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SIX CITIES WANT
RADIO COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Proposals from six cities in five states were received during the recent Nashville meeting of the Central Committee of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in an effort to determine the best possible location for the agency.

No recommendation will be made by the Central Committee until a more detailed study can be made and more complete information compiled, according to Malcolm Knight, Jacksonville, Fla., chairman of the Commission.

Knight disclosed that outside technical assistance is to be utilized in the continuing study.

No public announcement will be made on the matter until such time as the full commission of twenty-eight members has met and come to a decision.

Representatives of Albuquerque, N. Mex. and Tulsa, Okla., were present for one afternoon session.

Both were given unlimited time to present their case for the city they represented.

Other proposals were submitted in writing by Fort Worth, Tex.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Dallas, Tex.; and Atlanta, Ga.

The Atlanta proposal took the form of a statement as to why the Commission should and could remain in Atlanta.

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EX-NUN JOINS N.C.
BAPTIST CHURCH

HIGH POINT, N. C.--(BP)--Miss Emma Neeley, former Roman Catholic nun, joined Conrad Memorial Baptist Church here recently. This makes five former Roman Catholics who are members of the church. C. K. Rand, pastor, was also a Roman Catholic.

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AUGUST TU AWARDS
TOTAL 34,846

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--A total of 34,846 Training Union study course awards were made during August, a gain of 4,207 over the same period in 1953, according to J. E. Lambdin, secretary, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Texas, with 7,565, topped all other states, with North Carolina showing 3,995, Alabama, 3,715, Georgia, 3,085, and Mississippi, 3,028.

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GCC FALL ENROLMENT
HIGHEST IN HISTORY

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--Two hundred and thirty-eight students have registered to date at Grand Canyon College, making the highest fall enrolment in the history of the school.

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MINISTERS SECURITY GOAL
REACHED BY ALL STATES

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--All states of the Southern Baptist Convention went over their established goals in the Ministers Security Plan, it was announced by the Relief and Annuity Board. Goals were two-thirds of all active Ministers Retirement Plan members transferring with their churches, into the new Ministers Security Plan.

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751 STUDENTS ENROL
IN N.O. SEMINARY

NEW ORLEANS, La.--(BP)--Seven hundred and fifty-one students enrolled at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary at the end of the first week of the new fall session, Roland Q. Leavell, president, announced. This is a 15 per cent increase over last year at this time.

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AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME
MISSION GROUPS TO BE ONE

NEW YORK, N. Y.--(BP)--A plan to combine the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society and the American Baptist Home Mission Society was approved recently at a joint meeting of the boards of the two agencies. Final action will be taken at the annual meeting of each society next May. If adopted, the plan calls for two corporate societies for legal purposes, but officers of the two would be identical and elected annually.

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PROGRAM

(This is not a complete program)

GOLDEN JUBILEE BAPTIST CONGRESS

(Ninth World Assembly)

London, England
July 16-22, 1955

CONGRESS THEME: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday,
and today, and forever, Hebrews 13:8."

(Unless otherwise announced, all plenary sessions take
place in the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington.)

FIRST SESSION

Saturday, July 16, at 2:30 p.m.

Opening Session

Chairman: President of the Baptist World Alliance,
Dr. F. Townley Lord, London, England.

Devotional opening: Song, prayer, Scripture reading.

Addresses of welcome (In all approximately 30 min.)

Response: Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Georgia,
Vice-president of the B.W.A.

Keynote Address: "The Changeless Christ in a Changing World,"
Rev. L. A. North, New Zealand
(invitation accepted).

Business: Election of committees on business, on nominations,
on resolutions.

Messages:

Roll call of nations, first part.

SECOND SESSION

Saturday, July 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Devotions:

Business: Announcements regarding possible changes in the B.W.A.
Constitution.

Addresses:

Roll Call, second part.

Sunday morning, July 17

Worship services in Baptist churches and other churches in the
Metropolitan area, with visiting preachers.

THIRD SESSION

Sunday, July 17, at 2:30 p.m.

Golden Jubilee Service.

Chairman: Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis, Mo., past president
of the B.W.A.

Scripture reading and prayer:

Devotional meditation: (12 min.) Dr. Gilbert Laws, Norwich,
England, (proposed).

Golden Jubilee Address: President of the Baptist World Alliance.

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FOURTH SESSION

Sunday, July 17, at 8:00 p.m. (sorg service starting at 7:30 p.m.)

General theme: "Personal Experience of Christ."
Short testimonies by an international and inter-racial team
of youth, women, and laymen.

FIFTH SESSION

Monday, July 18, at 10:00 a.m.

Devotional address: "I will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32.)
Speaker:
Business:
Report and address of the general Secretary:
Address: "Christ in the Theology of Today."
Speaker:

Monday, July 18, at 2:30 p.m.

Sectional meetings: Youth
Women
Laymen
Ministers

SIXTH SESSION

Monday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Addresses on (1) Freedom, (2) Peace

SEVENTH SESSION

Tuesday, July 19, at 10:00 a.m.

