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Buckner Turns Tunnels
Into Fall-out Shelter

DALLAS (BP)--A man-made cave beneath the campus of Buckner Baptist Children's Home here has been converted into a fall-out shelter that would house more than 600 children in case of nuclear attack.

The mammoth fall-out shelter is a mile-long network of steam tunnels that house pipes carrying steam to heat several buildings on the campus.

Built more than 30 years ago by the world's largest Baptist children's home, the earthen-concrete tunnels lie six feet beneath the surface of the ground.

"The shelter would be adequate to accommodate all of our children and workers for several weeks if necessary," said E. L. Carnett, president of Buckner Baptist Benevolences.

Carnett estimates that every person on the campus could be inside the tunnels in less than five minutes. Drills will be staged to orient residents of the home with the shelter procedure.

Cots, blankets, concentrated foods and chemical disposal systems have already been placed inside the tunnels.

The only construction necessary to complete the shelter will be a heavy corrugated steel and concrete shell to protect the Buckner well and pump from radioactive contamination. A generator will be installed inside the tunnels to provide electrical power.

Buckner Benevolences is one of four children's homes owned and operated by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. In addition to the big children's home in Dallas (formerly Buckner Orphan's Home), the Buckner system includes a boys' ranch, a girls' home, two homes for aging people, and a maternity home.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: A glossy photo of children inside the tunnel is available on request from the Dallas Baptist Press office, 103 Baptist Building, Dallas 1, Texas.

Folks and facts..... (1-12-62)

.....Charles Bowles, pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Antonio, Tex., and former president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, suffered a heart attack on the way to church Sunday (Jan. 7) and was rushed to Memorial Baptist Hospital in San Antonio. Bowles' condition was not critical, doctors said, and he may be on his feet within the next few weeks. He is the former pastor of the Hunter Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. He was to have preached his first sermon as pastor of the church the morning the heart attack struck. (BP)

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Marathon Sermon Draws
4,000 New Year's Eve

DALLAS (BP)--Nearly 4,000 persons greeted the new year at special New Year's Eve services at the First Baptist Church of Dallas that featured a preaching marathon by pastor W. A. Criswell.

Crowds filled to capacity the main auditorium of the world's largest Southern Baptist Church, and overflowed into two auxiliary auditoriums in adjoining buildings.

About 2,500 people greeted the new year on their knees at midnight after Criswell had preached for nearly 4½ hours.

Preaching from Genesis to Revelation, Criswell traced "the whole purpose of God through human history" in the marathon sermon.

There were four ten-minute breaks and a 30-minute intermission for coffee during the 4½ hour message, which Criswell said was "time enough to complete just one sermon."

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Pillow Named To Staff
of Radio-TV Commission (1-12-62)

FORT WORTH (BP)--Jerome B. Pillow, overseas audio-visual distribution manager for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va. for the past 2½ years, has been employed by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here.

Pillow, who served with the Radio-TV Commission while attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, has already assumed duties as assistant in the Commission's department of radio production.

Pillow is serving as assistant producer of overseas programming, said Paul M. Stevens, Commission director. The Radio-TV Commission now produces weekly religious programs in Spanish, Italian, Russian.

Before joining the staff of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Pillow was head of the Radio-TV Commission's distribution department for three years.

A native of Poplar Bluff, Mo., Pillow is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., where he was manager of the Baptist school's radio station, KYBS.

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Folks and facts..... (1-12-62)

.....Hardin-Simmons University basketball coach Willie L. (Bill) Scott has resigned his coaching position to accept an undisclosed position with the U. S. government, Hardin-Simmons President Evan A. Reiff said. Scott said the new post is a career and executive position of an administrative nature not related to athletics. He has served on the school's coaching staff since 1951. His resignation follows recent resignations of the Hardin-Simmons athletic director, head football coach, and two assistant coaches. The Baptist school in Abilene, Tex., is de-emphasizing athletics because of a mounting budget deficit. (BP)

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Annuity Board Extends
Retirement Ruling

DALLAS (BP)--The Southern Baptist Annuity Board extended through 1964 its ruling to allow age annuitants to serve in new churches or missions for as long as 12 months without relinquishing rights to their retirement annuities.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, said the action was taken by the board's executive committee to allow the agency to continue its part in the Southern Baptist 30,000 movement to establish new churches and missions.

