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Nashville, Tennessee----Appearing before the semi-annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention President Brooks Hays pledged renewed devotion to time-honored Baptist principles of belief in the Bible, religious liberty, and soul-winning. Hays, Congressman from Arkansas and a member of the foreign affairs committee of the House of Representatives, said he would strive to aid religious liberty around the world, particularly in Colombia and Spain.

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Nashville, Tennessee----"For the first time in 10 years our statistics are going up. This applies to both membership and to gifts," F. Townley Lord said in describing Baptist work in Great Britain. Visiting here, Lord, a past president of the Baptist World Alliance, said the influence of Evangelist Billy Graham was still felt in the British Isles. Graham, he said, stirred up renewed interest in visitation and increased the prestige of the church.

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Wake Forest, North Carolina----Saigon, South Vietnam was the destination of Wake Forest College President Harold W. Tribble who left here July 5. In Saigon, Tribble was to consider an advisory relationship between the Wake Forest medical school (Bowman-Gray School of Medicine) and a medical school in Saigon. He also scheduled visits in a dozen cities in which Southern Baptists have schools in the Orient. Numbers of students in the Far East, he said, are interested in attending Baptist schools in the United States.

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Berkeley, California----Professor Gaines S. Dobbins of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here and Mrs. Dobbins are touring the globe on a mission in the interest of the Baptist World Alliance. They plan to visit Hawaii, Japan, Formosa, Burma, India, and the Middle East to help promote Bible teaching and training.

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Louisville, Kentucky----Miss Emily K. Lansdell, a former missionary-educator in Shanghai, has offered her resignation as president of Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville. The school, once the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, was transferred to control of the Southern Baptist Convention proper in May. Trustees agreed to accept her resignation "when and if a suitable person can be secured to fill this position."

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Kansas City, Missouri----Southern Baptists' sixth seminary-to-be will be called Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Although the seminary will not have construction funds available until 1959, its trustees are seeking means for opening the seminary in the fall of 1958. They also are considering buying property in Kansas City on which to build the school.

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Birmingham, Alabama----A Canadian Baptist leader visiting here told of plans for increased evangelism and stewardship promotion on the part of Canadian Baptists in the "Maritime provinces" of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. Harry A. Renfree, director of stewardship for the Maritime Baptist United Convention, said there are 600 churches in the convention with 70,000 members.

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DeLand, Florida----Florida's first woman foreign missionary volunteer for Brazil has retired after 45 years of service but she plans to make hers an active retirement. Mrs. Lula Terry, who went with her husband, the late A. J. Terry, to Brazil in 1912, attended the Florida Baptist summer assembly here counselling young people who may be future Southern Baptist missionaries.