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Quotes From Student
Missions Congress

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Here are some of the significant quotes from addresses to the four-day Southern Baptist Student World Missions Congress which closed here recently:

Culbert G. Rutenber, professor at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., in exposition on Sunday school lesson (Rev. 21): "A Christian knows that ultimately any man who works for God in history cannot fail. . . . The main reason you (Christian) work is not in terms of immediate consequences but because your work is a way to let the world know what it means to have been redeemed and to be a purveyor of the love of God."

Evangelist Billy Graham, in closing address to the 2300 student delegates from colleges in 25 states and Canada: "We are having possibly the greatest religious inquiry on the college campuses we have seen in the history of education in the United States."

Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board (after whose address more than 200 students dedicated themselves to mission work or to other Christian vocations): "You as college students are in a position to electrify 8½ million Southern Baptists and to launch us out in the greatest missionary advance possible in this Convention."

Porter Routh, executive secretary, SBC Executive Committee: "World missions is like bifocal glasses. It must give you the ability to see the person next door, your roommate, but it also must give you the perspective to see to the ends of the earth."

Paul Geren, former State Department officer in the Near East now executive vice-president of Baylor University: "Communism is more dramatic than Christianity because it is more superficial. . . and the world loves superficiality more than it does profundity."

Tennessee Gov. Frank G. Clement, welcoming delegates to Tennessee: "Being governor is a great honor but being a Christian is so much greater an honor that there is no comparison."

Theodore F. Adams, president of Baptist World Alliance: "Baptists believe in freedom from religion, freedom by religion, freedom in religion, and freedom of religion."

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Emanuel Dahunsi, graduate student from Nigeria attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary: "A great deal of progress has been made in race relations in the six years I have been in the United States. . . Unfortunately the churches have not had the reputation for being in the forefront in this fight."

Anis Shorrosh, Jordan student attending New Orleans Baptist Seminary: "People of other nations wonder at Americans' dislike for work, lavish keeping up of pets, overweight, keeping up with the Joneses, speeding on highways, lust for pleasure . . . and at the case of Autherine Lucy and Victor Riesel."

Rep. Walter Judd (R., Minn.), former missionary to China: "Power is shifting from the Western world back to the East because of our influence. We took our ideas and values to them. We taught them to want equality and now we must give it to them . . . We need to 'make love' to countries like India."

Grocer-layman Howard Butt, Jr.: "A man cannot be right with God in his heart until he is right with God in his pocketbook."

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Miller Accepts Post
As R&A Representative

DALLAS--(BP)--Beginning Feb. 1, R. C. Miller will assume the duties of field representative to Missouri and Oklahoma for the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board. He recently resigned the pastorate of the First Southern Baptist Church, San Mateo, Calif., to accept this position.

Miller, born in Sedalia, Mo., attended Oklahoma Baptist University and Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville.

From 1941 to 1945, Miller served as an Air Force chaplain, two years in the European theater. Besides his pastorate in San Mateo, he has pastored churches in Oklahoma and New Mexico.

His appointment is part of an enlarged program of education and promotion being carried on jointly by the state Baptist conventions and the Relief and Annuity Board.

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.....The first Kentucky Baptist church finance clinic will be held at Walnut^{St.} Baptist Church, Louisville, Jan. 14. R. J. Hastings, Nashville, Tenn., from the staff of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, will be in charge.

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Hawaii Church Repays
Lottie Moon Investment

WAHIAWA, Hawaii--(BP)--The Wahiawa Baptist Church, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii, the only self-supporting Southern Baptist Church in Hawaii, has given over \$1,800 in Lottie Moon Christmas offering gifts to foreign missions.

This church, the oldest of the Southern Baptist churches in Hawaii, was organized in 1934, and has been in the past the recipient of Lottie Moon offering gifts.

Pastor Daniel Kong, a native of Wahiawa, was educated at Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Seminary.

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Reminder of Baptist
Brotherhood Issued

WASHINGTON--(BP)--Baptists of America have been urged to remember the work of their fellow Baptists in other lands when they observe Baptist World Alliance Sunday Feb. 3.

A message from Alliance President Theodore F. Adams and the staff of the Alliance office here called attention to the Baptist brotherhood existing throughout the world. It pointed out that Baptists in a number of lands are "struggling heavily with poverty and adverse circumstances...even persecution."

The Baptist World Alliance is a fellowship of 21 million Baptists in the world.

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Iris Society To Plant
Glorieta Assembly Plot

GLORIETA, N.M.--(BP)--The New Mexico Iris Society recently announced one of its annual projects will be to plant $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres of the terraced gardens at Glorieta Baptist Assembly here.

The Iris Society has agreed to supply the rhizomes and make plans for the iris garden. The assembly landscape staff will help carry out the plans, which include an underground water system.

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Student Congress Sets
World Mission Pattern

By Theo Sommerkamp

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The college students have set an example for their elders to follow in observing 1957 as World Missions Year in the Southern Baptist Convention.

More than 2300 students gathered in Nashville recently for the four-day Southern Baptist Student World Missions Congress, first of its kind in about 18 years.

From the keynote address by Culbert G. Rutenber, professor at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., to the closing "hour of decision" with Evangelist Billy Graham, the evidence of the world need for the Christian Gospel was clearly and forcefully presented.

About 200 students responded to Baker James Cauthen's plea to dedicate themselves to full-time service as missionaries or in other Christian vocations. The call for volunteers for Christian service followed the Foreign Mission Board executive secretary's address to the delegates.

The students came from state colleges, from private colleges, and from Southern Baptist colleges in 25 states and Canada. They represented many more countries -- Nigeria, Japan, China, Jordan, to name only a few.

Additional evidence of the impact the Congress had on the students -- and through them would be likely to have on all Southern Baptists -- was the \$1800 they gave to Hungarian refugee relief in a special offering. Many of the students had already made personal financial sacrifices to come to Nashville for the Congress.

A statement from Cauthen's address to the Congress probably best describes the purpose and future fulfillment of the event: "You are in a position to electrify 8½ million Southern Baptists and to launch us out on the greatest missionary advance possible in this Convention."

The platform setting -- or props -- was in the background adding weight to the words of each speaker. The display showed a world between two competing forces. To the left of the globe were three symbols of the material world -- grasping hands of selfishness, the atomic rings which depict this atomic age, and the hammer and sickle of communism. To the right of the globe was one symbol -- the cross.

The prospect of a world holocaust, the social injustice in America and in other nations, the threat of communism and Roman Catholic encroachment, the "tramp, tramp, tramp of the world's underprivileged against their lot," the search of mankind for
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soul peace -- these were the central themes around which nearly all speakers wove their messages.

Billy Graham, commenting on religious interest among college students in America, declared "We are having possibly the greatest religious inquiry we have seen on the college campuses in the history of education in the United States."

He said the students must declare the Gospel of Christ through their lives, their words, and even their deaths as martyrs to the faith if necessary.

Graham told students the vertical relationship -- man's relation to God -- precedes the horizontal relationship -- man to man. "Without the love of God in his heart man does not have the capacity to love his neighbor," he said.