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CLARENCE DUNCAN GOES  
TO RADIO COMMISSION

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Clarence Duncan, professional newspaper man and director of public relations of Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn., accepted the position as director of publicity and promotion for the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga., according to an announcement by Paul M. Stevens, director of the Commission.

For several years before going to Belmont College, Duncan served as a reporter on the Nashville Banner and while there covered the Southern Baptist Convention for the paper.

He will assume his duties November 1.

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BAPTIST GROUP AGAINST  
UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING

WASHINGTON, D.C.--(BP)--"We are opposed to a program of universal military conscription in time of peace," members of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs said at a recent meeting of the Committee in Washington, D. C.

"Our several constituent conventions have repeatedly voiced opposition to universal military training and we reaffirm our committee action and urge Baptists everywhere to continue to voice their opposition to such a law as unnecessary, unworkable, and un-American."

The second session of the Eighty-third Congress which opens in January, 1954, may again be asked by the administration to enact legislation for a full scale universal military training program. The president's new commission is expected to make its report sometime in December of this year.

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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS TO BE FEATURED  
ON NATION-WIDE TELEVISION NETWORK

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Southern Baptists will be featured on "Frontiers of Faith," a weekly NBC television religious program, on November 30, Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced.

The program will be under the direction of Stevens and will originate in the studios of the National Broadcasting Company in New York.

Vernon B. Richardson, member of the Radio Commission and pastor of the University Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., will be the speaker for the worship service. Music will be provided by a mixed quartet from the Baltimore church, and G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary, Department of Student Work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will serve as soloist.

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MISSISSIPPI STUDENTS  
WILL MEET OCTOBER 31

COLUMBUS, Miss.--(BP)--Over 1,000 Baptist college students from more than twenty campuses over the state are expected on the campus of Mississippi State College for Women for the annual State Baptist Student Union Convention October 31 through November 1.

Out-of-state personalities on program will include, G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary, Department of Student Work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and R. H. Falwell, Alabama B.S.U. secretary. Dick Baker, director of music, Birchman Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., will lead the music.

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SOUTH CAROLINA MAN  
GOES TO ATLANTA

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--John Ryberg, Royal Ambassador secretary for South Carolina, accepted a call to become assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Roy O. McClain, pastor.

A native Texan, Ryberg was graduated from the University of South Carolina and Southern Seminary. While in college he was Baptist Student Union president for the state of South Carolina and held a student pastorate at Killian, S. C. While at the Seminary he was pastor of a church at Murray, Ky.

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BAYLOR PRESIDENT  
RAPS COMMUNISM

WACO, Tex.--(BP)--Baylor University President W. R. White has declared, in perhaps the bluntest statement issued by any American educator, that "no one could remain at Baylor University who would use the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States as a subterfuge on the question of membership in the Communist party."

Speaking at a luncheon which closed a two-day conference on American ideals on the Baylor campus. Dr. White explained that he wanted to "stand up and be counted" on a question that has loomed large in higher education circles the past year.

"In my opinion," he asserted, "the Fifth Amendment was never intended to provide immunity for people guilty of sedition. I certainly consider membership in the Communist party an act of sedition. I am not using the word in a technical and legal sense. Baylor University is interested in the spirit of the law as well as the letter.

"No one could remain at Baylor University who would use the Fifth Amendment as a subterfuge on the question of membership in the Communist party."

Dr. White continued, "The Fifth Amendment has its legitimate purpose, but it is being used as an escape for subversives who are as dangerous to the welfare of this country as the hydrogen bomb. I see no reason why any patriotic American would seek to cover his relationship to any organization."

The Baylor president's statement followed an address by Robert B. Anderson, secretary of the Navy, who praised the university for its formulation of a new course on the United States Constitution which will be required study for every student.

Baylor already has inaugurated two interdepartmental courses of study intended to strengthen democratic understanding in the world. Offered as major fields of work, on both undergraduate and graduate levels, are the programs in American civilization, providing maximum appreciation of the nation's literature, history, society, and government and in foreign service, preparing young men and women for the spread of American culture in overseas areas.

The university is historically a bulwark for both Christianity and democracy, Dr. White reminded the conference earlier. Its motto, Pro Ecclesia Pro Texana, expressed Baylor's unwavering goal of service to both the church and the nation. Baylor was founded by Texas Baptists in 1845, under a charter from the old Republic of Texas.