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Solon Asks Renewal
Of Ukrainian Churches

WASHINGTON (BP)--A resolution introduced in the U. S. House of Representatives calls for the "concrete resurrection of both the Ukrainian Orthodox and Catholic Churches" in the Soviet Union.

U. S. Rep. Daniel J. Flood (D.-Pa.) offered the measure with the observation that no other case of religious persecution anywhere in the world compares with the situation in the Ukraine. Flood pointed out that the Ukrainian Orthodox and Catholic Churches were completely wiped out by Stalin while other religious groups are permitted to exist though they endure persecution.

The resolution calls on the Soviet government to permit the legal existence of these churches, a stand consistent with their constitution and international agreements they have signed.

Lev E. Dobriansky of Georgetown University here wrote in an article published in the Ukrainian Quarterly that the situation of the Ukrainian Catholic and Orthodox Churches contradicts the USSR constitution, which provides freedom of religious worship, and that it violates the United Nations Charter and Declaration of Human Rights and the Helsinki Accord, both of which Moscow has signed.

Dobriansky says that by the mid-1930s the Ukrainian Orthodox Church had been abolished, its archbishops and bishops eliminated, some 20,000 priests, deacons and others liquidated, and over 3,000 congregations disbanded. Deportations, property confiscation and coercion to join the Russian Orthodox Church completed the death of this church.

Dobriansky estimates that some seven million Ukrainian Catholics "at great risk, congregate in an extensive religious underground" to keep their faith alive. He says there is one bishop for these worshippers and some 300 clergy "who combine their religious work in a surreptitious, underground manner with their normal secular vocations."

According to Dobriansky, harrassment continues today. The Soviet government allegedly prosecutes Ukrainian clergy and laity who have petitioned authorities for the registration of local congregations. All religious groups must register with the government in the Soviet Union.

Soviet propaganda calls these Ukrainian Christians "agents of the Pope," "Bourgeois Ukrainian nationalist subversives," and "lackeys of American imperialism," Dobriansky says.

According to an aide in Flood's office, mail from across the country has been encouraging. They plan to request hearings on the issue sometime during this Congress.

Flood's district in Northeastern Pennsylvania has a large Slovak, Lithuanian and Polish population groups, with close ethnic ties to Ukraine.

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Two Baptist Officials
Injured in Yemen CrashBaptist Press
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RICHMOND (BP)--Rogers M. Smith of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board staff and William E. Koehn, Southern Baptist missionary, were injured Saturday, May 14, in a car accident near Sana'a, Yemen.

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Smith, a native Texan, is administrative associate to the executive director of the board; Koehn, a native of Kansas, is business manager for the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Yemen. Smith was on a routine survey trip to Yemen when the accident occurred.

No details of the accident, which demolished their automobile, are known, but board officials received a telegram about the injuries. Smith has fractured ribs. Koehn has a dislocated hip, a fractured socket bone of the hip, a fractured and displaced upper jaw and lacerations on the head, face and arm.

Smith will remain in Sana'a for several days and then fly to Germany, where he will meet his wife. They will then return to their home in Richmond, headquarters of the Foreign Mission Board.

Koehn was treated by an Italian orthopedist and moved to Jibla, Yemen, where Southern Baptist missionaries maintain a Baptist hospital. Koehn will remain there for six weeks, on the recommendation of the Italian doctor. A decision will be made then about possible treatment in the United States.

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WMU President Issues Call
To Prayer for Bold Mission

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BIRMINGHAM (BP)--While 20,000 convention-going Southern Baptists are in Kansas City, Mo., praying for the launch of their Bold Mission campaign to evangelize the world in this century, Baptists at home are asked to pray also.

Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory of Danville, Va., issued a proclamation as president of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), the 1.1 million-member missions promotion auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), inviting all Baptists to pray Sunday afternoon, June 12, as the activities of SBC week unroll in Kansas City.

The national annual meeting of WMU will convene on June 12 with a Bold Mission Rally at 3:00 p.m. in H. Roe Bartle Hall, where SBC sessions will be held, June 14-16.

Following a program of drama and pageantry, the congregation will divide into 38 groups for an "Hour of Prayer for Bold Mission."

