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Texas Baptists To Discuss Race Relations Problems

FORT WORTH (BP)--A depth study on the problems of race relations facing Christianity, and Baptists in particular, will be held here March 12-13 when the annual Texas Baptist Christian Life Workshop convenes.

The first such comprehensive study of Christianity and Race Relations by any state-wide conference in the Southern Baptist Convention, the workshop will be sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Sessions will be held on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, although the seminary is not sponsoring the meeting.

Probing addresses on such subjects as "Role of Church Leadership in Communities Facing Desegregation," and "Preaching on the Subject of Race," will be followed by discussion sessions.

Representatives of minority racial groups will present their viewpoints when J. M. Ellison, acting president of Bishop College (Negro) in Dallas, and Jose Rivas of Howard Payne (Baptist) College in Brownwood, Tex., speak to the group.

Other major addresses will be brought by Brooks Hays, special assistant to President Kennedy, on the subject, "A Layman Looks at the Race Problem;" Frank Stagg of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, "The Bible and Race," and Kyle Haselden, Chicago editor of "Pulpit" magazine and author of "The Racial Problem in Christian Perspective;" speaking on "The Nature of Prejudice."

Charles A. Wells, editor of "Between the Lines," will present two addresses on "Racism, A World Issue," and "Christian Strategy for a World of Racial Tension."

Other major speakers for the meeting include John A. Barry of Nashville, Tenn., associate secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Education Commission; Dale Cowling, Baptist pastor in Little Rock, Ark.; T. B. Maston, professor at Southwestern Seminary here; Paul Turner, Baptist pastor from Nashville, Tenn.; Ross Coggins, associate secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Nashville; and Victor Glass, associate in the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of work with National (Negro) Baptists.

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NOTE TO BAPTIST EDITORS: Please note that date for the conference is March 12-13. Please do not use this story after that without editing to past tense. Baptist Press will try to give you complete follow-up coverage.

Royal Ambassador Future
Bright in South America

MEMPHIS (BP)--Boys' work in South America has a great future, Edward Hurt, Jr., director of Royal Ambassadors for Southern Baptists, predicted on his arrival home from a five-week tour of four Latin American countries.

Hurt was accompanied on the survey of Royal Ambassador work in South America by Bill Jackson of Raleigh, Royal Ambassador secretary for North Carolina Baptists, and Robert Scales, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

The tour was arranged by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at the request of Alvin Hatton, director of Royal Ambassador work for Brazil.

"There's a scarcity of boys' work in South America at the moment," Hurt said. "Besides Royal Ambassadors, the only other major boys' group is Boy Scouts, primarily sponsored by Catholics.

"There is a great future for boys' work of a religious nature there. Boys seem hungry for this type of program," said Hurt.

Brazil, one of the more advanced countries in Royal Ambassador work, has less than 5,000 boys in the program. Hatton, the only national director of Royal Ambassadors on the entire continent, is responsible for boys' work in an area about the size of the United States. He has two helpers.

In South America the Royal Ambassador emphasis is primarily on evangelism rather than missionary education as it is here, Hurt said. The organization is an arm of Training Union in Brazil and sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union in other countries.

Hurt saw at least three major obstacles in the growth of Royal Ambassadors. They are insufficient leadership, absence of a time for chapters to meet, and limited recreation opportunities.

"Most men haven't seen the importance yet of working with boys and haven't accepted that responsibility," Hurt said.

Royal Ambassador chapters meet on Sunday night because that's the only convenient time. Hurt said limited school facilities require boys to go to school in shifts. Men who work with boys usually work a six-day week and have only Sundays off.

In South America sports are considered sinful by most evangelicals there because they have become so highly professionalized and are played on Sunday, Hurt said.

Hurt said religious leaders told him the forces which are capturing the minds of people in South America include Communism and spiritism.

Religious leaders report Communism is particularly attractive to the low economic groups and professional university students, Hurt said. He described spiritism as a combination of voodooism and emotionalism.

Pentacostal work is increasing in South America, particularly in Chile, Hurt said. This religious group attended meetings of the Billy Graham Crusade in Santiago in strength.

Pentacostals have set a goal of 1,500 lay missionaries in Chile by 1965, Hurt said.

Panama Crusade Results
In Conversions, Marriages

PANAMA CITY, Panama (BP)--February revivals in 37 churches and missions of the Panama Baptist Convention resulted in more than the reported 600 conversions; there were 17 marriages.

"One way you can tell when many of these people get religion is that they want to get married," the director of the religious crusade said. The director was Vernon Yearby of Dallas, an associate director of the Evangelism Division of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Twenty-eight evangelists from churches in the United States paid their own way to lead in the revivals. One evangelist paid the \$2 for a couple's marriage certificate, then helped officiate at the wedding.

The Panama churches were scattered throughout the Isthmus, even to the San Blas Islands in the Caribbean Sea. One island chief was so pleased with the evangelist who visited his domain, he had the minister speak at the dedication of a Catholic institution recently erected on the island.

