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**Building Started
For Sellers Home**

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--Construction of a \$257,000 building for the Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center in New Orleans has begun with the demolition of the old building, according to Clovis Brantley of Atlanta, Ga., superintendent of mission centers for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The institution, the only home for unwed mothers operated by the Home Mission Board, will care for 36 mothers and its staff. In addition, the adoption center this year is expected to place 100 babies in foster homes.

A \$150,000 building for the adoption center was constructed in 1955. The home was started in 1933, and for many years was directed by Brantley. Mrs. Allegra La-Prairie has been the director since 1948.

The new building will include living quarters for the 36 mothers and staff members, office space, a chapel, and an office for Chaplain Harold Rutledge, who is also professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Property adjacent to the home was purchased in order to continue a limited program while the building is under construction.

In commenting on the need for such work, Brantley said, "Recent reports indicate there are about 250,000 girls in need of such assistance each year. We have been asked to start other such homes to help meet the situation. However, such homes are expensive. The cost of the Sellers Home and Adoption Center is about \$75,000 a year."

The work is fully-licensed by the welfare department of Louisiana, Brantley stated, and since its beginning has cared for more than 2000 mothers. More than 1000 babies have been placed in homes.

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**College President
Reports On Russia**

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DELAND, Fla.--(BP)--"We must not dismiss Soviet threats that we are to be sub-merged because the Russians are completely prepared," President J. Ollie Edmunds of Stetson University here said.

"In the last three weeks I have made four trips in Soviet bombers. They are supposedly Aeroflot airliners, but the head of Aeroflot is a marshal of the Soviet Air Force and all pilots are officers of the Air Force. It is no secret these planes have racks for bombs -- they have removable seats which in a matter of minutes can be taken out and turn the planes into bombers," he added.

Referring to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, Edmunds said, "This 20th Century fox strutting around in New York is going to have to do a lot of convincing of his people to get them to go to war." That is because Soviet citizens have suffered so much from war in the past.

The president of the Baptist college has just returned from a private fact-finding mission to the Soviet Union. Speaking to Stetson faculty, trustees, students, and parents of students, Edmunds scored Russian war-like preparations but added that "I'm convinced that in the universities, in the courts, and in the churches of Russia lie the hopes of the world." He became convinced of this, he said after talking to Russian lawyers, students, and clergy.

President Edmunds undertook a detailed study of the Russian educational system while president of the Association of American Colleges, and his trip behind the Iron Curtain was to check his findings through first-hand observation.

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Haworth To Preside
Over Counsel Group

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Seminary professor D. Swan Haworth will preside over the Southern Baptist Counseling and Guidance Conference for another year.

Associate professor of psychology of religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Haworth was re-elected at the Conference's 1960 session here.

Myron C. Madden, New Orleans, chaplain of Southern Baptist Hospital is the new president-elect. As such, he will succeed Haworth next year.

Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Christian Life Commission, will serve as secretary. The Christian Life Commission was designated as the point of contact between the Conference and the S B C.

The Commission will also be central headquarters and treasury for the conference.

Haworth announced that the dates of the 1961 conference here are Sept. 25-27 on the theme: "The New Testament Concept of Ministries." It will stress the role of all Christians ministering, both among those in church vocations and those who are lay persons.

J. Lyn Elder, professor of pastoral care at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., and Edward Thornton of Houston will be principal speakers for 1961. Thornton is professor of pastoral care at Institute of Religion, Texas Medical Center.

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