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## MISSION CONFERENCE HELD

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--"Southern Baptists should make a concerted effort as a denomination to evangelize large cities, such as Chicago and Los Angeles," Courts Redford, Atlanta, Ga., executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, urged city mission superintendents in session here recently. He spoke at the concluding session of the tenth annual Convention-wide City Mission Conference.

Forty-five cities from sixteen states were represented at the meeting.

Officers elected were T. L. Sasser, Greensboro, N. C., president; Blount Davidson, Montgomery, Ala., vice-president; Herbert Schmitz, Evansville, Ind., treasurer; and Fred Propst, East St. Louis, Mo., music director, all city mission superintendents.

The group voted to meet next year in Dallas, Tex., February 21-23.

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SEMINARY TO HAVE  
NEW APARTMENTS

NEW ORLEANS, La.--(BP)--New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will sell twenty-five building lots on the rear of Gentilly campus, according to Roland Q. Leavell, president. Action to this effect was taken at the annual meeting of the Seminary's board of trustees in February. Twenty-five brick veneer apartment buildings with four family units in each building will be constructed on the lots. The apartments will then be leased to the Seminary and rented to students at approximately \$45.00 per month. When the entire cost of the buildings is liquidated by the incoming rents, the property will be given in complete title to the Seminary free of charge.

Four professors were elevated to full professors, two were made associate professors, and Wayne Barton, tutor in the department of New Testament, was elected to full faculty membership as assistant professor.

A full summer school session, beginning May 11 and continuing through July 2, was authorized.

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#### PRIESTS DELAY PASTORS

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--The following is an excerpt from a letter written by G. C. Hodge, Biloxi, Miss., while en route to the Republic of Panama. He was a member of a party conducting an evangelistic crusade, under the direction of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"We arrived OK at 10 p.m., Tuesday. The plane from New Orleans was delayed and we missed connections in Houston.

"Some members of our party arrived Monday in Mexico City. When they passed customs two ladies, news reporters, questioned them as to number in party, where going, purpose, profession, etc.

"On Wednesday morning when we went to the Pan American office in Mexico City to have our transportation verified, the agent informed us that the Roman Catholic priests in Guatemala City had wired them not to allow us to stop there. No ministers other than Roman Catholic priests were allowed to enter Guatemala. Had we, in making application for tourist card, stated that our profession was gambler, brewer, professor or anything other than minister there would have been no question. But ministers, representing Christ and his church, are questioned.

"We wasted nearly half a day trying to get a permit from the Guatemalan Consul to enter just for one day and night. He finally allowed us to stop in spite of the protests of the priests."

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#### CHOIR ON TOUR

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--The Touring Choir of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary left Louisville recently for a two-week tour. The twenty-seven voice choir appeared at churches, schools, and colleges in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, D. C., and Tennessee.

This was the eighth annual tour of the choir, sponsored by the School of Church Music. Walter O. Dahlin, member of the faculty, is director.

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SEMINARY WILL OFFER  
TH.M. DEGREE IN '55

WAKE FOREST, N.C.--(BP)--Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary will offer work leading to the Th.M. degree in the school year 1954-55, according to action taken at the recent meeting of the board of trustees.

The trustees voted to request the Southern Baptist Convention to allot at least \$800,000 for work on living quarters at the Seminary.

John T. Wayland, professor of religious education, was presented as the newest addition <sup>to</sup> the faculty, and William C. Strickland was promoted to assistant professor of New Testament interpretation.

The trustees also voted to send President and Mrs. Stealey to the next meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in London in 1955.

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HOSPITAL HEAD NAMED

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--W. Wilson Turner, administrator of the Louisiana Baptist Hospital, Alexandria, La., accepted the position of administrator of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson, according to D. C. Simmons, Jackson, president of the hospital's board of trustees.

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SPECIAL BAPTIST PRESS CORRECTION

In the Baptist Press dated February 25, there are two corrections that should be made before publication.

(1) In the article entitled "Reservation Deadline Set," page 2, paragraph 3, line 1 should read, "There are twenty-five air-conditioned hotels in St. Louis, some of them within walking."

(2) In the article entitled "Conferences Held," page 5, paragraph 1, line 2 should read, "and expansion was conducted in six of the centers of the Mississippi Baptist."

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