



## PROGRESS REPORT

# Baptist JUBILEE ADVANCE

EVERY BAPTIST WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

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MEET WITH BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE COMMITTEE

News writers and directors of religious broadcasting for major networks met in a press conference with the Baptist Jubilee Advance committee when it had its first New York City meeting on October 8. Chairman of the committee, the Rev. Dr. Casper C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., presided.

In addition to press coverage, the network television show by Dave Garroway, "Today" presented Congressman Brooks Hays, Little Rock, Ark., in a ten-minute coast to coast broadcast. Estimated audience for the broadcast was ten million viewers. Movieton cameramen also made moving pictures of an interview with Mr. Hays for later television broadcasts.

Following is the Religious News Service account of the meeting:

NEW YORK (RNS) -- A watchnight prayer service in some 75,000 churches in North America on New Year's Eve, 1958, will open the six-year Baptist Jubilee Advance program.

The Jubilee Advance committee, meeting here, said seven major Baptist bodies in the U.S. and Canada, representing some 18,000,000 Baptists, will participate in the evangelism effort.

The final year of the advance, 1964, will mark the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work on a national scale in North America. This started in 1914 at Philadelphia with the formation of the General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States for Foreign Missions.

In May, 1964, a gigantic rally will be held in Atlantic City, N. J. The committee expects that 100,000 Baptists will attend this event.

The committee meeting was addressed by Rep. Brooks Hays (D.-Ark.), president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He said that the Advance "needs to recapture for all North American Baptists the first century Christian dedication involving as it did suffering, sacrifice and the passionate sense of responsibility for the world to whom its Gospel was declared."

"The hope of the world is in the Christian tie which binds man to man and nation to nation in love and concern," he said. "The Baptist Jubilee Advance seeks to interpret the purpose of the Baptist place in the complexity of our modern world."

Rep. Hays declared that conditions in this country "confront both Church and State with a serious challenge to apply the basic principles of our democracy, principles with spiritual foundations but with practical implications for every serious statesman of today."