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'Church In Community'  
Subject Of Conferences

NASHVILLE--(BP)--"The Church in Community Action" is the subject of Christian Life Conferences to be held at Glorieta, N. M., and Ridgecrest, N. C., Baptist assemblies. The conference at Glorieta will be the week of Aug. 7-13, and at Ridgecrest the week of Aug. 21-27.

The program provides for two daily sessions from Friday through Tuesday at each assembly. The conferences are sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

These conferences are held each year simultaneously with Bible Conferences sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board and special group conferences of other Baptists. This arrangement permits those who attend the Christian Life Conferences to take part also in Bible study groups.

It further provides an atmosphere of scriptural study in which to examine the Christian's responsibility in applied religion, according to A. C. Miller, Nashville, executive secretary, Christian Life Commission.

The class to be sponsored by the Christian Life Conference this year is under the subject, "The Christian in Society." It will be taught by J. B. Weatherspoon, Louisville, professor of preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Ridgecrest and by Howard P. Colson, Nashville, editor-in-chief of Sunday school lesson courses, at Glorieta.

Foy Valentine of Dallas, head of the Christian Life Commission of Texas Baptists, will be at both assemblies. He will bring the introductory address on the subject for each day. Valentine also is editor of "Christian Faith in Action," published by Broadman Press.

At Glorieta, J. Lyn Elder, professor of pastoral care at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., will bring two addresses on Friday and Saturday.

He will be followed on Monday and Tuesday by Harvey Seifert of Southern California School of Theology, Claremont, Calif. Seifert is a teacher, author, and leader among Methodist churches in the field of community action.

The conference at Ridgecrest will be in the form of daily workshops led by James R. Noland of Houston. Noland, an ordained minister of the Methodist Church is serving as executive secretary of Church Welfare Bureau of Greater Houston.

"He has done notable work in organizing communities for Christian action," Miller said, "and has done extensive work in research and consulting services."

The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will also hold its annual business meeting at Ridgecrest. Miller said principal matters of business include election of officers and discussion of future work of the Commission.

### Spanish To Be Taught At Elementary School

HOUSTON--(BP)--An experiment to teach Spanish to second, third, and fourth graders in the elementary school at Long Point Baptist Church here will be conducted beginning with the new fall term in September.

Mrs. Edith Carroll, a former Guatemalan, and a recent American citizen, will teach the youngsters to speak Spanish by using games and sounds.

However, she will not teach them to read or write Spanish.

Mrs. Carroll believes it will be easy to teach the kiddies.

"Children have a natural curiosity and learn foreign languages more easily than adults," she maintains.

A native of Zacata, Guatemala, where Spanish is predominantly spoken, Mrs. Carroll attended a private German school in Guatemala City. Later she attended an English-language school.

Teaching Spanish is not new to her. She taught an adult class while her husband attended school in New Orleans.

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### South America Will Not Turn Communist--Olmedo

HOUSTON--(BP)--The president of the Argentine Baptist Convention predicted here that no South American country would fall to Communism.

Alfonso Olmedo of San Luis, Argentina, visited in Houston as he began an all-state speaking tour. He has recently completed a five-month tour of Chile, Peru, Columbia, and Mexico.

He said Communists are gaining a foothold in South America, but "not fast." The areas that have been most susceptible to Communist infiltration have been Brazil and Chile, he said.

"The Communist banner is the exploitation of the anti-American feelings and the low conditions of the working class," Olmedo said.

The Baptist leader said the Communists are very few in number in Argentina because of the emphasis the former Argentine leader, Juan Peron, placed on the rights of the working people.

However, Olmedo does not believe there is a chance of Peron's return to power.

There are 12,000 Baptists in Argentina including 3000 in Buenos Aires, he said. When Peron ruled, Baptists were unable to preach on the radio or to conduct open-air meetings, according to Olmedo.

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### Contract Awarded

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BP)--A \$6400 Atomic Energy Commission contract has been awarded Wake Forest College here for an atomic research project being conducted by the chairman of the college's department of physics, Thomas J. Turner.

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Contracts Awarded  
For Southern Library

LOUISVILLE--(BP) --Construction of the James Petigru Boyce Centennial Library on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here has begun.

Contracts totaling \$1,289,732 have been awarded and work is slated for completion in 360 days, according to Duke K. McCall, seminary president.

McCall added that equipment, roadways, landscaping, walks, parking lots, and other items will push the total cost to an estimated \$1-3/4 million.

The award for general construction went to the Struck Construction Co. of Louisville for \$805,100. Other awards, given to Louisville firms, were for heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, plumbing, electrical work, and elevators.

The new library, with a total space of 75,000 square feet, will seat 800 students and have shelf space for 300,000 volumes.

Located in the new building will be the James P. Boyce Room. This room will contain the personal library of Boyce, the seminary's first president. Plans also call for the Billy Graham Room, which will provide space for all of Graham's sermons, letters, newspaper clippings, papers, motion picture films, and photographs.