"We invite Southern Baptists everywhere to join us in the spirit of prayer June 12," Mrs. Gregory said. "We plan for inspiration and prayer to be the highlight of the rally Sunday afternoon. This will be the first major national event dedicated to our drive for bold advances in missions. We think prayer is the only appropriate starting point," she said.

Mrs. Gregory noted that the SBC will make budget and other decisions affecting bold mission plans during the week. "This week is historic and significant enough to deserve the prayerful thoughts of every missions-minded Baptist," she said.

In Kansas City, WMU is preparing for a capacity crowd to fill Bartle Hall for the mission rally. The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board are co-sponsoring the event with WMU.

Invitations have been extended to churches in the area to join the out-of-state convention-goers for the rally. Presidents of all SBC groups meeting during the week have pledged their support.

A parade of 150 flags representing Southern Baptist mission fields and a processional of missionaries will launch the afternoon. Girls and boys in the Acteens and Royal Ambassador missions organizations in Kansas City area churches will carry the flags.

"Missions from Adam to Tomorrow" is the title of a musical drama scripted and directed by Ed Seabough, staffer at the Home Mission Board, Atlanta. Cast and orchestra for the program will be William Jewell College students and faculty. Gerald, Darrell and Harold Ware, triplets who are ministers of music in churches in different towns in Oklahoma, will narrate dramatic actions on four stages. Singers will come from Grand Canyon College, Phoenix. The drama sweeps across the biblical missions imperative, high points of missions history, and plans for the future.

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An unrehearsed part of the drama will be live interviews with several products of Southern Baptist missions advance in the past. They will include Jose Borrás, president of the Baptist Convention of Spain; Lambert Mills, a pastor from Antigua; Samuel Fadeji, a pastor from Nigeria; and Jimmy Anderson, an Indian pastor from Oklahoma. Allen Elston, missionary to Indians in Oregon will also be interviewed.

A panoramic world map, symbolic of a stained glass window, will frame the stage setting. WMU designed the set for use by the Southern Baptist Convention which follows on Tuesday.

Moving the huge audience into smaller groupings for prayer will pose a major logistical challenge, according to WMU staffers. Carolyn (Mrs. Claude H.) Rhea, author of several devotional guides, has written a prayer outline which will be given to each participant. It suggests ways to pray for missions en route to prayer groups, while waiting for a group to assemble, and conversationally with missionaries.

A home missionary and a foreign missionary will lead group prayer in each section, while a WMU officer will preside.

WMU sessions will continue on Monday at 9:30, 2:00, and 7:30.

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'A Disturbing Silence'
Wins U. S. Film Award

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CHICAGO (BP)--"A Disturbing Silence," a 28-minute color documentary film on lifestyle evangelism, produced by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, won a Silver Screen Award at the U. S. Industrial Film Festival here.

More than 750 films from 14 nations were entered.

"A Disturbing Silence" received the Silver Screen Award--equivalent to second place--in the religion category. More than 200 judges viewed the entries.

The film was produced by Jay Durham, director of audiovisuals for the Home Mission Board. Larry Goddard, director of audiovisual production services, wrote and directed the film; Don Rutledge, director of photo journalism services, photographed it; and Clark Hill, audiovisual production assistant, served as sound man.

Funded by the board's department of personal evangelism, headed by Robert Saul, the film was designed to inspire and motivate Christians to share their faith on a daily basis in "the traffic pattern of their lives." It tells the story of seven persons who learned to break the "Disturbing Silence" in our churches--a silence about the good news of Jesus Christ.

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Professor's Book Cited As
'Choice Evangelical' Work

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--"the Bible Says," a book written by Lewis Drummond, Billy Graham professor of evangelism at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, has been listed by Christianity Today as one of 25 "Choice Evangelical Books" published in 1976.

The nationally-known religious publication called Drummond's book "the most notable evangelical work" in the area of systematic theology published last year.

The Southern Seminary professor and former pastor is the only Southern Baptist to have a book listed in the group of 25 "choice" books.

Drummond's book, published by Abingdon Press, is an introductory, systematic presentation of Biblical teaching. He has been on the faculty of the Louisville seminary since 1973.

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Coach, Four Players Killed In Highway Accident

ANDERSON, S. C. (BP)--A memorial service was held here, May 15, during commencement exercises of Anderson College for a coach and four varsity tennis players killed in an accident on May 12 near Marion, N. C.