Provisions of the ruling state that any person receiving retirement benefits from the Annuity Board may serve a "new" church or mission and still receive allotments although "retired" and "employed" at the same time.

The designation "new" is given a church or mission if its name does not appear in the last printed associational minutes, Reed said.

The annuitant's service must also be approved by the executive secretary in the state he serves and the Annuity Board executive secretary.

The annuitant is expected to enlist his church in the retirement plan if it is not in it, Reed said.

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Howard Payne Names New
Athletic Director, Coach (1-12-62)

BROWNWOOD, Tex. (BP)--Howard Payne University here has named the Baptist school's vice president of development as athletic director, and named a Texas junior college coach as head football mentor.

The Howard Payne board of trustees elected C. E. (Nig) McCarver of Brownwood as athletic director, and selected H. N. (Rusty) Russell, former head coach for Victoria Junior College, Victoria, Tex., as head football coach.

McCarver and Russell succeed Bennie B. Williams, who resigned the combined athletic director--football coach position in November to work toward a doctorate in the field of mathematics at the University of Texas in Austin.

McCarver, the new athletic director, will continue to serve in his present capacity as vice president in charge of development in addition to the athletic director post.

In announcing the appointment of the two new coaches, Howard Payne President Guy Newman said he felt they would bring a new feeling of confidence from Howard Payne alumni, students and friends, and that Howard Payne can play in top competition in the Lone Star Conference.

"Athletics are a vital, important and really indispensable part of any broad, successful college program," said Newman.

Both McCarver and Russell are Howard Payne graduates.

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NBC To Telecast Three
Films On Baptist Work

FORT WORTH (BP)--The National Broadcasting Co. will televise three films during February on its "Frontiers of Faith" program dealing with Southern Baptist work throughout the world.

Produced jointly by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and NBC-TV, the three shows will be broadcast Feb. 4, 11, and 18.

The last telecast of the series, a film entitled "To Breathe Free," shows the efforts of Southern Baptists and other Christian denominations to rehabilitate Hong Kong, a nation of nearly three million squeezed into a single city.

The film depicts Hong Kong as a city of frenzied activity, full of goods from trade in a free world port---a city that is thriving, prosperous, and yet teeming with starving, homeless refugees. It is a story of beauty and ugliness, despair and hope, living side by side.

"Operation: Brother's Brother," the second film in the series, tells the story of an unusual mercy mission to Liberia, Africa, staged to inoculate the entire population against devastating diseases.

The trip to Liberia was planned and carried out by two brothers, Dr. Robert A. Hingson, a medical researcher, and James Monroe Hingson, navy captain and commander of the vessel taking the team to africa. Assisting them is the Baptist World Alliance, an organization representing the world's 22 million Baptists.

First in the series is the film, "From the Most High Cometh Healing," the story of a healing team of doctor, psychiatrist, and minister and their efforts to minister to the total man to relieve suffering.

Sequences of the film were shot at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem; at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; at Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La.; and in a pastor's study in Durham, N. C.

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NOTE TO BAPTIST STATE EDITORS: You may want to see that this story is used before Feb. 4, date of the first television show. If used after that date, kill the last two graphs; If used after Feb. 11, kill the last four graphs.

Folks and facts..... (1-12-62)

.....An ordained Baptist minister, Jarrell F. McCracken of Waco, Tex., has been named one of the five "Outstanding Young Texans for 1961." McCracken organized Word Records, Inc., the world's largest producer of religious records. He was named to the group by the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce for "initiative and demonstration of success in the free enterprise system." (BP)

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Baylor Votes to Re-route
Campus Creek Underground

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Trustees of Baylor University here voted to help the city re-route Waco Creek, which runs through the Baptist school's campus, into an underground storm sewer.

