

May 4, 1957

Richmond, Virginia---The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has elected H. Cornell Goerner, professor of comparative religion and missions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, to be its new area secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East. Goerner will succeed George W. Sadler, who is retiring after 1957.

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Torreon, Mexico---Revival has swept the cities of Torreon, Gomez Palacio, and Lerdo, Mexico. During the simultaneous evangelistic campaign conducted by 24 Baptist churches and chapels in the three neighboring cities during April, there were 973 who made professions of faith in Christ. During the campaign, 3,237 visits were made and 50,000 tracts, 599 New Testaments, and 2,697 Bible portions were distributed.

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Fort Worth, Texas---J. W. MacGorman, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist Seminary here, will visit five Baptist seminaries in South America this summer delivering lectureships. The project is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

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San Antonio, Texas---A 73-year-old widow here, Mrs. Lillian Nelson, has transferred \$100,000 in common stocks to the Baptist Foundation of Texas to be used as a permanent endowment fund for foreign missions after her death. "If I can't go to the foreign mission field," she said, "it is my duty to make provision for those who can."

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Washington, D. C.---Baptist pastors and evangelists here have pledged to pray daily for evangelist Billy Graham, who opens an evangelistic crusade in New York City in May. Said the resolution, "We encourage every follower of Christ in the great city of New York to give his whole-hearted support to this evangelistic effort. We will also encourage the members of our churches to pray daily for Graham and this crusade."

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Phoenix, Arizona---The Sunday school superintendent of Chinese Baptist Mission here has been named "Man of the Year" by the Phoenix Advertising Club. Walter Ong has been Sunday school superintendent 15 years.

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St. Louis, Missouri---The five-year Baptist Jubilee Advance, 1959-1964, will be officially launched with a nation-wide Wednesday evening prayer service in America on December 31, 1958, in all churches of the seven participating Baptist bodies. This was voted by the Central Committee of the Baptist Jubilee Advance in its winter meeting here.

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Nashville, Tennessee---The Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists is in the final stages of preparation. Scheduled for release early in 1958, the Encyclopedia includes 4349 articles and 90 pages of pictures. The two volumes of the Encyclopedia are being produced under the auspices of a committee of representatives from each state Southern Baptist convention, agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Woman's Missionary Union, Convention auxiliary.

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Rocky Mount, North Carolina---A committee created last year to study the total Southern Baptist Convention program will ask the 1957 Convention to give it another year in which to complete its survey of denominational work. The committee's annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention will also recommend that the Convention appropriate an additional \$25,000 to be used for consultant and other necessary services needed in completing the study.

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