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Grand Jury Indicts 3
In Wiretapping Case

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--A state official and two private citizens have been indicted by a federal grand jury in New Orleans in a wiretapping case involving three religious leaders.

The grand jury charged Wendell P. Harris Sr., a Louisiana state senator; Lawrence W. Hall, a private detective, and Leon M. Patterson, a business man, all of Baton Rouge, La., with breaking a federal law against wiretapping.

They were accused of involvement in the tapping of telephone conversations between three men, one a Baptist minister, who had fought segregation in Baton Rouge. They are Benjamin Irvin Cheney Jr., then pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church; Wade M. Mackie, of the American Friends Service Committee, and Rabbi Marvin M. Reznikoff.

Cheney resigned the Broadmoor pastorate last summer, reportedly because of pressure after he joined 50 ministers in signing an "affirmation of religious principles" calling racial discrimination "a violation of the divine law of love." When he signed, Cheney and his wife received abusive anonymous letters and telephone calls from segregationists.

One of those charged, Leon Patterson, is a member of Broadmoor Baptist Church and once taught Sunday school there. Sen. Harris also is vice-chairman of the Louisiana State Sovereignty Commission which carries out a pro-segregation and states' rights program.

The federal law involved is section 605 of the Communications Act of 1934, prohibiting the interception of any wire communication and divulgence of its contents. Violation is punishable by a year in prison, a \$10,000 fine, or both.

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North Carolina Trustee
Group Advised On Duty

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WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (BP)--Trustees of North Carolina Baptist institutions were told here that petty disagreements and suspicion between trustees and administrators "too often lead to the disintegration of institutions."

T. Sloane Guy Jr. of New Orleans, executive secretary-superintendent of Southern Baptist Hospitals at New Orleans and Jacksonville, Fla., told the third annual trustees' conference of the Baptist state convention that trustees should confine themselves to deciding "what is to be done" and permit administrators to determine "how to do it within reasonable limits."

Southern Baptist Hospitals is an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Guy said administrators have their shortcomings. Sometimes, he said, they are "guilty of a breaking of faith" when they become "autocratic, possessive (feeling that they own the institutions), devious (when they won't give you a straight question) and secretive."

But, acting in mutual trust, trustees and administrators can "express their faith through their denomination's institutions without permitting their denomination to become an institutional religion," he said.

The conference attracted 275 representatives from the seven colleges, three benevolent institutions and the Biblical Recorder, weekly state Baptist paper.

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Seminary Uses Movies To Improve Preaching

By the Baptist Press

"Lights....Action....Camera," said a voice coming from the classroom at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.

S. A. Williams, a newly-enrolled theological student, stepped to the lectern, opened his Bible and began to preach to his fellow students.

Powerful lights beamed into his face; a soft whir murmured beneath his voice as the movie camera cranked away.

The Baptist seminary was filming and recording the preaching of students enrolled in its homiletics (preaching) classes. It was a new technique in helping train and teach seminary students to become better preachers.

Later Williams, like other students in the class, was able to analyze his preaching abilities and faults by seeing himself as others see him.

Southwestern Seminary has pioneered, not only in using unique teaching methods such as motion pictures, but in the field of religious education.

The seminary's school of religious education was the first to offer courses in church recreation, religious drama, visual aids, library work, church finance, arts and crafts and literacy studies.

Nestled on a 70-acre campus in south Fort Worth known as "Seminary Hill," Southwestern is the largest evangelical seminary in the world.

More than 20,000 students from every state in the nation and scores of foreign countries have attended Southwestern. More than half of the missionaries appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board have attended Southwestern.

Students like Williams, although enrolled in the school of theology, are required to take courses in two other schools at Southwestern--the school of religious education and the school of music.

Each school is designed especially to train pastors and missionaries, religious education workers or ministers of music. Because of required background courses in all three areas of study, all graduates can more fully understand the problems of their fellow workers in other church-related fields.

All three schools are designed to carry out the seminary's main objective--preparing God-called men and women for the ministry of the Gospel, said Southwestern President Robert E. Naylor of Fort Worth.

Naylor said the seminary is dedicated to evangelism, missions and biblical scholarship. "Preach the Gospel" he said, "is the dominant theme permeating all seminary activities."

Southwestern Seminary is a result of a dream. B. H. Carroll, dean of the theological department of Baylor University in Waco, Tex., saw his dream become a reality in 1907 when the Baptist General Convention of Texas authorized the separation of the seminary from Baylor with a new name and separate trustees.

Chartered in 1908, Southwestern moved to its present location in Fort Worth in 1910. Control of the seminary was transferred from Texas Baptists to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925.

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During the seminary's 53-year history, it was headed by Presidents Carroll, L. R. Scarborough, E. D. Head (now president emeritus and the only living ex-president), J. Howard Williams, and Naylor.

Naylor was a student at Southwestern 33 years ago and now heads the school he once attended.

A total of 60 full-time faculty members taught the 1704 students enrolled in the seminary during the first semester of 1961.

The campus includes five main buildings, seminary housing units, parking lots and other properties. Combined assets total more than \$13.6 million.

Functioning with a 1962-63 budget of \$1,154,824, the seminary will receive \$805,348 from the operating section of 1962 Southern Baptist Cooperative Program. All SEC agencies have been temporarily cut to 60 per cent of their capital needs allocation. Southwestern's 60 per cent is \$300,000 this year.

Last year the seminary received a \$500,000 allocation from the Southern Baptist Convention for capital improvements. The funds were used for remodeling and re-equipping the school of music building, the oldest structure on the campus, and construction of a new block of student apartments.

At the heart of the campus and its academic climate is the Fleming Library, second largest theological library in the nation with more than 240,000 volumes and 10,000 reels of microfilm. The library is located in the four-unit Memorial Building which also houses the school of theology, administration offices and an auditorium.

Other buildings on the campus include buildings for the school of religious education, the school of music, a dormitory for men, a women's dormitory and a student apartment village recently expanded to 18 buildings and 144 apartments.

Offering 14 degrees and diplomas, Southwestern is accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools, the American Association of Schools of Religious Education and the Texas Association of Music Schools. It is also a member of the American Association of Theological Libraries.

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Outline:

A seminary couple, possibly training for overseas missionary service, ponders the future during a stroll across the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. (BP) Photo.

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