

# Baptists Blast Traffic in Guns

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## Houston

Some 11,000 messengers to the annual Southern Baptist Convention here voted yesterday for laws to end the "insane traffic in guns" in the United States.

At the same time, the messengers (delegates representing the church's 11 million members) called for an immediate ceasefire in Vietnam.

The gun-control resolution, inspired by Wednesday's fatal attack on Senator Robert F. Kennedy, nevertheless urged President Johnson to "maintain the Constitutional right of the legitimate possession of arms."

The resolution on Vietnam noted that the war is taking "an awesome toll in human life and property."

It pleaded with responsible leaders of the nations involved to "seek an honorable solution that will bring a just and honorable peace that recognizes the dignity and

values of human personality and the inalienable right of all men to be free."

The messengers to the convention elected Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, president for the coming year.

## Dirksen Gesture

### Chicago

Senator Everett M. Dirksen said yesterday he has canceled all his weekend political appearances in Illinois out of respect to the memory of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. He is seeking reelection.

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