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Zurich, Switzerland----Missionary representatives of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention met at European Baptist Seminary here recently. They named a committee to study the use of radio for propagation of the Gospel. Josef Nordenhaug, European seminary president, is chairman of the committee. Other committeemen are Benjamin R. Lawton, missionary in Rivoli, Italy, and Charles W. Whitten, missionary in Madrid, Spain.

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Berchtesgaden, Germany-----545 Baptist military personnel and their dependents gathered at what once was Adolf Hitler's mountain resort for a five-day spiritual life meeting here June 25-29. The conference was led by Baptist chaplains. Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr., Decatur, Ga., minister who represented the Southern Baptist Chaplains' Commission at the conference, had this to say afterward: "The retreat was one of those experiences which many Christians desire, but seldom realize."

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Tokyo, Japan----Japanese Baptists met in July to plan for city-wide evangelism crusades in Japan. The crusades will help church members to become stronger personal Christian witnesses and increase the number of church members. Crusades will be held in 12 cities, which have not yet been chosen.

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Richmond, Virginia----The appointment here of 18 young people as Southern Baptist missionaries brought to 83 the number appointed so far this year and to 1084 the number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries. The 18 were appointed in July.

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Atlanta, Georgia----The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here reports that 13 Southern Baptist ministers, denominational leaders, and laymen will conduct a "Denominational Emphasis Week" in Alaska Aug. 12-19. They will visit many Alaska Baptist churches. Southern Baptist Convention work in Alaska is in charge of its Home Mission Board.

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Nashville, Tennessee----Student summer missionaries among Southern Baptists have been filling important places of service during the months between school in the United States, Hawaii, Jamaica, Panama, Cuba, Mexico, Alaska, and Nigeria. The students augment the work of the regular home and foreign missionaries, conducting Vacation Bible schools and strengthening the work of Sunday schools and Baptist Training Unions.

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Nashville, Tennessee----Plans are developing for the first Southern Baptist Student World Missions Congress, which will meet in Nashville Dec. 27-30. Messengers to the Congress will be carefully selected to represent each college campus, according to Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, student secretary for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

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Tokyo, Japan----Inspired by recent conferences with Southern Baptist Convention leaders, Japanese Baptists are preparing to expand their church religious education program. Dr. W. L. Howse, director of the education division, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, and Andrew Allen, Sunday school secretary for Texas Baptists, Dallas, conferred with Baptists in Japan recently. The expanding religious education program is expected to increase work of the Sunday schools and Baptist Training Unions.

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Fort Worth, Texas----Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will be speaker on the Baptist Hour for the last quarter of 1956 and first quarter of 1957. The Baptist Hour is a radio program produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here.

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Glorieta, New Mexico----The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, holding its semi-annual meeting at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, elected the Rev. B. Locke Davis, of Anniston, Ala., as president. He succeeds the Rev. W. A. Criswell, of Dallas, Tex.

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Miller, Missouri----Funeral services were held here for Southern Baptist missionary, the Rev. Clyde E. Clark, 35, who died of cancer July 12. Clark and his wife were appointed to missionary service in 1952 and were engaged in evangelistic work in Venezuela.