Revival services were held in English, Spanish, and Cuna. Thirteen of the visiting ministers spoke Spanish.

Yearby said the crusade, known as a Baptist Jubilee Revival, attracted a total attendance of 25,000, and there were more than 400 other decisions.

He said 197 converts had been approved for baptism by the close of the revivals. The churches are slow to perform the rite because of such problems as common law marriages.

The churches are now following the revivals with a spiritual growth program, and the entire effort has been the result of a long-planned program that included surveys, visitation, advertising, and other common effort by the churches.

The following evangelists participated in the crusade:

Alabama: Roland Jarrod of Selma
Richard Crowe of Albertville

California: Enoch Ortega of Salinas

Colorado: Joshua Grijalva of Denver
Charles Rankin of La Junta

Florida: Bob Fricke of Hialeah
Frank Ramirez of Tampa
J. H. Avery of Panama City
A. Pasetti of Tampa
F. Platillero of Miami
S. A. Candal of Key West

Kentucky: P. E. Taylor of Covington

Louisiana: Donald Levy of New Orleans

Missouri: Nathan H. Pillow of St. Joseph

New Mexico: A. Hurtado of Taos
Job Maldonado of Carlsbad

South Carolina: J. N. Watson of Spartanburg

Tennessee: Billy Turner of Memphis

Texas: H. C. Hargrove of Dallas
Robert Harvey of Dallas
Raybun Floyd of Dallas
Glen Hayden of Farmers Branch
Joe Allen of Childress
Clifford Spencer of Wink
Ronald Prince of Paris
Livy Price of Monahans

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Baptist Radio Show Wins
Washington Honor Medal

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VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal for its production of the radio program "MasterControl," by the Freedom's Foundation here.

The Freedom's Foundation announced the honor on George Washington's birthday.

The Foundation cited the Baptist program for "an outstanding achievement in helping to bring about a better understanding of the American way of life.

"MasterControl" is a weekly program featuring wholesome music, testimonies, interviews with interesting or famous people, devotional vignettes, and a light style.

Now in its third year, "MasterControl" is broadcast by 234 stations in 42 states and several foreign countries. The Armed Forces network of 205 stations also carries the program.

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Interim President Now
"Permanent" at Academy

(2-23-62)

SAN MARCOS, Tex. (BP)--William H. Crook, interim president of San Marcos Baptist Academy here for the past 18 months, has accepted the Academy's presidency on a "permanent" basis.

He announced his decision by saying, "I have spun my own web and am entangled in it. I have become so involved," he said, "that it would be difficult for me not to accept the invitation of the board of trustees to continue as president."

Crook also said he would not become a candidate for the United States House of Representatives from the seventh congressional district in East Texas.

He had accepted the presidency of the Texas Baptist elementary and high school preparatory academy on an interim basis 18 months ago with tentative plans to campaign for Congress this year.

Crook, the former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nacogdoches, resigned his pastorate in April of 1960 to enter the congressional race. Incumbent John Dowdy defeated Crook in the Democratic primary.

There were no formal inauguration ceremonies for Crook as "permanent" Academy president, for the trustees and school chose instead to present

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Crook's inaugural message, along with inauguration greeting from Texas Baptist leaders, to the public through the pages of the "Baptist Standard," state Baptist newspaper.

Crook is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and has earned both the bachelor of divinity degree and the doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He has also done graduate work at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

Crook is a member of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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Baylor Breaks Ground
On New Science Building

(2-23-62)

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Baylor University here has broken ground on a new \$2 million science building.

The new science building, to house the university's physics and chemistry departments, will be the second new structure to go up on a 65 acre tract of land recently bought by the Baylor Waco Foundation from the Waco urban renewal project.

The new science building will be named for the Marrs McLean family of San Antonio, Tex., who financed most of the construction through loans and gifts.

Mrs. Marrs McLean turned the first spade in the groundbreaking ceremonies.

The building, located on Fourth Street just east of the present main campus, will include classrooms, laboratories, research facilities and the science library.

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Retired Classics Prof
At Baylor Dies at 80

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WACO, Tex. (BP)--Professor Henry Trantham, who for 48 years was professor of Greek, Latin and ancient history at Baylor University here, died after a long illness.

The only Rhodes scholar ever on the Baylor faculty, Trantham taught at the Baptist school from 1910 until his retirement in 1958. He would have been 80 years old on March 10.

Baylor President Abner V. McCall said Trantham "was perhaps the greatest scholar who ever served at Baylor, and one of the most valuable professors in the school's history."

Trantham, a native of Camden, S. C., received the bachelor and master of arts degrees from Wake Forest College in Winston Salem, N. C., and was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University in England.

Funeral services were held Feb. 21.

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NBC Radio To Broadcast
Four Baptist Programs

FORT WORTH (BP)--The National Broadcasting Company's weekly "Faith in Action" radio show will broadcast a series of four programs on Southern Baptists during the month of March.

The 15-minute programs will appear as a series produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here under the general theme, "Dimensions in Faith."