Tennis Coach Max Grubbs, 66, a former professor of chemistry at the Baptist junior college who would have retired May 13, died when a college van, en route to a tennis tournament in Banner Elk, N. C., collided with a dump truck pulling a trailer.

Also killed were Fazal Mahmood Kahn, 21, an All-American tennis player from Karachi, Pakistan; George Eric Teasley, 19, Greenwood, S. C.; David William Owen, 19, Easley, S. C.; and Daniel J. Pankiw, 20, Waynesville, N. C.

Two other players were injured. Dihren Rathod, 19, Bombay, India, is in serious condition at Asheville (N. C.) Mission Memorial Hospital, and Scott Dickey, 20, Greenville, S. C., is in good condition with a broken leg.

Teasley was the son of George K. Teasley, acting executive director of Connie Maxwell Children's Home, a Baptist institution in Greenwood, S. C.

Grubbs, who would have received a silver retirement cup at a faculty-alumni luncheon on May 13, coached the girls' basketball team when he first joined the Anderson College staff in 1958 and had eight winning seasons. In 20 seasons with the tennis team, he had a losing record only once.

A Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church, Anderson, he was a graduate of Furman University and earned a master of science degree at Clemson University. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and several grandchildren.

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Conference Speakers Hit
Violence and Crime on TV

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By Carol Franklin

WASHINGTON (BP)--Viewing violence on television clearly increases violent behavior, a psychiatrist said here.

Stephen T. Hersh, assistant director of child and youth services at the National Institutes of Mental Health, Rockville, Md., told a conference at the Chevy Chase Baptist church here, "It is the consensus of the research community that there is no point in continued research on violence and television. The question has been answered--viewing violence increases violent behavior.

"It has been clearly established that television teaches the use of aggressive behavior in solving conflicts," Hersh asserted. He noted that this conclusion emerged at a recent meeting of the Society for Research in Childhood Development. "I didn't know that this feeling was so strong throughout the entire research community," he noted.

Hersh was one of several speakers who addressed a conference on "Violence, Mass Media, and Our Society" at the Chevy Chase Baptist Church.

Charles L. Updike, associate pastor and coordinator of the conference, said that the purpose of the conference was to create awareness of the problem of glorified violence on television and to develop constructive means of reducing the amount of violence in the mass media.

Thomas R. Estes, deputy chief of the Metropolitan Police Department here, was critical of media portrayal of law enforcement officers.

"The razzle-dazzle methods of TV supercops make the public expect miracles we can't pull off," Estes said. "Sensationalized TV portrayals of the police are pitifully lacking in insight. One half hour of TV shows more police action than a real officer sees in his whole career.

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"There's the grossest kind of misrepresentation when police kill (on TV). I've seen officers (in real-life situations) get physically and emotionally sick when they killed someone. There is often a long period of adjustment afterwards," Estes said.

Estes asserted that both the American public and law enforcement are done a great disservice by the "unsolicited dramatized violence which incidentally features police. The networks should have to prove their product will have no harmful effect as the medical profession does before it introduces any new therapy."

Estes noted that television teaches the "how-to" of crimes.

"Crime shows say to the nonconforming element of society--here is the way to do it," he said.

Estes suggested that adventure shows which portray man at his moral and physical best rarely make prime time television hours but would satisfy the need for action without the negative effects of present violent programming.

John Preston, vice president of marketing, Campbell Soup, explained the process of negotiation with the networks for advertising time. "The networks offer a package of many shows and different time slots for our advertising money. We then negotiate the details of the package. We look for three things in a show--ratings, the type of audience it attracts, and the environment for our product that fits the image we have of ourselves as a family product," Preston said.

Campbell Soup recently was listed as 12th in a list of 12 advertisers which sponsored the most violent shows. "That was a mortal blow to our ego," Preston said. "We carefully screen as many shows as we can before agreeing to include them in our package. Certain shows, such as 'Starsky and Hutch,' we have never sponsored."

Preston also noted that some episodes which are clearly violent are necessary to the meaning of a show. As an example, he cited a torture scene in a British production they sponsored, "Elizabeth Rex." "The scene was horrible but absolutely essential if you were going to understand Elizabeth and the period in which she reigned," he insisted.

