orleans, was re-elected executive secretary.

Chaplains of the Southern Baptist hospitals, organized as the Southwide Baptist Chaplains' Association, chose B. B. Hilburn, Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville, president; H. L. Hawkins, Baptist Hospital, Alexandria, La., vice-president, and E. A. Verdery, Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, secretary-treasurer.

The two Southern Baptist groups met in connection with sessions of the American Protestant Hospital Association. They will meet in Chicago next February, and in Atlantic City, N. J., in 1958.

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ANONYMOUS DONATION

MARS HILL, N. C.--(BP)--An anonymous donor has given Mars Hill (Junior) College here \$65,000 on two conditions: (1) that the Baptist college raise an equal amount, and (2) that the total amount be used to renovate two men's dormitories.

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PLANS OUTLINED FOR
TEXAS GIRLS RANCH

BRECKENRIDGE, Tex.--(BP)--The 640-acre Breckenridge Girls Ranch near here recently given to Texas Baptists will be used eventually as an induction center for young women bordering on juvenile delinquency.

Ellis Carnett, president of Buckner Benevolences and Buckner Orphans Home, Dallas, said a permanent site for the girls' home has not yet been selected.

The Breckenridge ranch is under operation at present. Six girls are living there and plans call for building another cottage to accommodate six more girls.

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EDUCATION ON THE
MOVE--LITERALLY

WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP)--Sociologists have been telling us about the mobility of the American population. Come May 21, some of them will get first-hand experience.

Those that teach the subject at Wake Forest College here will get experience, anyway. That's the day one of the more unusual moves gets started---the whole college is moving 110 miles to Winston-Salem, N. C.

In the brief period of 27 days--hardly more than it would take many housewives with only their brood to worry about to make the same move--Wake Forest College must get its journey done.

Graduation exercises on the Wake Forest Community campus will be held on May 21, and on June 18, the Baptist college must open its summer school on its new campus in Winston-Salem.

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BETHEAS PROVIDE SECOND
MAJOR BAPTIST DONATION

WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP)--Dr. and Mrs. Percy A. Bethea, of Darlington, S. C., have given \$50,000 to Southeastern Baptist Seminary here.

The gift represents their second major contribution to Baptist work in the Carolinas in the last six months.

Southeastern President S. L. Stealey said the \$50,000 is half of an endowment for the student aid fund at Southeastern which the Betheas plan to establish during the year.

The Betheas have donated \$100,000 cash and more than 170 acres of land to South Carolina Baptists who plan to build a home for the aged.

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GARDNER-WEBB DECIDES
TO BAR NEGRO STUDENTS

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C.--(BP)--Gardner-Webb (Junior) College here has decided not to admit Negroes to the student body.

Trustees of the Baptist school acted after considering a report from a special committee. The committee, in compliance with a request from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, surveyed the matter of integration at the college.

Without saying exactly what they asked in the survey of students and faculty, and Baptist pastors and deacons in the immediate area around Boiling Springs, trustees made a public announcement of their position on segregation.

"The preponderant majority of the constituency of Gardner-Webb College. . .were decidedly against the admission of Negro students," they reported.

"Because the college can not operate without their whole-hearted support; and because the student body was divided substantially on the problem. . .(in) our opinion we are not ready for the admission of Negroes to Gardner-Webb College," they continued.

The survey followed an inquiry by John W. Logan, Forest City, N. C., Negro, who said he would like to attend Gardner-Webb since it is nearest his home. Logan has not formally applied for admission.

The state convention, acting at its annual session last Fall in Asheville, left to individual Baptist colleges in the state the decision on integration.

Previously, trustees of Chowan College, Murfreesboro, N. C., another Baptist school, had announced their intention to deny admittance to Negroes.

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GEORGIA RA SECRETARY

ATLANTA -(BP)--Lawrence P. Hardy, Savannah minister, has been elected secretary of Royal Ambassadors for the Georgia Baptist Convention. He will be an associate in the Brotherhood department which administers the program. Hardy is a graduate of Mercer University and Southeastern Baptist Seminary. He will begin his new duties April 1.

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CHRIST'S LOVE PATTERN FOR
PUBLIC RELATIONS--HOLLOWAY

NASHVILLE--(BP)--"Although God could exist supremely without the public, he was concerned enough through his infinite love to send Christ in person, and later, his Holy Spirit, to obtain participation in Christianity."

This is the mold into which Southern Baptists must fit their public relations programs, according to Leonard L. Holloway, Dallas, public relations director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The statement was made at a workshop of the Baptist Public Relations Association here recently. Holloway is association president.

Addresses and group discussions focused on the question: What does "public relations" mean and what is required for successful public relations for Southern Baptists?

About 100 Southern Baptist denominational workers attended. They write and edit news for Baptist papers and magazines, prepare television and radio programs, produce religious films, and serve as public relations officers for Baptist colleges, hospitals, and boards.

James L. Sullivan, Nashville, executive secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, described public relations in these words: "It is a constant program of interpreting the true character and ministry of an institution to the public, and in return, the relaying of both favorable and unfavorable public reaction to management."

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DALLAS HOST TO GIFT
ANNUITIES CONFERENCE

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--The first Southern Baptist Conference on Gift Annuities was held here Feb. 23 with 75 denominational leaders attending.

L. Taylor Daniel, associate secretary of the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, directed the conference. The Board sponsored it.

Speakers included Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee and T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation, both of Nashville; Arthur Smith, vice-president, First National Bank, Dallas; Floyd Chaffin, associate secretary, Relief and Annuity Board, and Daniel.

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CAUDILL GUEST FOR
FINNISH CENTENNIAL

MEMPHIS--(BP)--R. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Baptist Church here, will be guest speaker when Finnish Baptists observe their centennial at Jakobstad, Finland, June 21-24.

The theme of the centenary year is, "O Lord, Revive Thy Work In the Midst of the Years." Finnish Baptists trace their history to beginnings in the Aland Islands in 1856.

Caudill said he plans to visit other European nations but his itinerary is incomplete.



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.....The next rural church conference in the Southern Baptist Convention will be held in Memphis Feb. 24-27, 1958. Objectives of the conference will be to put into use the best of today's Southern Baptist educational methods instead of projecting new organizations and programs.

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.....The Savannah (Ga.) Baptist Ministerial Union recently commended city officials there for banning pinball machines.

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.....W. L. Stigler, pastor Grace Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., has resigned to become pastor of Brookside Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

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.....Jim Carty, religious news editor of the Nashville Tennessean and a contributor to the Baptist Press and Baptist Program, will receive a citation from the National Conference of Christians and Jews for religious reporting.

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.....John A. Ellis has resigned, effective in July, the pastorate of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C. He plans to continue to fill pulpits for revivals and on a supply basis.

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.....Ernest Adams, of Kansas City, Mo., has become associate Sunday school secretary for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

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.....The United Dry Association of Oklahoma has elected Robert S. Scales, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, president.

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.....George Jackson Stafford, who said he resigned pastorate of First Baptist Church, Batesburg, S. C., "rather than renounce my religious convictions regarding Christian race relations," will serve as a chaplain in the Veterans Administration.

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.....St. Louis, Mo., church and civic leaders recently honored C. Oscar Johnson on his 25th anniversary as pastor of Third Baptist Church, St. Louis.

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