Devotional address: "I will make you fishers of men" Matt. 4:19.
Speaker:
Business: (Constitution?)
"Baptist Work in Asia." Three or four short addresses by nationals.
Address: "Christ in the Bible."

Tuesday, July 19, at 2:30 p.m.

Sectional meetings: Youth
Women
Laymen
Theological Teacher Conference.

EIGHT SESSION

Tuesday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m.

The Congress Sermon: Dr. Joao Soren, Rio de Janeiro
(invitation accepted)

NINTH SESSION

Wednesday, July 20, at 10:00 a.m.

Devotional address: "I will manifest myself" (John 14:15-21).
Business:
"Baptist Work in Europe." Three or four short addresses:
Address: "Christ in the Home."

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TENTH SESSION

Wednesday, July 20, at 2:30 p.m.

Report of Relief Committee
Report of Women's Committee
Report of Youth Committee
Elections
Address: "Christ and the Refugees." Dr. W. O. Lewis,
Associate Secretary of the B.W.A.

ELEVENTH SESSION

Wednesday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m.

The Pageant

TWELFTH SESSION

Thursday, July 21, at 10:00 a.m.

Devotional address: "I will build my church" Matt. 16:18.
Speaker:
"Baptist Work in Africa," Three or four short addresses.
Address: "Christ in the Church."

Thursday, July 21, 2:30 p.m.

Sectional meetings: By continents.

THIRTEENTH SESSION

Thursday, July 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Missionary night.
Addresses (two or three) by a national from a mission field, by
a mission secretary, and/or a missionary

FOURTEENTH SESSION

Friday, July 22, at 10:00 a.m.

Devotional address: "Lo, I am with you alway" Matt. 28:20.
Speaker:
Business: Resolutions
"Baptist Work in Latin America," three or four short addresses.
Address: "Christ in the Social Order"

Friday, July 22, at 2:30 p.m.

Sectional meetings: Conference on Baptist history
Conference on Radio and Television
Missionary Conference
Others

FIFTEENTH SESSION

Friday, July 22, at 7:30 p.m.

Closing mass meeting at Arsenal football grounds, Highbury Hill,
or in some similar place of assembly.
Introduction of president-elect. Remarks
Word of thanks to hosts.
Two short addresses on the meaning of the Congress.
Closing address: Dr. Billy Graham
Benediction; Incoming President

TURNING OUR ATTENTION UNITEDLY TO STEWARDSHIP
BY: J. Norris Palmer

Southern Baptists have learned much in recent years concerning the advantage of doing things together. Our Calendar of Denominational Activities has greatly helped us along this line. It is only natural that we think and plan in harmony with one another and with most other Christians at Easter, on Mother's Day, at Christmas and at other such times, but it has come to mean a great deal to us to have Christian Education Month, a Christian Home Week, a fixed time for state mission emphasis, another for home mission emphasis and still another for presenting the claims and opportunities involved in our foreign mission program.

Now we are discovering something of the high value of turning our attention unitedly to stewardship, and of doing so at a time definitely and carefully planned for by our Convention-wide leaders. The period chosen and the plan proposed are intended for the use of our churches in teaching, enlisting, and training in Christian stewardship in its fullest and most complete form.

This year, under the heading of Stewardship Revival for 1954, we are to observe "ABC Days." The time agreed upon is the week beginning with the last day of October and continuing through the first six days of November. Two plans have been worked out, both of which have been widely publicized among our pastors and other local leaders.

When we speak of the ABC's of any matter we usually refer to its basic and most strictly fundamental principles.

That is just what is involved in this newest approach to Bible stewardship. We are to study and magnify the simple but profound truths upon which this all-important doctrine of the Christian faith is built. Nothing could prove more helpful to the vast majority of our people, for we seem to have learned far more about almost everything else than we have concerning our stewardship of life, talents and possessions.

We can only feel that every Southern Baptist church should observe these special days and make the most of them. Literature is available in abundance, the time is right and the development of a deepened stewardship conviction upon the part of our people is imperative. Whole-hearted participation in this challenging phase of our denominational program will result in the growth of individual Christians and the strengthening of churches, to say nothing of an immediate advance with every phase of world missions.

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J. Norris Palmer, pastor, First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., is chairman of the Promotion Committee of the Executive Committee of the SBC.

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.....The Bible was the best seller at the Baptist Book Store at Ridgecrest this summer, with total sales for the three month period reaching \$8,309.

.....Twenty new Baptist church libraries were organized in August, 1954, making a total of 187 for the year.

.....Approximately \$675 damage was done when the Baptist Student Center at Pittsburg, Kans., caught fire.

.....Official registration for Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly for the 1954 session reached 28,805.

.....Contract for the \$550,000 law building on the new Wake Forest College campus has been let.

.....Owen Henley, for the past nine years assistant to the late Orville Groner at the Relief and Annuity Board, was elected assistant supervisor of investments.

.....Relief and Annuity Board income thus far in 1954 totals \$3,342,330 as compared with \$3,039,794 during the same period of 1953.

.....March 21-25 has been set for the 1955 conference for the forty-seven Baptist book store managers.