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**McCall Inaugurated
By Baylor University**

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Abner V. McCall, a tall, orphanage-reared farm boy who worked his way through the university he now heads, was formally inaugurated as president of Baylor University here.

McCall, 46, officially assumed leadership of the world's largest Southern Baptist university in the pomp-and-ceremony installation climaxing the week-long observance of the ninth annual Baylor Conference on American Ideals.

He actually became president in mid-April after the school's board of trustees voted to establish a chancellorship, named former President W. R. White to that post and elected McCall to succeed White.

In his inaugural address, McCall said the political, social and economic conditions surrounding Baylor today are no more favorable to its future survival as a first-rate university than when the school was founded in 1845.

He said that if Baylor is to overcome unfavorable conditions and continue as a first-class university, it will be for the same reason that she survived the first 116 years---the religious conviction and dedication of her faculty and Baptist sponsors.

McCall said that because of Texas Baptists' zeal for separation of church and state, Baylor would not accept government loans. Baylor and other Baptists schools will not likely keep pace with other schools in quality of educational programs unless those who sponsor and support Baptist schools have religious convictions as strong as the founding fathers, he added.

The inaugural speaker, Willis M. Tate, president of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, echoed McCall's statements, and said if any man could meet the challenge of the future, it is McCall.

"The next 10 years will be crucial for Christian education," said Tate, "for within the next decade we will learn if non-governmental support will be sufficient in the light of the rising competition for the American dollar."

Texas Gov. Price Daniel praised McCall, a former State Supreme Court justice, for his service to his church, community and public service to his state and nation.

Presidents or representatives of 128 other colleges and universities, community and state officials, Baylor students and faculty and friends formed a processional numbering nearly 1000 across the Baylor campus for the inaugural.

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**Indiana Faces Booze
Barrier In Building**

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INDIANAPOLIS (BP)--Indiana Southern Baptists have run into a booze barrier in their effort to buy property here for a new Baptist Building.

The owner of the property agrees to sell only on condition the convention compromise with the liquor traffic, Executive Secretary E. H. Moore of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana reported.

The owner "can not agree to a sale...unless your organization agrees by appropriate resolution to refrain from in any manner interfering with or opposing a request, should one be made, for a variance or license to permit the operation of a cocktail lounge" on nearby property.

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In offering two other plots as alternate sites, the seller--Standard Material Corp.--imposes the same restricting language.

Faced with this, the convention Executive Board adopted a resolution refusing "without hesitation to meet the requirements proposed by the seller...to forfeit our rights to object to liquor licenses..."

The board reactivated a building committee to seek "suitable location."

State convention offices are presently located at Plainfield, Ind., west of Indianapolis. The convention had planned to move them to Speedway, Ind., a suburb of the Indiana capital.

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Soviet Zone Seminary
Enrols 19 Students

By the Baptist Press

Nineteen students are enrolled in the Baptist seminary of Buckow in East Germany, reports director Adolf Pohl. The seminary was opened two years ago, when it became impossible for East Germans to study in the Hamburg seminary and return to churches in the East Zone.

The seminary shares a building used by Baptist deaconesses in Buckow. Conditions are so crowded that as many as four students must occupy one room.

None of the four instructors has yet secured living quarters in Buckow. Their homes are up to several hundred kilometers distant.

Eleven churches in East Germany are urgently in need of pastors and this number will soon be increased to 13, says Pohl. He reports numerous qualified applicants for the seminary who would be received to help meet the future need, if only there were room for them.

German Baptist churches report a total of 97,000 members, 27,000 of these in the East Zone and East Berlin.

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Colorado Commends
Seminary Doctrine Poll

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BILLINGS, Mont. (BP)--The Colorado Baptist General Convention commended a campus doctrine poll taken by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary President Duke K. McCall.

His poll followed a report in Redbook magazine on what the nation's future preachers will believe and preach. McCall contended the Redbook survey, which purported to interview 10 Southern Seminary students, was "meaningless and a hoax." Redbook's survey showed liberal theological tendencies.

A counter-survey by the seminary president of 157 students at Louisville brought replies which led McCall to observe:

"Bible-centered, warm-hearted, evangelistic proclamation of the gospel will continue to be as characteristic of Southern Baptist preachers in the future as in the past."

The Colorado convention, meeting in one of its five other affiliated states, commended not only the Southern Seminary poll but any future doctrinal polls taken by the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.

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Proposes New Approach
To Education Problem

WASHINGTON (BP)--A new approach to federal aid to education will be offered to Congress next January by Rep. Cleveland M. Bailey (D., W. Va.),

According to Bailey, his new plan would eliminate the two thorniest issues from the educational controversy--the problem of federal control versus local control and the problem of public aid to private education.