Paul D. Simmons, associate professor of Christian ethics, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., traced the history of violence in America. He observed that in our country in the minds of many "violence is equated with the highest goals and traditions of our society."

Mexico Seminary's Campaign
Brings Over 500 to Christ

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MEXICO CITY (BP)--More than 500 persons made professions of faith in Jesus Christ during a week-long evangelistic campaign held in a government housing area here by the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary.

The campaign included worship services, free medical help and literacy classes and was more successful than anticipated, in spite of threats of disruption by some area Catholics, according to Southern Baptist representative Pat H. Carter, seminary president.

The seminary carried out its special project in the government condominium complex, "Puente de Vigas," and was given last minute permission to set up a tent on a major parking lot. The tent, with a seating capacity of 400 persons, was donated by a local manufacturer, Carter noted.

An average 700 persons attended evening evangelistic services, he noted, and special services for children were held each evening outside the tent.

Conversion experiences during the campaign were recorded for 263 young people and adults, with the remaining decisions coming from children, Carter said.

During the week-long campaign, five doctors from area Baptist churches gave free medical consultations for six hours daily. And the seminary offered literacy classes for community residents.

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As campaign preparations were being made, Carter said, a man who was supposed to provide an estimate on chair prices did not show up.

Instead, a woman representing another company "just happened to be passing by," stopped in and sold the seminary 600 chairs at a 60 percent discount. The next day she brought her sales manager, and he made a profession of faith, Carter said.

After the campaign, the seminary held a special service for those who had made professions of faith. The purpose, according to Carter, was to strengthen them in their decisions and relate them to one of the eight Bible study centers established by the seminary. More than 200 people signed up, he noted.

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Video Cassettes Bring Crusades
To Christian Homes in Japan

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OSAKA, Japan (BP)--Thanks to the brainchild of Southern Baptist missionary Wayne E. Emanuel, evangelistic crusades will be brought to individual Japanese homes without incurring the high cost of television airtime.

A video cassette player will be taken from house to house among those cooperating with the project, according to Southern Baptist missionary J. O. Terry, regional mass media representative for East and Southeast Asia.

Using 13 tapes of a Billy Graham evangelistic series of 30 minutes each, planners of the project hope to hold eight to 10 video meetings in homes each week in the Kansai area, which includes Osaka.

The programs will be held twice a month in each home, perhaps alternating with Bible studies. Each will consist of a hymn, prayer and Scripture reading, led by the home leader before the video cassette is played. Then prayer and discussion of the key points, led by a pastor or missionary, may follow.

Bible studies, based on an 11-lesson radio Bible correspondence course, will also be available during alternating weeks or as follow-ups. After the first video cassette is run, the correspondence course will be explained. At the 13th session, the video cassette "may be followed up with a time of soul-searching and decision making," a spokesman said.

Interest and enthusiasm have been high among church members, who gave about \$200 to help finance the project soon after they heard about it, Emanuel said. Participating churches are being encouraged to have their members open their homes for the meetings, scheduled mornings and evenings as needed. Friends, neighbors and relatives will be encouraged to attend.

The cassette ministry will seek to promote use of homes for evangelism and to strengthen and encourage Christians in their evangelistic outreach, Terry explained. A goal of six non-Christians present has been set for each viewing.

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First Latin American Named
Director of Publishing House

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EL PASO, Tex. (BP)--N. Aldo Broda, a third generation Argentine Baptist, has been elected general director of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House here, effective Nov. 1.

He will be the first Latin American Baptist to head the publishing house, according to Southern Baptist missionary A. Clark Scanlon, chairman of the publishing house trustees who elected Broda to the post.

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Southern Baptist missionary J. Wilson Ross, director of management services, served as interim director after Thomas W. Hill, the publishing house's general director since 1970, became director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's department of communications, Jan. 1.

Broda currently directs the Argentine Baptist Publications Association in Buenos Aires, according to Lorena (Mrs. V. Walton) Chambless, Southern Baptist missionary press representative for the El Paso publishing house. He has also served as president of the Convention of Evangelical Baptist Churches of Argentina, as a delegate to the Baptist World Alliance in Stockholm, Sweden, and president of the advisory committee to the publishing house.

Broda was born into the home of a Baptist pastor. His grandmother became a Christian after taking an unused Bible home with her from a relative's home in another town.

