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Overseas Educational Ventures Proposed

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Foreign mission leaders outlined to Baptist educators here plans for establishing a Baptist university in Nigeria, soon to become an independent nation in west Africa.

H. Cornell Goernor, Richmond, Va., secretary of this area for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, asked that Southern Baptist college presidents consider adding the new college in reaching accreditation and academic standing.

He said some Southern Baptist college in the United States probably would need to grant affiliation to the new Nigerian Baptist university which has a target construction date of 1962.

Listening to his explanation were members of the Education Commission of the Convention and members of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools--more than 75 Southern Baptist college officials in all.

The university, because of Nigeria's British colonial background, would have to follow the British--rather than American--pattern on establishment. This requires, according to Goerner, direct affiliation with a university already having attained academic prestige.

He also said Baptist educators in the United States could help Nigerian Baptists in preparing a curriculum for the university and in determining faculty needs.

Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, told educators four ways in which they may help in world missions.

- 1) "You are concerned with producing Christian students with a world view," he said.
- 2) From Baptist colleges and schools will be recruited foreign missionaries who will go to all parts of the world, according to Cauthen.
- 3) "Your schools will train certain select leaders who come our way from abroad," he added.
- 4) "You may share with us in emerging ventures in higher education abroad." It was at this point Goerner discussed the proposed Nigerian university under Baptist operation.

The four-year college, whose site has not been chosen yet, would require \$1 million for buildings, he said.

Cauthen told Southern Baptist educators the Foreign Mission Board "is committed to sending out men and women as missionaries who have the finest possible spiritual and academic training."

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Brooks Hays Speaks To Methodist Group

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NASHVILLE--(BP)--Former Southern Baptist Convention President Brooks Hays of Knoxville, Tenn., will address The Methodist Church's educators here July 25-27.

The 15th Institute of Higher Education is sponsored by the division of higher education of the Methodist Board of Education. A co-sponsor is Methodist-related Scarritt College here.

Hays's topic is "Higher Education and Public Service."

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College Association
Elects Texan Head

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Evan A. Reiff, president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., has been elected president of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools.

The association includes the 71 seminaries colleges--both junior and senior, academies, and Bible institutes related to Southern Baptists. The association itself, however, is not an official organization of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Reiff succeeds Charles L. Harman, president of Bluefield College in Bluefield, Va.

Other officers of the association, elected at the annual meeting in Nashville, are Bruce E. Whitaker, president of Chowan College, Murfreesboro, N. C., vice-president, and H. I. Hester, vice-president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., secretary-treasurer.

Hester, the only officer re-elected, has been the association's secretary-treasurer ever since its founding in 1948.

The association holds most of its meetings jointly with the Education Commission, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention. Some college officials are members of both groups.

The Southern Baptist Convention elects members of the Education Commission while the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools permits attendance from all the related schools wishing to participate.

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Baptist Deans Elect

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NASHVILLE--(BP)--Deans of Southern Baptist colleges and universities in their annual meeting here elected George M. Smith of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., as president. Cecil Cospser of Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., is vice-president, and E. M. Keebler of Norman College, Norman Park, Ga., is secretary-treasurer. It was the first time the deans have elected officers.

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Georgia Union President

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MACON, Ga.--(BP)--G. Merrill Meadows, pastor of Orchard Knob Baptist Church in Atlanta, was elected president of the Georgia Baptist Training Union Convention during the leadership assembly at Mercer University here.

Meadows succeeds layman Elbert Hill of Macon.

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Hospital Adds 42 Beds

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JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--Mississippi Baptist Hospital here has awarded a contract for construction of 42 additional patient beds. Work is to begin immediately on the construction, which will cost \$482,200, according to Paul J. Pryor, administrator.

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Teacher Shortage
Prompts Aid Plan

NASHVILLE--(BP)--A committee on Southern Baptist educators will explore the possibility of paying subsidies to selected Baptist students who plan to teach in Baptist colleges.

A joint administrative committee which includes members of the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission and the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools will make the study.

The proposal for subsidies was advanced because of the shortage of faculty members at the 71 colleges and schools related to Southern Baptists. This financial help will encourage more students to become teachers at Baptist colleges, it was reported.

At the same time, the Education Commission has been engaged in a study in a companion field--that of the types of graduate work a student may undertake in Southern Baptist universities. This study has been going on at the request of the Convention's Executive Committee.

John A. Barry, Jr., associate executive secretary and placement officer for the Commission here, said there is a shortage of teachers at Baptist schools in all fields except Bible.

Although the Education Commission has 450 names of active registrants in its placement files, 250 of the registrants want to teach in the field of religion, a field already well supplied. At the same time, Barry continued, hardly any applicants are in the file for some subject areas where shortages exist.

Dean Starr Miller of Tift College, Forsyth, Ga., inquired at the joint meeting of the Commission and Association here, "Is it just as desirable to have graduate study in English and other areas financed by the denomination as it is in theology?"

The Convention's six seminaries subsidize students because they do not charge tuition and some other costs, as are required at graduate schools of leading colleges.

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Attention: Editors

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The following concerns another "Hurt" in Baptist denominational work. If your story is not already in print, you may wish to add this to the feature on the "Hurts" which went out last week. -- Baptist Press

There is still another denominational worker named Hurt. He is Hubert Hurt, Home Mission Board worker in Havana, Cuba. A native of Louisville, Miss., Hubert Hurt was appointed in 1957 to work among Spanish-speaking People. He is a graduate of Mississippi College (Baptist), Clinton, and Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg.

He has a bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Cutlines

New OFFICERS---Officers of the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission prepare to enter annual meeting of the Commission in Nashville. Edwin F. Perry, right, of Louisville, Ky., was elected chairman succeeding Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., Arkadelphia, Ark. (not pictured). Others from left are Fred E. Neiger, Columbia, Mo., vice-chairman; Hayward Highfill, Nashville, recording secretary, and Rabun L. Brantley, Nashville, executive secretary.--(BP) Photo.