Bailey emphasized all parties agree that "the improvement of educational opportunities is definitely within the national interest." The way this is to be done has been the unresolved problem.

Searching for the heart of the problem, Bailey concluded that "what we are really trying to do is to use the broader federal tax base to help state and local taxpayers finance the cost of improved education." He then announced that in January he would introduce legislation to accomplish these objectives, providing that "during the intervening months, reaction has been favorable."

The new plan would allocate to each state an amount equivalent to two per cent of total expenditures within that state for public elementary and secondary education. For those states having less financial ability than others, additional grants would be authorized.

Bailey said the additional grants would be figured by determining the relative per capita income in each state. In those states below the national average, the allotment would be increased by the percentage the state falls below the national average.

According to Bailey's plan, federal funds would be granted to the state educational agency and distributed to the local school districts through normal state channels, and by the state's normal equalization formula.

He said, "The federal support would be used by the local school districts for whatever specific purpose required at that level. Federal funds, when they reached the local level, would be unidentifiable, thus eliminating the possibility of any federal influence."

In addition, Bailey's plan would build-in a guarantee of continuing state and local efforts. If state and local educational efforts were reduced because of the federal contribution, Bailey's proposal would reduce the federal contribution by a like amount.

Bailey cited five virtues of this new approach to the educational needs of the nation:

(1) "The federal government would aid taxpayers to support the type of education the nation wants and needs.

(2) "It is nondiscriminatory. The burden of supporting education falls equally upon all taxpayers, whether they have children or not, whether their children attend public or private schools.

(3) "Since the financing of all education, public and private, comes from the earnings of the people, any federal assistance to all local taxpayers is an indirect aid to those who support private schools.

(4) "This proposal eliminates the need for complicated needs formulas, but provides more assistance to those taxpayers least able to support their local public school systems in the manner desired and needed. It does, however, provide the necessary encouragement and stimulation to the state and local taxpayers.

(5) "We are assured that federal money will supplement the money of the local taxpayers and not supplant it."

Bailey's two per cent formula would call for federal outlays of \$312 million a year on the basis of the latest available figures. The states spent a total of \$15.6 billion on education during 1959-60.

Baylor Students Hear
Perils Of Communism

WACO, Tex. (BP)--An urgent plea for Americans to "illuminate to the world the atheistic and socialistic inefficiency of communism and its terror methods" was issued here by the president of Freedoms Foundation of America.

Addressing the opening session of Baylor University's ninth annual Conference on American Ideals, Kenneth Dale Wells said: "An equal task is to improve our spiritually based free enterprise so that every American is evangelical in extending knowledge of our representative republic and our quest for justice."

Calling athiestic communism "the greatest tyranny the world has ever developed," Wells hurled this challenge to several thousand Baylor students: "Do you think you are strong enough to face a young communist? Not only in physical combat, but in defense of your faith and your country's principles? Do you carry your share of the load, or are you too interested in your fancy hairdresses, handsome sports cars, football and lavish parental provision?"

Wells had just returned a week earlier from a six-week visit to Europe. He contrasted activities of Baylor students who had staged a giant football rally earlier, with another group of young people in Karl Marx Square in East Berlin.

"Six days ago, I saw young men and women of exactly your own age, but they were not laughing or having fun anticipating a fine game," he said. "They were shouting, all right, but they were shouting at each other in dead earnest. And they were jumping, some of them from tops of buildings for their very lives.

"I watched a young man 22 years old running desperately across roof-top, with Red guns leveled at him. I saw him take a desperate leap, shouting 'freedom.' But he missed the West Berlin fire truck nets by 10 feet.

"That young man didn't have to die. He could have lied and agreed and obeyed. But he was one of the ones who would rather be dead than Red."

He said the challenge to American youth today is: Can you defend your faith? Can you defend your country's political structure? Do you understand it? Can you sell it?

Wells said the world is in a titantic showdown struggle. Those who believe man is just another animal on earth to be utilized, directed and enslaved for the benefit of a few who are able to attain great socialist, political or economic power battle those who believe in God and the spiritual nature of man.

"We cannot talk strong and act weakly in Laos, in East Berlin, in Cuba or anywhere in the world today. We are up against a militant force that acts. Before our ground is stained brown with human blood, as I saw last week in East Berlin, I pray that our nation will act," he said.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Brooks Hays, assistant secretary of state and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was to be principal speaker at dedication services for a new chapel-auditorium at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Tex. (BP)

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.....Kenneth Pepper, chaplain supervisor at Parkland Hospital, Dallas, is the new chairman of the Southern Baptist Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. (BP)

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.....Formal dedication exercises were planned Nov. 3 for Wake Forest College's new \$1.5 million Life Sciences Building--Winston Hall--in Winston-Salem, N. C. (BP)

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