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**B ard Names Special
Worker For New York**

ATLANTA (BP)--Southern Baptists' first director of language work in New York City was appointed here by the denomination's Home Mission Board.

Leobardo Estrada, pastor of the First (Spanish) Southern Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., was named to the new position. He is also speaker for "La Hora Bautista," the Spanish-language version of "The Baptist Hour," radio production of the Convention's Radio and Television Commission.

In making the announcement, Loyd Corder of Atlanta, secretary of the board's language groups ministries department, stated, "This is a very significant move toward the establishment of an effective ministry among the many ethnic groups in this area."

Estrada will serve as associate to Paul S. James of New York who is pastor-director of the Home Board's work in the greater New York area. He will work through existing Southern Baptist churches and lead in the establishment of new congregations, beginning with the more than a million Puerto Ricans and Spanish-speaking in the city. The New York vicinity includes some 75 language groups.

Language work was started by Southern Baptists a year ago among the Panamanians in New York; this month the first Southern Baptist church was constituted in Br oklyn. Eleven nationalities were represented among the charter members.

A native of Culican, Sinaloa, Mexico, Estrada has been pastor of three Texas churches all bearing the same name--First Mexican Baptist Church--in Alpine, El Paso and Dallas.

While pastor in El Paso, he taught at the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been the speaker for "La Hora Bautista" for the past three and a half years and has written three books in Spanish.

Estrada is a graduate of Mexican Seminary, El Paso; Southern Methodist University, Dallas and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He served two years as president of the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas. Prior to his appointment, he was first vice-president of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

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**Prohibition Crusader
Counsels On Method**

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COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP)--A youthful crusader for bone-dry prohibition in South Carolina was counseled here to move with caution.

Ray O. Jones, pastor of a suburban church in the winter resort city of Camden, succeeded in getting the 1961 South Carolina Baptist Convention to pass a resolution calling for a liquor referendum.

Then, without waiting for the appointment of the five-man steering committee which he asked of the convention, Jones interviewed the governor. He also went before the Central Baptist Pastors' Conference with a proposed program for a mass meeting in the capital city and a prayer meeting in the State House.

At that point, E. C. Brown, Columbia, veteran of an unsuccessful liquor fight in Arkansas, observed it was unwise "to tip our hand to the public press" prematurely.

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The liquor forces constitute "the most powerful group in America" and it is foolish to go up against them without the most careful preparations and without enlisting able laymen in the battle, Brown said.

In Arkansas the fight was led by a man full of zeal but somewhat lacking in wisdom, he recalled, and "we got our ears pinned back in short order."

On Brown's motion, the ministers' conference delayed action on Jones' proposals until the convention's committee is appointed and brings forth its recommendations.

Meanwhile, the executive committee of the General Board of the convention appropriated \$300 for the immediate expenses of the five-man committee which will be named soon by retiring convention President John C. Murdoch of Greenwood. It will be up to the General Board to find the balance of the suggested \$5000 "war chest" for the campaign.

The liquor question may figure in a U. S. Senate race in South Carolina next year. Gov. Earnest Hollings, who told Jones he continues to favor the legal sale of liquor, is expected to seek to replace Sen. Olin D. Johnston, a Baptist teetotaler.