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RIO BAPTIST YOUTH CONFERENCE
HAS INTERNATIONAL QUALITY

RIO de JANEIRO, Brazil--(BP)--The fourth Baptist Youth World Conference opened July 15 in the First Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro. It was attended by 1800 young people representing twenty-nine nations. From the start the international quality of the meeting was emphasized. Robert S. Denny, Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, read a greeting from President Dwight Eisenhower of the United States, "I join you in the hope that your conference will be marked by the spirit of international co-operation upon which the hope of peace so seriously depends." Denny, himself, in his keynote address emphasized the importance of international Christian understanding, "Our ten million Baptist young people have accepted Christ as Saviour and Lord. They have surrendered their wills and lives to him. They believe that when the living Christ reigns in human hearts, they will (1) respect all men as equal in the sight of God (2) recognize the inalienable right of all men to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience (3) love their fellowmen even as God has loved them and (4) consider all men as neighbors following the New Testament rule of doing unto others as we would have them do unto us."

On the second day of the conference President Vargas of Brazil sent his best wishes. His greeting was in the form of a telegram by his secretary, Mr. Lourival Fontes. The message, addressed to Werner Kaschel, local chairman of the conference committee, said, "The president of the Republic ordered me to thank you for your written communication and to inform you of his keen interest in the Conference."

One of the most enthusiastic addresses was by a young Brazilian pastor, David Gomez, pastor of the Tijuca Baptist Church of Rio and popular radio Brazilian speaker.

In his address Gomez said, "Young people believe that Christ lives. They believe that he lives because he died. He died to self. We live, too, because he died. Let us, too, die to self. Christ is life because Christ is living. There is not life except in him. Our religion is a religion of life. It is also a religion of joy and happiness. To have Jesus in your heart is to be more than a king or queen, more even than a president."

Culbert Rutenber, Philadelphia, Penn., Bible teacher for the conference, emphasized the importance of Christian community life. He said, "I cannot over stress the fact that the group is absolutely essential to successful Christianity." He spoke this in reference to the church as recognized by Jesus. He pointed out Christ as the heart of any Christian group. "We recognize that Christ did not come to tell us what to do, He came to do something for us. You can look at his cross and tell that he was the best man that ever lived." He pointed to Christ as the only answer to world frustrations. "It is lust for power that has ruined the human race. Jesus Christ has substituted the love of God for the love of power, therefore, he is the power of God unto salvation." Dr. Rutenber will speak each day to the conference.

The young people of Rio de Janeiro presented a history of Baptist work in Brazil that started in 1882 when the late Dr. W. B. Bagby came from the United States to work in the country. Today the denomination has 1,071 churches and a total of 116,000 members.

FEEZOR ACCEPTS
TEXAS POST

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--Forrest Feezor, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Waco, Tex., accepted the position of executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and will assume his duties September 1. He was elected as leader of over one and a quarter million Texas Baptists at a meeting of the state executive board on July 10.

A native of North Carolina, he received the B.A. degree from Wake Forest College and the Th.M. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Feezor has served as president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Since Baptist denominational workers can not serve on governing boards, he will resign as president of the board of trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and from the board of trustees of Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

For the past six years Dr. Feezor held a daily radio program over a Waco station and transcribed a weekly sermon for the Voice of America station in Boston, Mass.

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STUDENTS' VISITATION
STARTS MISSION

GEORGETOWN, Ky.--(BP)--Main Street Baptist Chapel, Georgetown, Ky., was recently established by the Georgetown Baptist Church, as a result of Georgetown College students' visitation program. The chapel, located in an unreached area of Georgetown, conducts a full-time program, with a student serving as pastor.

The work of establishing, organizing, and continuing the mission was done largely by students. Since the organization the church has received through the mission forty-three by baptism and five by letter.

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