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CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN BAPTISTS
ORGANIZE 110 NEW MISSIONS

FRESNO, Cal.--(BP)--On Sunday, July 29, California Southern Baptists organized 110 missions, 44 of them in the greater Los Angeles area, according to reports gathered on Monday, July 30.

This movement was initiated last fall by W. Alvis Strickland, Sunday school secretary for California, in cooperation with S. G. Posey, executive secretary, and A. C. Turner, superintendent of cooperative missions. Dr. Posey said, in reviewing the accomplishments for the day, "Approximately 12 1/2 per cent increase in Sunday school enrolment can be expected from the venture." Floyd Looney, editor of the California Southern Baptist, stated: "In my judgment it will make for a 25 per cent increase in the total number of churches by the end of 1958. We now have 562. By that time we hope to have 800 as a result of this movement. It will also mean that by 1960 the Cooperative Program mission gifts will increase to more than one million dollars a year."

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CHRISTIAN LIFE CONFERENCE
TO BE HELD AT RIDGECREST

NASHVILLE--(BP)--"Christian Citizenship," "Human Freedom," and "The Inner Life" will be the emphases for the Christian Life Conferences which begin at Ridgecrest on August 23 and go through August 29. These topics will be presented in the morning periods of Bible study by Olin T. Binkley, C. Emanuel Carlson, and Dotson M. Nelson, Jr.

The afternoons will be devoted to discussions of "Racial Understanding from the Old Testament," "Racial Understanding from the New Testament," "The Person in the Community," and "The Christian's Political Life." These discussions, to be led by Ralph Phelps, Olin T. Binkley, and C. Emanuel Carlson, are sponsored by the Christian Life Commission, while the Bible study hours in the morning are the responsibility of the Sunday School Board.

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ALASKA POSSIBILITIES
ARE UNLIMITED--MOORE

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Southern Baptists face "almost limitless possibility" in Alaska, Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee here reports.

Work of the convention in Alaska is a dozen years old and growth has been very significant during that time, Moore said. "During the next 12 years, Southern Baptists should accomplish three or four times as much."

Moore returned to Nashville recently from a 10-day visit in Alaska. He saw Baptist work in nearly all parts of the territory which is over twice the size of Texas but sparsely populated. Moore conducted stewardship conferences and preached stewardship sermons in several localities.

Southern Baptist growth in Alaska has been due to the "faithful witness of so many Christians from the United States who have gone there on business or in military service," he said.

In some cases, Southern Baptist ministers serving as armed forces chaplains helped establish churches. In one city, a building contractor who was a Southern Baptist led in development of a church.

Work in the territory, under direction of the Home Mission Board, is among American servicemen based at many places, among the Alaskan civilian population which has gone there from the U. S., and among the Eskimo population also.

Alaskan Baptists are beset with several problems. One of them is the high cost of construction, according to Moore. He said it costs two or three times more to build a church in Alaska than in the United States.

High costs affect living also. Someone remarked to Moore that he could buy more on a \$50 salary within the "States" than he could with a \$100 salary in Alaska. This, of course, means that it costs more to carry on denominational work.

The cost of moving goods to Alaska is part of the reason for the high cost of living; it also is a deterrent to churches that might call pastors from the United States but that can't afford to pay their moving costs to Alaska.

Travel is also a problem. Many people in Alaska have traveled in airplanes who haven't ever traveled in cars, Moore reported. Air travel, which is

always a more expensive mode of getting around, is about the only practical way to reach far-flung cities in which Baptists have work.

"Southern Baptist leaders in Alaska are dedicated to their work for Christ," Moore stated, not letting these obstacles dim their determination.

"There is a need for more Christian laymen who go to Alaska (and to other parts of the world as well) to live as Christians," Moore declared. "Too many go and 'take a vacation from God,'" he added.

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TWO ARE APPOINTED BY KENTUCKY STATE BOARD

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--A full-time public relations director and a part-time secretary of church music for the Kentucky Baptist executive board have been appointed.

Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., Louisville, assumed full-time duties Aug. 1 as the board's first public relations director. He has served as part-time director of press relations and visual aids the past two years while studying at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Taking office as part-time secretary of church music Aug. 1 was Eugene F. Quinn, Carbondale, Ill. Quinn will be the first to hold this office also.

The new music secretary has served the Illinois Baptist State Association in the same capacity for nine years. He resigned there to pursue advanced studies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The executive committee also elected Joe Williams as Baptist Student Union director at Murray State College, Murray, Ky. Formerly public relations director at Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Ky., he succeeds Frank Derrick in the Murray position.

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J. M. PRICE MAKING VISITS AROUND GLOBE

FORT WORTH--(BP)--J. M. Price, director emeritus of the school of religious education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, left July 27 on a world tour.

He will speak at the Pan-Australian Baptist Youth Conference and Triennial Assembly, in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, Aug. 28 to Sept. 10.

Price will also visit various mission fields in India, Burma, Thailand, China, Formosa, Japan, Philippine Islands, Malaya, and Indonesia. Leaving from New York City, he will visit parts of Europe before going to the Orient and Australia.

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.....Donald E. McKay, an active Baptist layman for many years, was promoted recently to the rank of rear admiral, and has taken over command of the 14th Coast Guard district in Hawaii.

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.....T. Rupert Coleman, for 22 years pastor of Ginter Park Church, Richmond, Va., has accepted the call to University Church of Coral Gables, Fla., and will assume the new work in September.

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.....Dr. Luther Copeland was recently elected associate professor of Christian Missions at Southeastern Seminary and will take up his teaching duties in September.

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.....Luther Wesley Smith has resigned as executive secretary of the Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Convention.

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.....Billy Graham, most widely known evangelist in the world today, will be in Louisville, Ky., for an evangelistic crusade from September 30 to October 28, 1956.

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.....On Friday night, July 13, the son of Mrs. W. H. Knight and the late Dr. Knight was killed as his light truck struck the Red River bridge in Alexandria, La. The doctor reported that he was possibly the victim of a heart attack just before the crash.

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.....Mrs. Collins Webb, Wichita, Kansas, was recently elected interim executive secretary-treasurer of the Kansas Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. Webb is the wife of the pastor, Pershing Avenue Baptist Church, Wichita.

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.....Olivet City in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is adding a roof garden atop its three-story educational annex, which was erected two years ago.

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