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**Cecil Pearson Leaves
Colorado State Work**

DENVER, Colo.--(BP)--Cecil J. Pearson, associate executive secretary and superintendent of missions of the Colorado Baptist General Convention here resigned effective Aug. 31 to return as pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, San Diego, Calif.

Pearson will succeed Elmer L. Gray who becomes professor at Golden Gate Seminary Sept. 1. Pearson has served Colorado Baptists for 20 months, coming to Denver from First Southern, San Diego, where he had pastored 5½ years.

He is a native of Texas, attended University of Texas, Howard Payne College, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served four years as a chaplain in the European theater during World War II. His ministry had been in Texas before leaving First Baptist, Monahans, Tex., for California in 1952.

He states, "I feel a definite leading of the Lord to return to the pastorate."

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**Hays First Elected
To UN Observer Post**

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--Brooks Hays, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention and a director of Tennessee Valley Authority, has been elected the Convention's first permanent observer to United Nations.

Hays was elected at a meeting of the Convention's Christian Life Commission at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly here. A. C. Miller of Nashville, the Commission's executive secretary, was chosen alternate UN observer.

Commission leaders said that Hays will assist in a two-way interpretation, furnishing United Nations leaders with Southern Baptists' ideas on world peace and providing Southern Baptists with reports and observations on UN activities.

The former Arkansas Congressman served as a member of the United States delegation to United Nations in 1955. Hays also is a former chairman of the Christian Life Commission.

The Christian Life Commission further authorized the executive secretary to call a seminar on the United Nations for Baptist leaders next year. The session will be in New York City at a time when the UN is meeting.

Although details are not complete, the seminar's purpose will be to inform those attending about the work of UN and how Christian forces may work through the UN toward world peace. The date of the seminar will be announced later.

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**Moncrief Re-Elected
Commission Chairman**

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--Adiel J. Moncrief, pastor of First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mo., will serve another year as chairman of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He was re-elected at the Commission's annual meeting here.

George W. Riddle, pastor, Dwight Baptist Church, Alabama City, Ala., was elected vice-chairman and Robert L. McCan, pastor, First Baptist Church, Clarks-ville, Tenn., is recording secretary.

A. C. Miller of Nashville continues as the Commission's executive secretary.

The Commission, which has met at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly for its annual session in recent years, voted to hold its 1960 meeting next summer in Nashville, where Commission offices are located. The date for the meeting will be fixed later.

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World Peace Selected
1960 Assembly Theme

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--Conference themes for Christian Life Conferences at Southern Baptist assemblies here and in Glorieta, N. M., next summer will center around world peace.

Various factors affecting world peace will be discussed--how economics plays a part, the impact of exploding world population, and the impetus of missionary forces.

The conference plans were worked out by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, which sponsors the two week-long conferences.

In addition, the Commission hopes to conduct at least three regional conferences on world peace for Baptist leaders. No sites have been selected.

The Commission authorized a standing committee on public relations and communications. The six-man committee is led by George W. Riddle of Alabama City, Ala.

It will develop ideas for new Commission literature and help communicate the work of the Commission to Southern Baptists.

The Commission expressed appreciation to the Southern Baptist Convention for voting an increase in Cooperative Program budget allocations for 1960. The increased Commission budget, it was pointed out, would make possible a "broader and more effective" program.

The Commission said it hoped that in the future it can accomplish all its work through Cooperative Program budget allocations.