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Communist Growth Poses Challenge To Missions

SAN ANGELO, Tex.--(BP)--Communism's dangerous spread in widely separated areas of the world is one of the greatest challenges to missions, according to speakers heard during the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of Texas here.

"Africa's millions are now the focus of attention for Communists who are trying to fill every vacuum which might exist in the world," said George Sadler, former Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East.

"Staggering defense expenditures in this country are necessary," he said, "partly because of an ineffective Christian witness in foreign lands."

Miss Virginia Cobb, a missionary to Lebanon, emphasized the popularity of Egyptian President Abdul Gamal Nasser and the danger of Communist infiltration in the Near East.

"But the greatest obstacle to Christian growth," she said, "is the teeming Moslem population which knows the name of Christ but rejects Him as the Son of God."

She said a Moslem mosque stands on the spot where Christ spoke the words of the Convention theme, "Ye shall be witnesses."

Mrs. Clem Hardy of Waco, former missionary to Brazil, was re-elected to a fourth term as president of the 165,251-member organization.

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Drama At Houston On Jubilee Advance

HOUSTON--(BP)--The opening night session of the Southern Baptist Convention here May 20 will feature a dramatic presentation based on the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

This will be a joint session with Woman's Missionary Union at the Houston Coliseum.

The program will present in dramatic form the five annual themes of the Jubilee Advance for the years 1959-1964. The Baptist Hour Choir, under the direction of Paul Green, Fort Worth, will be the featured choral group.

The Speech Choir of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Houston, under the direction of Mrs. Sarah Miller, will be the speech group. The cast will be drawn from members of Baptist churches in Houston.

Various segments of the program begin rehearsing in April. Final rehearsals will be held in May, just prior to the Convention.

More than 200 persons will participate in the presentation which will be climaxed with a message by W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas.

The entire program will begin with Jubilee Advance Committee in session. Interpretation of the themes will be accomplished by the use of six stage areas and six mediums---music, choral verse, pantomime, tableaux, projected visual aids, and dramatic action.

The special program will be made possible by joint action of all the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention and will be under the auspices of the Jubilee Advance Committee, C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., Chairman.

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The program will be produced by Woman's Missionary Union, Convention auxiliary, and the Baptist Brotherhood Commission at the request of the committee. Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Tex., president, Woman's Missionary Union, and James M. Sapp, Memphis, Tenn., director of promotion, Brotherhood Commission, will supervise production.

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RAs To Get 'Valuable Tips' At Fort Worth

FORT WORTH--(BP)--Royal Ambassadors who attend their Convention-wide Congress here Aug. 12-14 will get some "valuable tips" on what kind of work they can do when they are adults.

Eddie Hurt, Jr., RA secretary for the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, reports that a vocations counsellor will be one of the featured speakers on the program.

Coming here to help the RAs see what they can do as adult Christians will be John Tubbs, church-related vocations counsellor for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Several others on the Congress program will discuss types of work in which the RAs are interested, and will describe how they honor God in these vocations.

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