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Congressman Attempts
New Education Plan

WASHINGTON (BP)--Rep. Cleveland M. Bailey (D., W. Va.) claims that his "fresh approach" to federal aid to education will eliminate the fear of federal control as well as the religious issue bottleneck.

He also hopes for bipartisan support of his plan that will allocate to each state an amount equal to 2 per cent of the total expenditures within that state for public elementary and secondary education. Bonuses may be provided for poorer states and penalties for states that cut back expenditures.

National publicity was given to the new plan in a press conference in which he was joined by Rep. Peter Frelinghuysen Jr. (Rep., N. J.), the ranking minority member of the subcommittee on education. Bailey is chairman of the subcommittee. He originally announced his plan at the end of Congress last year.

Frelinghuysen did not agree, however, that Bailey's plan would eliminate the problem of aid to parochial schools. He said a realistic look at the program shows most of the funds would go to the public schools.

This will inevitably stir up the opposition of Cardinal Spellman and others who favor aid to parochial schools, Frelinghuysen indicated.

Bailey explained that his plan will eliminate the possibility of federal control by mingling the federal funds with the state funds to be spent for education. The money would then be spent according to the method the state employs to aid local schools.

As for the religious issue, Bailey said that his plan would take the heat out of Washington and put it in the state capital where it belonged and where educational policy should be made. Whether or not public funds would be used for parochial schools would be a decision of the states rather than of the federal government, according to Bailey.

Upon close examination by reporters, Frelinghuysen refused to commit himself to full support of the Bailey plan to make it a genuine bipartisan project. However, he expressed great interest in it and indicated that if, after hearings are conducted, an agreement could be reached, bipartisan support might be hoped for.

Bailey has scheduled hearings in an effort to develop a bipartisan bill. He is not introducing his bill until he has bipartisan support he said. He expressed the hope for action on his bill this year.

Frelinghuysen was forthright in his opinion that President Kennedy's approach to federal aid to education on the elementary and secondary levels does not have a chance in the House of Representatives. He agreed with Bailey that if aid to education is forthcoming a new approach must be made.

A new element in Bailey's plan is assistance for special urban and educational projects. Under this program, funds would be allocated to the states on the basis of relative central city population and would be reserved for use by the state, in such urban areas.

By central cities, Bailey meant such cities as New York, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles, Birmingham, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Newark, Wheeling, W. Va., and there. He said these funds would be available upon application by each chief state school officer in these urban areas approved by him.

The total cost of Bailey's proposals will be less than \$500 million a year, he said.

Bailey pointed out he was not acting for the administration in his proposal, but that it meets the requirements outlined in the President's message on education. He was confident it would be signed by the President, if it reached the White House.

Social Security Sets
April 16 Deadline

By the Baptist Press

Social security is not automatically extended to ordained ministers. They must request such coverage within two years after they are ordained, or forfeit their rights to enter such coverage later.

The next deadline set by the Social Security Administration, a government agency, is April 16. Ministers wishing to cover themselves with social security need to contact their local internal revenue offices for advice.

Ministers ordained after April 16, of course, will have a two-year period in which to decide about social security coverage.

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Specials 'Don't Hurt'
Cooperative Program

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ATLANTA (BP)--The pastor of the Wieuca Road Baptist Church here says special offerings have not hurt Cooperative Program receipts in the church.

To pastors who have written him asking if an all-out drive for mission specials did not hurt the Cooperative Program, the unified mission budget of Southern Baptists, J. T. Ford replied, "Not in our church."

Ford explained, "We exceeded all goals on the specials last year, and our Cooperative Program gifts were increased 30 per cent. This was done while we were engaged in a massive building program."

A member of the Wieuca Road Church last year had financed the printing and mailing of a letter to pastors in the Convention asking more support for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

"We have reason to believe this effort was helpful in reaching last year's goal," Ford said. "It is impossible for this layman to do this again, but his gesture lives on in our church and in many others."

"Annie Armstrong time is here again. Pastors are deciding to promote or not to promote. With our Woman's Missionary Union leading the way, full preparation should have already been made in the churches for prayer and the gathering of this offering. If not, let us call a meeting in each church, get our heads and hearts together, and prepare for this task."

Ford acknowledged the Cooperative Program as the "lifeline of every agency," but he called the Annie Armstrong an "over and above" offering.

"The needs are great. The call is urgent," he said. "The 30,000 Movement cannot possibly be consummated on schedule unless we go an extra mile in providing site and building funds. Churches and individual Baptists will respond when pastors really lead. We must save America to save the world."

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Polish Baptists Open
Seminary In Warsaw

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WARSAW (BP)--Polish Baptists, having received permission to conduct a theological seminary here, expected eight or 10 students to enrol at the first session.

Zdzislaw Pawlik, who studied theology in England and who holds the bachelor of divinity degree, was appointed to direct the seminary. The school is housed in a new Baptist Building in Warsaw dedicated last year.

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The seminary was to have opened soon after the September dedication of the Baptist Building but permission to conduct the seminary did not come until almost six months later.

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Guy Takes St. Louis
Hospital Position

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ST. LOUIS (BP)--Robert Guy, administrator of Baton Rouge General Hospital (Baptist) for almost 12 years, has resigned to accept the position of administrator at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis.

In his new position, Guy will direct the Missouri hospital's present building program on a 60-acre site which will completely replace present facilities by 1970. He replaces C. E. Copeland who is retiring. Copeland has served as the St. Louis hospital's chief officer for the past 25 years.

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Townley Lord, Former
BWA President, Dies

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GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)--F. Townley Lord, president of the Baptist World Alliance 1950-55, died here Feb. 9. He was 68.

Lord had served since 1950 as visiting lecturer at Furman University, a Baptist institution. He came to Furman following retirement from the pastorate of the Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church in London, where he served 28 years.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church here, with Dotson M. Nelson, pastor, in charge.

Lord was editor of the Baptist Times, journal of the Baptist denomination in Great Britain and Ireland, 1941-56. He also served as president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland and as president of the British Sunday School Union.

He was elected president of the Baptist World Alliance at its meeting in Cleveland in 1950, and served until 1955.

Lord was the author of several books, including "Baptist World Fellowship," a short history of the Baptist World Alliance.

He is survived by Mrs. Lord, Greenville, and two children, Marcus Townley Lord and Mrs. R. S. George, both of London.

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Cutlines:

1888 COSTUMES: Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president (left), and Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, appear in 1888 costumes to call attention to forthcoming 75th anniversary celebration of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention. Goals and plans for the anniversary year were presented to the union's executive board and to state women leaders at the union's Birmingham office. Woman's Missionary Union counts its history from 1888. (BP) Photo