Re-routing a portion of the creek underground will give the Baylor urban renewal area east of the campus, a new 64 acre tract recently deeded to Baylor by the Baylor-Waco Foundation, more usable land, the trustees said.

The little creek will still wind its way through a portion of the main campus, adding a touch of scenic beauty, but will go underground from Fifth Street to First Street.

Approximate cost of routing the creek underground is estimated at $299,200, plus about $14,500 for engineering fees. The City of Waco will pay $145,000 and a proportionate share of the engineering fees from a bond issue. Baylor will pay the rest.

Under the city's urban renewal project, the little creek, which sometimes overflows and floods low-lying areas of the campus after heavy rains, will carry only a fraction of the flood water it was once required to handle after a new Clay Avenue storm sewer is completed.

The Baylor board of trustees also authorized the campus planning committee to take bids for construction of a new power plant and 700-foot tunnel to service new buildings to be constructed on the new tract of land east of the campus.

The new power plant, to be constructed on Fourth Street, will cost about $415,000.

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Protestant Observers
Comment On McCormack

WASHINGTON (BP)-- Four denominationally responsible political observers here agree that the policies of the new Speaker of the House, Rep. John McCormack (D., Mass.) will not necessarily be determined by his past positions.

The four leaders made their statements in response to a Baptist Press inquiry about their reaction to the recent interview by the new Speaker with Religious News Service. In the interview McCormack said that he had always supported school legislation of all kinds and that he had always spoken for and voted for the programs for federal aid to public schools.

McCormack, a devout Roman Catholic, said in the interview that he never has and never will use public office to seek special advantage for any group. However, he favors "long-term loans at reasonable rates to help private schools build facilities they need for teaching science, mathematics, foreign language, and physical education."

"I have been quoted by my critics as saying I would oppose a bill that did not include assistance for the private schools," said the new Speaker. "But I have always said just exactly the opposite. They never say where or when I made such a statement because I have never made it," he added.

W. Astor Kirk, director of the Department of Public Affairs of the Division of Human Relations and Economic Affairs, General Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church, said that "I will have to take Mr. McCormack at his word when he says that as Speaker of the House he will never use the office to block any bill for assistance to public schools."

"I don't see anything in his past record," Kirk continued, "to cause me to doubt his word."

Kirk pointed out that a person in a new position would have new responsibilities. He said that "when a person is in this position (Speaker of the House) he has to look at the broader interests of his party. In other words, party policy will probably determine his course of action."

Kirk further observed that the problem of federal aid to parochial schools probably would not be settled on the point of constitutionality, but rather on the basis of public policy. "I think it is not best public policy," he said, "to provide general public aid to parochial schools, but if this should come, the legislation should have a built-in set of public controls over the public funds so used. Thus the parochial schools would become quasi-public schools."

Robert E. Van Deusen, Washington secretary of the Division of Public Relations, National Lutheran Council, said that "McCormack's statement to Religious News Service is a little equivocal, and it is hard to know who did what on the school aid bill last year."

Van Deusen expressed the hope that McCormack's new and wider responsibilities will cause him to reappraise his attitude toward legislation involving his church. He said, "We should be willing to let his legislative record from this point on determine our attitude toward him. We should not expect that his actions as a Massachusetts Congressman will necessarily determine what he will do as Speaker of the House."

Lewis Maddocks, Washington secretary of the Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ, said "I have no doubt at this time that Mr. McCormack will carry out his responsibility as Speaker as objectively as he claims he will."

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Although Maddocks disagreed with McCormack on the question of federal aid to parochial schools, he said, "I honestly do not know from intimate knowledge whether he has ever sacrificed public school aid when it did not provide parochial school aid as well. I have not examined his voting record on this issue, so have no right to challenge his denial of such action."

