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Georgia Appoints Two Student Directors

ATLANTA--(BP)--Appointment of two directors for Baptist student work on Georgia college campuses has been announced.

David H. Talley, Knoxville, Tenn., became Baptist student director at the medical college center in Augusta. Talley had been serving temporarily as student director at Georgia Teachers College, Statesboro.

Eugene Briscoe, a native Texan, was named area student director for south Georgia. Briscoe will direct Baptist Student Union activities at Valdosta State College, Valdosta; South Georgia College, Douglas, and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton. Briscoe will have his headquarters in Valdosta.

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Geren Makes Tour

WACO, Tex.--(BP)--Paul Geren, executive vice-president of Baylor University here, delivered 10 addresses during a recent speaking tour on the Middle East crisis.

Before joining Baylor, Geren served in the United States Department of State in several countries of the Middle East.

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RA Round-Up To Take Place In Texas Cowtown

FORT WORTH--(BP)--Cowtown braced itself for an invasion. Over 8000 boys and their counsellors were expected to be in its corral for the second Southern Baptist Convention Royal Ambassador Congress.

Following a rodeo on the Hap Hovenkamp ranch near here, the boys were to fly their banners over the Will Rogers Coliseum. They were coming in by all means of transportation, principally automobiles and chartered buses or train coaches.

"Buffalo Bill Jr.," one of their television favorites; missionaries from all parts of the world where Southern Baptists have mission fields, and many others were to speak to the 11 to 16 year olds during their three-day occupation of Fort Worth.

The program of the Congress was varied. It included some Texas-style entertainment such as the rodeo and a barbecue supper.

However, the entertainment part of the program was by no means the major part. They came to Fort Worth to learn how to be better Royal Ambassadors--- ambassadors for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. And every part of the program had that aim in mind.

"Buffalo Bill Jr." (Dick Jones) gave his testimony for Christ. Missionaries displayed their talents (one of them, Orvil Reid, uses athletic demonstrations in Mexico to attract groups of passers-by and then preaches the Gospel to them); dramatic presentations on world missions let the boys see the opportunities and responsibilities they have.

The "swap shop" was one of the most visited places in the exhibit hall. There the boys traded all those numberless and amazing things they carry in their pockets---horned toads, knives, souvenirs, and many more.

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The boys were to hear from the leaders of their denomination. Rep. Brooks Hays from Arkansas, Southern Baptist Convention president, and George W. Schroeder, Memphis, executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, were two of several. The Brotherhood Commission, which has the responsibility for directing RA work, sponsored the Congress.

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Pittsburgh Baptists Organize New Mission

PITTSBURGH--(BP)--A new mission with 14 members has been organized by Southern Baptists living in this important industrial city in western Pennsylvania.

After it was organized, the new mission was taken under the sponsorship of Evangel Baptist Church at Weirton, W. Va. It will co-operate with the State Convention of (Southern) Baptists in Ohio.

At least 25 more persons have expressed a desire to join the new mission.

The first two families to join were those of James Robb and Jack Edens. Robb recently moved to Pittsburgh from New York City. A cost estimator with a Pittsburgh-based firm, Robb had been active in the beginnings of Southern Baptist work in New York City before his transfer to Pittsburgh.

The Edenses are from Nashville, Tenn., before coming here. Edens is the son of a Baptist minister and was a deacon in Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville.

Others joining included Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Waddill. Waddill is teaching at the University of Pittsburgh while completing work for a Ph.D. degree. He joined the new mission by letter from a church in Virginia.

Metropolitan Pittsburgh has an estimated two million population. The organization of the mission followed a revival conducted by Ray Roberts, Columbus, O., executive secretary of the Ohio convention.

Two churches in Pennsylvania have been affiliated with the Ohio convention previous to the new work in Pittsburgh. These churches are located at Erie and at Bradford.

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Carolina Convention Special Session Likely

RALEIGH, N. C.--(BP)--A special session of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina appears likely in March or April, 1959, to consider a survey committee's report on present and future needs of the convention.

A committee of 25 has been at work since 1956 to consider needs of convention departments and institutions. The committee has had the counsel of a professional management consultant firm, Booz, Allen & Hamilton of Chicago.

The survey findings are expected to be ready in November but convention leaders doubted that they could be presented for immediate consideration at the regular annual session of the convention at that time.

They said it would take several weeks to evaluate the report, and then that time must be given for Baptists throughout the state to study the findings for themselves.

By the time the report was evaluated, then circulated among North Carolina Baptists and time allowed for them to consider its many recommendations, it would be March or April. If the convention were to go into special session next spring, consideration of the survey would probably be the only matter of business.

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