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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
SUB COMMITTEES APPOINTED

CHARLOTTE, N. C. --(BP)--Dr. C. C. Warren, president of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, has announced appointment of two special committees authorized by the Executive Committee in its summer meeting.

A Committee to confer with the Home Mission Board on ways and means for providing \$3,00,000 for church building loans: Carl E. Bates, Chairman, Texas; Louie D. Newton, Georgia; J. D. Grey, Louisiana; Carr P. Collins, Texas; T. P. Pruitt, North Carolina.

A Committee to help interpret to representatives of the Baptist Union of Western Canada the action of the recent Southern Baptist Convention to extend help to certain churches in Western Canada: J. W. Storer, Chairman, Oklahoma; Homer G. Lindsay, Florida; Oliver R. Shields, Missouri; Mrs. George R. Martin, Virginia.

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CARLSON FLAYS  
LIQUOR ADS

WASHINGTON, D.C. --(BP)--"The persistent voice of the liquor industry is an effective voice making its impact on both young and old people. It is just as irresponsible as it is effective," Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson, director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs told a Senate Interstate Commerce subcommittee in a hearing here on liquor advertizing. He said, "The liquor industry should pick up the additional cost involved for maintaining law and order, the costs of 'accidents,' and the costs for public welfare work providing for broken homes."

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CORPUS CHRISTI BAPTISTS FAIL  
TO SECURE TV PERMIT

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex.--(BP)--Texas Baptists have been denied a permit to open a TV station in Corpus Christi. The Federal Communications Commission said that the operation of KMBU, a Convention-owned radio station in Corpus Christi, had not been up to standard. Mr. H. Gifford Irion, examiner for the FCC, said, "The Convention does not maintain effective supervision and control over its present radio station." He also said that there had been only three formal meetings of the Radio Committee since 1947, and "so far as the record shows, the only accounting given to the Convention or its

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127 Ninth Avenue, North — Nashville, Tennessee  
Ruschlikon--Zurich, Switzerland  
June 26EUROPEAN BAPTIST PASTORS CONFERENCE  
(Second letter in a series)  
By J. W. Storer

This conference, the third, I believe, to be held here, has some seventy pastors attending. It began on June 23, concluding July 2. Groups are here from France, Belgium, Great Britain, Denmark, Yugoslavia, Austria, Germany, Finland, Sweden, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Norway, Holland, and Switzerland. Most of the men speak some English, but thru a system of head phones and a translator for each language. Much on the order of the dis-United Nations, each gets his own word in due season.

The program is a very full one, reminding one of our state conventions. Such subjects as "Variety and Unity in the New Testament Doctrine of the Church," "Baptism and the Lord's Supper," "The Origin of the Church," "The Nature of the Church," "Church and State," "The Function of the Church," are discussed by the brethren in a rather glorified Hyde Park (not New York!) way, following the presentation of the speaker.

There is great diversity of opinion, but in the essential meanings, the brethren stay in the middle of the road. One thing clearly develops, the shadow of "state churchism," and the tragedy of infant baptism which in this part of the continent invalidates Christianity as an actual experience. I mean, infant baptism is a substitute for regeneration.

Dr. Arnold Ohrn, the Executive Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, has a course on Ephesians, and I have a series on preaching; and pastoral relationship.

Ruschlikon is six miles from Zurich and one of the most beautiful spots in the world.

The property, an estate purchased in 1948 by the Foreign Mission Board from a wealthy man who had built it for his wife, who shortly thereafter died, can only be described as magnificent. Formal gardens ablaze with flowers of all kinds--roses being especially beautiful.

Dr. Joseph Nordenhaug, the president, our people will remember from his connection with the Commission, is outstanding in his leadership. The J. D. Hughey's, Jr. will be leaving the latter part of July for the States, and are looking forward to it, and then to their return to Ruschlikon. Baptists have taken new stature in Europe, because of this seminary.

It was certainly by the leading of the Holy Spirit that the Foreign

Mission Board was led to locate it at Zurich, rather than at Geneva, and God's hand is seen in its unifying and strengthening influence amongst peoples so nationally antagonistic. As I see it this is not only a seminary for the training of ministerial students from all over Europe; it is missionary work of the purest and highest order.

Fortunate are we in having Joe Nordenhaug as the president, for he has an unusual grasp of the potentialities involved, and he has the ability to make his dreams come true. Add to this, please, that he is a man of conviction as to the fundamentals of the faith, and a Baptist without apology, whilst at the same time being a Christian gentleman. It is a real pleasure to be around him. Sometimes, unfortunately, I've had to spend time with men whose Baptist standing did not square with their Christian professions; its like a bit of sand in your eye--the sand may be pure, but makes your eye very uncomfortable.

Those of us who live in the States simply cannot comprehend the racial and nationalistic fear, prejudices, and reserves which exist, and which the gospel alone can remove. Therefore the great powers resident in such an institution as this, where young men meet in a place long neutral, unscarred by war, is like an island of serenity in an ocean of turbulence. Here they study the Word and come to know what is meant by the Prince of Peace--where barriers are broken down, and they come to know what is the essence of "Blest be the tie that binds."

So, I contend, the Foreign Mission Board never spent a better missionary dollar than here at Ruschlikon. I wish there was a chapel--a fittingly built complement to the beautiful estate house--it is sorely needed. While talking to Dr. Nordenhaug about it, I asked him if there was anything I could do to help? He replied, "We will pray--it will come!" Just as simple as that. It will--for God will honor a man of faith like that.

Today at lunch--all furnished free to those pastors attending the Conference--Dr. Ray Summers of Southwestern Seminary, and his son David, dropped in for a visit. He is taking some work at the University of Basle--about sixty miles away. He is another of our strong young men. We--Nordenhaug, Ohrn and I went in to Zurich this p.m., and sat in on the session of the Swiss Baptist Union. There are over 1350 Baptists in Switzerland, and the attendance was about 100. The language was Swiss-German, and I only know a few phrases of "high" German--so it was all "Dutch" to me. But I had a hunch it was a financial report, from the strong accent on each last word--and so it was. The report was adopted unanimously--no negative vote taken.

In front of me sat an extremely fat burgher, his coat off, and his suspenders putting such a strain on the buttons I expected every second to see the parting of the weighs--but when I left, his anchor was still holding. The brethren paused long enough for an introduction of the visitors. I'm afraid my "danke" sounded more like "donkey." But it was quiet and peaceful--gave me the St. Louis blues.

Incidentally, when you get far away from the sound of battle, and have not had your mail forwarded (purposely) things begin to take on a new and, I'm persuaded, proper perspective. I do not know, for example, who is leading the National or American League race--or what has become of Orphan Annie--and actually, it does not seem to halt the sun if I don't.

But the birds sing, the linden trees are beautiful, and by the top of the hill over-looking the lovely lake, one can see the Alps; as the sun sets in the west, my heart turns to Him Who holdeth the world in His hands. "He that watcheth over Israel doth not slumber or sleep"-- that is the essential thing.

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