His grandparents studied the Bible, became Christians, and shared their faith with others. When Southern Baptist missionary Joseph L. Hart visited the area for the first time he was surprised to find a number of evangelical Christians, Mrs. Chambless said. He baptized them and a church was begun.

From that beginning 60 years ago, more than 1,000 families and countless churches, pastors and lay leaders, including Broda, have emerged.

The Baptist Spanish Publishing House, operated by the Foreign Mission Board, began in 1906. It provides Bibles, books and Christian materials in Spanish to more than 40 countries, 46 states and every continent of the world, according to Hill.

Some six million tracts and booklets, one million books, and 29 periodicals with an annual distribution of one quarter million copies are published annually.

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(BP) Photos will be mailed to Baptist state papers.

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Baptist Youth, 18, Stabbed,
Recovering Satisfactorily

By Orville Scott

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DALLAS (BP)--An 18-year-old Baptist youth who was stabbed through the lung and slashed across the face and, yet, managed to subdue and hold his assailant until help arrived, was recovering satisfactorily here.

Bruce Wheelless, a member of First Baptist Church, Dallas, and the boy who accepted the Texas Ambassador Chapter of the Year award recently for his Royal Ambassador (RA) boys group, was attacked near his home by a 29-year-old, bearded assailant.

The attacker was held in the Dallas jail on charges of aggravated assault and criminal mischief.

Douglas Beggs, RA director at First Church, Dallas, said Bruce's action "speaks of a young man's courage and desire to protect his family. Bruce does many things with disregard for his personal comfort and for the benefit of other people."

Bruce, an all district football selection last fall, awakened before dawn to hear someone slashing tires on the family automobiles.

He ran outside and pursued the vandal, thinking first it must be a youngster from the community.

He tackled the suspect and soon realized he was grappling with a knife-wielding bearded man of nearly 200 pounds.

In the melee, the teen-ager took away the man's knife and sat astride him until his parents arrived to help.

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The only thing Bruce remembers the man saying was, "Man, get off me, you're bleeding all over me."

Bruce had been slashed across the face, neck and rib cage. He didn't know it then, but the man had also stabbed him in the back, narrowly missing his spinal cord and puncturing his lung.

Bruce's father, Steve, who heads the Dallas County Agricultural Extension Service, soon arrived to help. In the poor light, not realizing his son's injuries, Wheelless told Bruce to call the police.

When the police took charge of the assailant, they asked if they needed to call an ambulance for Bruce, who in addition to his external wounds was experiencing difficulty breathing.

"We can get to the hospital quicker in the car," Wheelless said, but soon after they started the car's tires collapsed. The second family car experienced a similar fate, but fortunately a policeman was nearby and rushed Bruce to Baylor Medical Center.

The young Royal Ambassador leader healed quickly and a few days later was recuperating at home.

He and his family have been thanking God that his life was spared, since any of several knife wounds were a hair breadth from possibly being fatal.

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White Church Finds Some
Answers in Ministry to Blacks

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PEORIA, Ill.. (BP)--For several years, the South Side Baptist Church here has picked up black children on its bus route.

"But it became more apparent we weren't meeting their real needs," pastor John D. Gilmore told the Illinois Baptist. "So a group of us went to Chicago to talk with a black pastor, Bobby Love. Love said if we meet the needs of black children in a white church, we'd need to enlist black adults to work with them.

"This caused us to face the question of whether we wanted to be a white church ministering to black people, or a bi-racial church ministering to all people," Gilmore said. "Or, were we just trying to make white children out of black children?"

Gilmore said that to answer these questions, they got better acquainted with fellow black Baptists. Here are some of the things they did:

--Invited Bobby Love and his youth choir to come to Peoria from Chicago for a series of services.

--Held a pre-Thanksgiving pulpit and choir exchange with the Zion Baptist Church, a black congregation in Peoria.

--Invited two black ministers to meet informally with their members, and exchange ideas (pastor Donald Sharp of Chicago and Don Johnson of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta).

--Held a joint revival with Zion Baptist Church, with Raymond (Chunky) Harvey, a black minister from Tuskegee, Ala., as guest speaker.

"Not all our questions have been answered," Gilmore said. "But one vital question has been answered. Yes, bi-racial worship can be a beautiful experience!"

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