

March 28, 1959

WASHINGTON----World peace committees of the American Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention met in joint session here, and asked for a united Baptist witness on world peace. They discussed the possibility of having a Baptist observer at United Nations in New York City. A special evening service on world peace will conclude the 1959 Southern Baptist Convention session at Louisville, Kentucky, May 22.

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WASHINGTON----With the question of appointing an Ambassador to the Vatican having been raised in the United States Congress again, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs planned to let appropriate committees of Congress know how Baptists feel about such appointment.

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DALLAS, Texas----The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention dedicated its new, 15-story building here at the March meeting of its board. Much of the building will be leased to other tenants.

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FORT WORTH, Texas----The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention was selected by Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to receive a George Washington Honor Medal. The medal was for the Commission's 30-minute evangelistic television film, "The Rich Fool." The story, in modern setting, was based on a truth taught in one of the parables of Christ.

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RUSCHLIKON-ZURICH, Switzerland----A chapel named in honor of Mrs. George R. Martin of Norfolk, Virginia, U.S.A., has been dedicated at European Baptist Theological Seminary here. Mrs. Martin is immediate past president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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LOUISVILLE, Kentucky----The Southern Baptist Convention meets here May 19-22 at Freedom Hall. One of the main items of business will be acting on additional recommendations of its committee which has been surveying Convention activities. The committee has 22 recommendations, many of them relating to work of the Home Mission Board in the United States, Cuba, Panama, and Canal Zone. The status of agencies of the Convention would remain unchanged--that is, none would be abolished or changed from a commission to a board or other category. Favorable Convention action would create one new agency, the Stewardship Commission whose duties are now performed in the stewardship promotion division of the Executive Committee. The title of the Relief and Annuity Board would be changed to Annuity Board, dropping the title "Relief" because of the constantly declining number of actual relief cases handled.

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LOUISVILLE, Kentucky----A meeting of Baptist leaders in extraordinary session was scheduled here March 30 to discuss the crisis at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary which has resulted from dismissal of 12 professors of theology. The professors, dismissed last June, will attend. Trustees, faculty, and administration of the seminary will take part. Also present will be a special committee of six Southern Baptist Convention presidents appointed by the Executive Committee to study the seminary's problem.