Maddocks said "all I ask of any Congressman are two things: (1) that he work to promote what his conscience dictates should be promoted (and I have no reason to believe that Mr. McCormack has ever failed to do this), and (2) that all important legislation such as federal aid to education be permitted to come to the floor for debate and vote."

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, said, "I have read the RNS quotes from Mr. McCormack, but I cannot tell from them what course he will follow as Speaker of the House...Since the Democratic party has made him Speaker we will just have to wait and see what he does."

"The interesting thing about the RNS story is that Mr. McCormack thought he should talk," Carlson continued. "In the past he has served more narrowly as Representative of voters in Massachusetts. Now as Speaker of the House he becomes more responsible for what the party does and for the national welfare. One would expect him to re-work his policies in this change. However, he is a man of 70 and change may come hard."

Carlson further said, "A Roman Catholic in the White House, a Roman Catholic leading in the Senate and a Roman Catholic leading in the House creates a Roman Catholic responsibility, even though they may not be a team. Three-fourths of the voters are non-Catholics, and perhaps a majority of the Roman Catholic voters favor the President's educational policy rather than McCormack's. Good political planning for the party will place new demands on Mr. McCormack, which may limit his availability for ecclesiastical interests."

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JFK Restates Stand
On Parochial Aid (1-12-62)

WASHINGTON (BP)-- President Kennedy reaffirmed his position against federal aid to parochial schools in his state of the Union message to Congress.

The President commended the education bill that passed the Senate last year and received House Committee approval. It was stopped in the House by the controversy on aid to parochial schools. Upon the President's recommendation the Senate bill included only public schools.

In his state of the Union message the President reiterated, "I believe that bill... offered the minimum amount required by our needs and -- in terms of across-the-board aid -- the maximum scope permitted by our Constitution."

Reaffirming his determination not in include parochial schools, the President said, "I therefore see no reason to weaken or withdraw that bill."

The Roman Catholic bishops of the United States have set themselves to block any aid to public schools that does not include their parochial schools.

In addition, the legal department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference prepared a legal document in which the attempt is made to prove that the Constitution does not forbid public aid to church schools.

However, last year the legal advisers of the Administration through the Department of Health, Education and Welfare issued a memorandum at the request of Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.), chairman of the Senate subcommittee on education. It was the opinion that across-the-board loans or grants to parochial schools are unconstitutional.

The President's new statement to the nation has come in spite of heavy political pressure that he has now fulfilled his campaign pledge and that he is now free to abandon his campaign position on separation of church and state. The President evidently does not look upon his pledge as a temporary campaign expedient.

On the other hand, his legal advisers evidently have indicated that in their opinion federal aid to institutions of higher education, both public and private, would come within the permission of the Constitution. Hence, the President is pushing for a program of loans and grants to aid both types of schools in this area.

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Carlson Appraises
Independence of JFK

WASHINGTON (BP)-- A Baptist leader here praised the independence of President Kennedy from domination by the Roman Catholic hierarchy during his first year in office.

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, in response to an inquiry from Time Magazine, commented on an editorial in America Magazine, a national Catholic weekly review.

America reviewed President Kennedy's first year and expressed disappointment that he opposed the use of public funds for parochial schools. The editorial complained that the President has been available to Protestant leaders but that Catholic officials are virtually ignored at the White House.

The Jesuit article objected that on his recent visit to "Catholic" countries in South America President Kennedy did not quote from Pope John XXIII's recent encyclical on "Christianity and Social Progress."

The editorial charged the President with political motivation and lack of courage. It also objected to the President's position on the unconstitutionality of public aid to parochial schools.

Carlson said to the Time correspondent that "if this editorial is a true reflection of the Roman Catholic pressure which has been brought to bear on the President, his courage looks pretty good at this point."

"Apparently he has had the courage to face the hierarchy," Carlson continued, "and to speak as an American citizen who has chosen to do some political thinking of his own."

