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RELIEF FOR HOLLAND AND KOREA

by

R. Paul Caudill, chairman, Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, and member, Board of Directors of American Relief for Korea.

In view of the widespread interest concerning the European flood disaster and the many inquiries that are being received, we wish to make a brief statement concerning the situation as it affects Baptists.

To date I have received only a partial review of the picture as it actually obtains in Belgium, England, and Holland. A cablegram from Dr. Townley Lord, president of the Baptist World Alliance, reads as follows: "Five churches flooded. Work much interrupted. Help coming in. Welcome American participation."

Our relief office in Washington informs us, on the basis of reports from the Netherlands Embassy in Washington, that the need for clothing is not so acute as the need is for blankets and other necessities and cash with which to aid in the program of rehabilitation.

The air lines have been magnificent in their assistance in helping to transport great quantities of clothing to the areas of need.

At present, the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance would be grateful to receive cash offerings so that we shall be in position to make more than a token gift in behalf of the program of rehabilitation as it relates to Baptists.

Those desiring to send cash gifts may do so by forwarding the sum directly to the office of the Baptist World Alliance at the following address: 1628 Sixteenth Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

The need in Korea continues to be appalling - the need for clothing and for dollars with which to purchase many of the necessities of life. Those desiring to send clothing to Korea may send it directly to our missionary, John Abernathy, who is in position to distribute the gifts in accord with the needs that prevail. Packages may be sent to him, parcel post, by addressing them as follows: Dr. John A. Abernathy, American Embassy, APO 59, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Those who would like to supplement the flow of clothes to Europe, where the need continues to be pressing on account of the mounting influx of refugees, may likewise forward parcels by parcel post to our European representative whose address is as follows: K. Norquist, WCC APO 154, U. S. Army, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
SENDS RESOLUTION TO IKE

BATON ROUGE, La.--(BP)--The executive committee of Judson Baptist Association of Louisiana recently drew up a resolution expressing appreciation to President Dwight D. Eisenhower for the spirit of humility shown by Ike and his associates in the beginning of their administration.

The resolution read in part, "Whereas, it is our firm conviction that the greatest need of our nation is a complete and full return to God;

"Therefore, we, the executive committee of the Judson Baptist Association of Louisiana, representing 23,000 constituents, wish to express our appreciation of the spirit of humility before God shown by our new President and his associates in the beginning of their administration; and we desire to specifically commend our President for his having prefaced his inaugural address by personally invoking divine guidance for himself and our people in this time of national and international crisis."

The committee also sent letters of commendation to two other government leaders. One went to Louisiana's Governor Robert F. Kennon, commending the stand Colonel Grevenberg has taken in enforcing the laws against gambling and similar vices.

Another letter was sent to Mayor Jesse L. Webb, Jr., and the members of the city council of Baton Rouge expressing appreciation for their stand against liquor and gambling in East Baton Rouge parish.

Those drawing up the resolutions by instruction of the executive committee were W. L. May, J. Norris Palmer, J. Leon Clark, Charles A. Heine, and A. E. Pardue.

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CRAIG LEAVES GASTON

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--Dr. W. Marshall Craig has resigned as pastor of Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, effective May. 1

The resignation of the 63-year old pastor came just one week after the church had celebrated his twenty-sixth anniversary in the ministry there. He was unable to be present to offer his resignation in person, having suffered a relapse from influenza.

Deacon chairman H. L. Burlison read the message.

Dr. Craig's message said that it seemed the will of the Lord for him "to relinquish the heavy responsibilities of this ever enlarging pastorate....We shall, as best we can, devote ourselves to some lighter responsibilities in the service of our Lord."

Dr. Craig is a native of Anderson, S. C. He came to Gaston Avenue church in 1927 after seven years as pastor of First church, Petersburg, Va. At that time there were

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1,800 members of the Dallas church operating on a budget of \$60,000. Now the membership totals 7,000 and the budget is \$273,385. There have been 13,322 additions to the church during the 26 years, 2,234 of them by baptism. Contributions have totaled \$3,500,000. The present value of the property of \$2,000,000 was only \$500,000 in 1927.

In 1950 the church entered a new auditorium completed at a cost of \$1,100,000.

Dr. Craig announced that he will do evangelistic and supply work. He has dates already booked two and three years ahead. He will remain at his home in Dallas temporarily.