Each program will feature the testimony of a well-known Southern Baptist. Program personalities, subjects, and dates of broadcasts are:

Alvin Dark, manager of the San Francisco Giants baseball team, "Faith of an Athlete," March 4.

Gregory Walcott, Hollywood television star and Baptist lay preacher, "Faith of an Actor," March 11.

Foy Valentine, director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission in Nashville, Tenn., "Faith or Failure," March 18.

William Moyers, associate director of the Peace Corps in Washington, D. C., and Baptist preacher, "Faith on the New Frontier," March 25.

The program is aired by transcription from New York City at 8:15 a.m., EST. Check your local newspaper for correct time of broadcast in your area.

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ABC-TV To Carry Film
On Medical Mercy Mission

(2-23-62)

MONROVIA, Liberia, West Africa (BP)--A film depicting inoculation of thousands of natives here by a medical mercy team from the United States will be carried on the American Broadcasting Company's program "Directions--62" on Sunday, April 29.

The inoculation of a major portion of the population here was carried out by a group of American doctors headed by Dr. Robert A. Hingson of Cleveland, Ohio. The team injected crowds where they found them--at church, at soccer games, at school.

Filmed portions of the inter-racial, inter-faith mission appearing on the ABC-TV program will also deal with Southern Baptist mission work in Liberia, as well as present a general background of the little republic.

A film team from the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth is helping photograph the mission, called "Project Brother's Brother."

Truett Myers and Ted Perry, both from the Baptist Radio-TV Commission, are shooting color film for a 30-minute documentary to be used in a forthcoming program in "The Answer" television series produced by the commission.

Dr. Hingson, an active Baptist layman from Anniston, Ala., is professor of anesthesiology at the Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland.

Although the project is humanitarian in nature, Dr. Hingson said that his interest is also spiritual. He told reporters at a press conference here that Africans need schools, sanitation, shots, food, screens, soap, self-respect and Salvation.

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In addition to thousands of dollars worth of vaccines and drugs contributed through the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, more than 100,000 books were given to the Liberians by schools, churches and individuals.

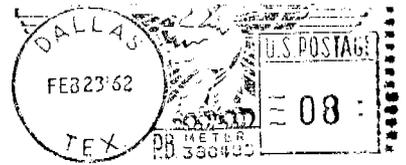
A relative of Dr. Hingson who is a member of the First Baptist Church of Gadsen, Ala., was instrumental in collecting and shipping several thousand books for Ricks Institute, a Southern Baptist high school near Monrovia.

Liberia was chosen for "Project: Brother's Brother" because it showed great promise for rapid progress, said Dr. Hingson. The doctor also stated that Liberia is ambitious, friendly, small, uses English as the main language, and has a Christian government.

The president of Liberia, William R. Tolbert, Jr., is a vice president of the Baptist World Alliance.

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GLOBE-TROTTING With GINNY

Will Corinth's Fate
Be A Lesson To Us?

By Virginia Harris Hendricks

CORINTH, Greece (BP)--According to our map we were in Corinth. Cries of disappointment came from the family as we regarded the ugly, uninteresting town. We were in the 20th Century rebuilt village.

I consulted the guide book and renewed their interest: "Old Corinth is four miles farther!"

Not far from the sea, a fortified mountain dominates the otherwise flat plain where fabulous Corinth once bloomed. The first landmark that greets the tourist is the great classic temple of Apollo.

When we entered the city, we walked on limestone-paved streets. We learned that less than 100th part of the ancient city has been excavated, but this portion includes many of the chief buildings.

Ruins of fountains and shops, potters' quarters and tile factories are clearly evident. A tourist is reminded that once this city was world-renowned for its luxurious living, its richly carved and painted decorations, its massive columns, fountains and statues.

Streets were once paved with marble. Public latrines were flushed with water...a mark of civilization now lacking in much of modern Greece!

Of special interest to us was the Bema, a rostrum once covered with marble and flanked by stairways and columns. Here important officials appeared before the people. It was here that Paul defended himself and the Christian religion before Gallio, the Roman governor.

Corinth became the first ranking, most modern city of Greece, larger and wealthier than Athens, the capital. Corinth gradually weakened from wickedness and corruption. According to Paul's letters, corruption even crept into the Christian church there.

Wars, invasions and earthquakes plagued Corinth down to the present century. Finally the Corinthians gave up the seemingly cursed ancient site, and built their present city on the dull plain.

Our nation is to the world today what Corinth represented to her age...wealth and power. But Corinth, lacking spiritual strength, collapsed.

Are American Christians doing their utmost to contribute to the national spiritual strength and to share the cleansing, healing good news of Christ with the world?

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PRESS OFFICERS--New officers of the Southern Baptist Press Association, elected at Phoenix, are from left, Leon Macon, Birmingham, president; James O. Duncan, Washington, D. C., vice-president, and Erwin L. McDonald, Little Rock, secretary-treasurer (reselected). (BP) Photo