On the point of the interpretation of the Constitution by the President, Carlson pointed out that "during this past year the Supreme Court has again enunciated the so-called 'dictum' of the Everson case." (The "dictum" says in part that "no tax in any amount, large or small, can be levied to support any religious activities or institutions, whatever they may be called, or whatever form they may adopt to teach or practice religion.")

The Jesuit editorial complained at the President for being politically sensitive to the insistence of Southern Baptists that "he doesn't give an inch" on the separation of church and state.

Carlson said, "If the President is as politically motivated as the editor says he is, and if he is as conscious of the Southern Baptists as the editorial claims, then I am very happy that the Southern Baptists are not making great demands for appropriations from the government."

With reference to the President's use or lack of use of the message of Pope John XXIII, Carlson said that "I have not understood this to be the function of the Presidency of the United States."

"Even from the viewpoint of foreign policy," Carlson concluded, "it would seem very questionable for the President to quote the pope to the anti-clerical masses of Latin America."

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OBU Presidential
Address Published (1-12-62)

WASHINGTON (BP)-- The inaugural address of James R. Scales, new president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, has been published in the Congressional Record.

Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney (D., Okla.) in submitting the address said, "Dr. Scales is recognized in the academic world because his stiumlation of academic excellence and his scholarly interest in all phases of education have already contributed to the building up of this great institution."

Scales was vice president of Oklahoma Baptist University before his inauguration as president on Dec. 10, 1961.

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Obscenity Case Turned
Down By Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (BP)-- The United States Supreme Court has refused to hear an appeal from six Baltimore newsstand owners convicted of violating Maryland's obscenity law.

The decision may strengthen local enforcement actions in all areas of the nation against news dealers who sell lurid "girlie" magazines.

The magazines involved are nationally distributed and sold in many cities. They are Candid, Consort, Sextet, Cloud 9, and Torrid. They feature photographs of nude female models and lurid textual material.

The Maryland Court of Appeals upheld the conviction of the news dealers by a 4-1 decision. The court said that when suggestive photographs are combined with captions and textual material referring in detail to immoral sex acts, the overall effect is to incite lustful thoughts and stir prurient interest, and hence, to violate the law against "obscenity."

The Maryland law prohibits the sale of "lewd, obscene, or indecent" publications, but it leaves to the court the definition of those terms.

Another Maryland case on the way to the Supreme Court is the conviction of a District of Columbia book store owner for selling Henry Miller's novel, "Tropic of Cancer," in a suburban store. He has been given a six-month jail sentence, which he is appealing.

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Catholic Congressman
Asks Parochial Aid (1-12-62)

WASHINGTON (BP) - A Massachusetts Congressman declares that federal aid to parochial schools is constitutional.

Rep. Thomas J. Lane, (D., Mass.), a member of the Roman Catholic Church, disputed President Kennedy's appeal for federal aid to public schools only. On the same day that the President delivered the state of the Union message Lane appealed for aid to church schools.

Lane used the document of the legal department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference which attempts to prove that public aid to church schools is permissible by the Constitution. He inserted in the Congressional Record a lengthy news story from the Pilot, Catholic newspaper in Boston, on the legal study.

The President earlier in the day had appealed for federal support for public schools and eliminated parochial school aid as being unconstitutional.

Lane repeated the point that the Roman Catholic legal department seeks to establish to get aid for their schools. He said, "Church-related schools perform a public function by providing essential citizen education and that this public function is, by its nature, eligible for support."

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Continues Campaign
For National Lottery (1-12-62)

WASHINGTON (BP)-- On the opening day of the second session of the 87th Congress Rep. Paul A. Fino (R., N.Y.) continued his campaign for a national lottery.

Fino said, "For 10 years I have urged Congress to give serious and favorable consideration to the establishment of a national lottery."

He claims that legalized gambling would produce an additional $10 billion a year in additional public revenue and thus would reduce taxes and help pay off the national debt.

Throughout the first session of the 87th Congress Fino inserted numerous articles and documents in the Congressional Record attempting to convince Congress that legalized gambling would be good for the nation.

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