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RIO YOUTH CONFERENCE  
TO DRAW LARGE USA GROUP

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Over 350 young people from Baptist churches in the United States are completing plans to attend the fourth Baptist Youth World Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 15-22 this summer, according to Robert S. Denny, chairman of the youth committee for the Baptist World Alliance. The Congress will bring Baptist youth of college age together from thirty countries including Europe and Asia. Total attendance is expected to reach 10,000, most of whom will be from Brazil.

The program will include Billy Graham, nationally known Baptist evangelist, Everett Hill, Richmond, Va.; Howard Butt, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Culbert Huttenber, Philadelphia, Pa.; Robert S. Denny, Nashville, Tenn.; C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis, Mo.; Byron Ragsdale, Humboldt, Tenn.; Duke K. McCall, Louisville, Ky.; W. H. Jernagin, Washington, D. C.; Arnold T. Ohrn, Washington, D. C.; Carlos Gruber, Plainview, Tex.; and Roger Fredrikson, Ottawa, Kan.

Speakers from other countries include Dr. Joel Sorenson of Stockholm, Sweden; Dr. Hans Arndt, Hamburg, Germany; Dr. Edgar Hallock, and Dr. Walter Kaschel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Most of the young people attending from countries other than the United States and Canada outside of Brazil will have their expenses paid by a special \$18,000 fund raised by Baptist young people.

According to Mr. Denny there have been three previous world youth meetings. One at Prague in 1931, one at Zurich, 1937, and one at Stockholm, 1949. For ten years the Baptist people of Brazil led by Dr. Hallock have been extending invitations and writing of the possibilities of the youth meeting in Rio. The invitation was formally accepted at the meeting of the Youth Committee in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1950.

Preliminary planning in Rio was done by Kearnie Keegan, Southern Baptist youth secretary, while on a trip to Brazil in 1950. Youth leadership meetings were held in this country by Dr. Joel Sorenson and Mr. Denny last year in preparation for the conference.

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EVAN REIFF ELECTED PRESIDENT  
HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

ABILENE, Tex.--(BP)--Dr. Evan Allard Reiff, president, Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. D., has been elected president of Hardin Simmons University to succeed Dr. Rupert W. Richardson, who is transferring to the faculty sometime this summer. Dr. Richardson for sometime has had the conviction that he should spend the remaining years of his service teaching.

Dr. Reiff is an Oklahoman by birth, an ordained Baptist minister, and a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University. He has his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa.

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WAYLAND COLLEGE ELECTS  
A. HOPE OWEN PRESIDENT

PLAINVIEW, Tex.--(BP)--Dr. A. Hope Owen, pastor of First Baptist Church here, has been elected president of Wayland College, C. G. Sewell, assistant to the president, announced this week. Dr. Owen succeeds Dr. J. W. Marshall.

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