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 BAPTIST YOUTH WORLD CONFERENCE  
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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil--(BP)--It is not the wish of the Baptist denomination to destroy the Catholic church or any other church, J. H. Knights, one of the delegates from Australia, told the 1800 young people gathered for the fourth Baptist Youth World Conference at the First Baptist Church, Rio de Janeiro. "We believe in the unity of the church and have no desire to destroy the Catholic church. It is our desire and objective to recover the true catholicity of the church, a catholicity that arises from the acknowledgement of Christ as the only Lord and Potentate, the only head."

Knight made it plain, however, that the Baptist denomination does not intend to weaken or compromise its beliefs. "Christ is the only head of the church," he said. "There can be no other head, no hierarchy, no earthly regent. Christ works directly through--and controls--his body, which is the church. Our Baptist forefathers suffered and some of them died to safeguard this interference. We must insist without compromise, on the crown rights of the Redeemer."

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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil--(BP)--Baptist youth of the world were challenged to a close quarter fight with Communism in an address made by C. Oscar Johnson, past president of the Baptist World Alliance, and pastor of the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., to the Baptist Youth World Conference here. He called for a fight against Communism not by force but with love. He said, "Our fight against Communism will be won if we as Christians can outlive and out die the Communists." He said that the highest challenge which comes to Baptists today is "the call of the living Christ who reigns in our hearts, to follow his way of love and sacrifice." It is the nature of youth, he said to follow strong leadership, right or wrong. Much of the world is following the wrong leadership of Communism. He called for Baptist leaders to grow strong in love and understanding, to follow the example of Christ.

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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil--(BP)--Charles Bryant, delegate from Costa Rica to the fourth Baptist Youth World Conference, presented Robert S. Denny, Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the Baptist youth world committee, a gavel made of seven of the best Costa Rican woods. It was a gift from Costa Rican young people. The center white piece stands for the purity of Christ, the red for the blood of Christ, four other woods for the minorities of the world; and the handle, made of tough bush wood, for the fact that Baptists, even with twenty-two million members, is a tough growing minority in the world.

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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil--(BP)--The Baptist Youth World Conference took note of a great honor bestowed upon the Baptists by the Post Office department of the Brazilian government. It acknowledged the publication of a newly released postage stamp selling Cr. \$3.80, the airmail denomination. One and one half million of the stamps were released last Wednesday. The stamp is light green in color with Sugar Loaf mountain in the background. In the upper left hand corner is a cross. Across the bottom of the stamp is an announcement of the Conference. In the lower right hand corner is the seal of the Baptist World Alliance, consisting of a four-pronged star with the letters, BWA, and tiny world with two clasped hands, signifying brotherhood. This is the first time that any nation has so honored the Baptists.

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