

February 17, 1961

**New President Hailed  
As Champion Of Liberty**

WASHINGTON--(BP)--President Kennedy paid tribute here to religious liberty and to the principle of religious conviction, two ideas upon which this Nation was founded.

On the same platform Billy Graham, world-renowned Southern Baptist evangelist, declared that he sensed a new spirit in the world . . . that God has given the United States a new chance under the leadership of President Kennedy.

They spoke at the Presidential prayer breakfast at the 17th annual International Christian Leadership Conference at the Mayflower Hotel. Also appearing on the program were Vice-President Johnson, members of the President's cabinet, members of both the House of Representatives and the Senate, and representatives of the judiciary.

The President said that no man enters the office of president without a special reliance on his faith in God. He emphasized that each man who has served as president has in his own way placed strong faith in God.

President Kennedy quoted freely from the Bible. He reminded his listeners--a distinguished assemblage of prominent government leaders--that in this nuclear age the people must turn back to the oldest source of strength and wisdom.

The President insisted that "the guiding principle of this nation is now, has been, and will continue to be 'In God We Trust.'"

Vice-President Johnson told the group that "these times often call on men to forget their politics but never to forsake their prayers." He pointed out that the nation must cherish the principle of separation of church and state, and he said that there is no stronger defender of this concept than President Kennedy.

The vice-president emphasized that although church and state must remain separate, this does not mean a separation of religious values from people in government.

Billy Graham emphasized that the strength of America is not in military might but in the condition of the hearts of men. He said that in the Bible the heart stands for the whole of man and that God is looking at the heart of America.

International Christian Leadership is a non-denominational, informal association of concerned laymen united to foster faith, freedom, and Christian leadership through regenerated men. In daily life, these men will affirm their faith and assert their position as Christians. Abraham Vereide is the executive director.

Simultaneously with the President's prayer breakfast, in 20 states similar governor's prayer breakfasts were being conducted with political and other leaders in the states signifying their loyalty to Christian principles. Other governor's breakfasts were held at different times.

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**California Beckons  
Cothen Of Alabama**

(2-17-61)

FRESNO, Calif.--(BP)--California Southern Baptists have turned to a Birmingham, Ala., pastor for executive leadership.

The Southern Baptist General Convention of California called Grady C. Cothen of Birmingham's First Baptist Church. He will take office here by April 1.

This is the second successive pastor of Birmingham First Church to be called into a denominational post.

Cothen will succeed S. G. Posey, retired. The California convention, in co-operating affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention, has over 156,000 members in 723 churches.

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Cothen is a native of Poplarville, Miss., born Aug. 2, 1920. He graduated from Mississippi College (Baptist), Clinton, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Ordained to the ministry in 1939, Cothen has been a Navy chaplain. He was a pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, from 1948 to 1959, when he went to Birmingham's First Baptist Church.

At Birmingham, he succeeded T. Sloane Guy, Jr., who had been called as executive secretary of Southern Baptist Hospitals, New Orleans. This is an agency of the S B C

Cothen has been a member of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, of the directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, and of New Orleans Seminary trustees.

He is the son of a minister.

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Former SBC President  
Appointed By Kennedy

(2-17-61)

WASHINGTON--(BP)--Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention (1957-58) and director of the Tennessee Valley Authority, has been appointed assistant secretary of state for Congressional affairs by President Kennedy.

Hays, a former Congressman from Arkansas, has been prominent in Baptist circles for many years. He has been chairman of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and has served on other important denominational committees.

The appointment of Hays brings one of the South's leading civil rights moderates into the Kennedy administration. It was anticipated that his appointment would have the full support of Congress.

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Too Much Unreeling,  
Pastors Say Of Movies

(2-17-61)

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--Charging that a movie being unreel here is glamorizing immorality, several Southern Baptist preachers have called on city officials to provide tighter censorship.

In a meeting with Mayor Henry Loeb and the Memphis Censor Board, the ministers asked "How far are you going to go on freedom of speech? How far are you going to present lewdness?"

Following the meeting, Mayor Loeb said he was appealing to the reasonableness of theater owners to "eliminate this junk."

He also urged Memphians to bring public opinion to bear on the theater owners.

Subject of the indignation is the film entitled, "Go Naked in the World." It is the story of a prostitute.

The Memphis Censor Board approved the film but termed it "immoral." Board members said this was not legal ground for banning a movie.

A city attorney reported the only apparent grounds for banning a film is obscenity, and added, "What some say is obscene, another says is art. So the question is 'What is obscenity?'"

A meeting has been scheduled between Mayor Loeb, the Censor Board, Baptist ministers, and movie distributors and owners in an effort to iron out the matter.

R. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Baptist Church, was the first person to focus the attention of Memphians on the film. He reported a Navy officer at a nearby military installation had implored him and other clergymen to do something from their pulpits to rid the screens of such movies.

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Later, four churches in Wednesday night prayer services passed resolutions asking city officials to prohibit the showing of such films. They were First, Leawood, Leaclair, and Glen Park Churches.

A Catholic laymen's group also voiced objection to the film, and threatened to picket the theater if the movie was not withdrawn.

The theater manager showing the film said the publicity has greatly increased attendance.

The Memphis Censor Board has been criticized before, but usually for being too strict about the purity of movie content.

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Alternate Preacher  
In First Appearance

(2-17-61)

ST. LOUIS--(BP)--For the first time in its history, an alternate preacher will deliver the annual sermon before the Southern Baptist Convention.

This will take place when the Convention meets here in Kiel Auditorium, May 23-26.

A. B. VanArsdale of Decatur, Ala., will preach the sermon on Tuesday night, the opening session of the four-day Convention. Evangelist Billy Graham was to have preached the sermon but a commitment in London, England, forced him to cancel his appearance.

Graham of Montreat, N. C., is a Southern Baptist and a member of the Convention's Foreign Mission Board. In a letter to Convention leaders, Graham said:

"You can imagine my shock to learn that I was confused on the dates of the Convention in St. Louis. When asked to deliver the Convention address, I was told it was May 18. This has been in all our calendars.

"My crusade in England begins on Tuesday night, May 23 (the night of the Convention sermon), with an address at Royal Albert Hall to 7000 clergymen that are being brought in from all over Britain. . . . When I accepted the invitation to address the Convention, I accepted with the stipulation that it would not interfere with the dates in England."

Graham described the invitation to preach the S B C sermon as "the greatest honor of my ministry thus far" and expressed deepest regrets over the confusion of dates.

The Southern Baptist Convention, returning to St. Louis for the first time since 1954, will feature several sermons. As with the program in 1960 at Miami Beach, Fla., these are intended to provide more inspiration along with business.

Those preaching sermons include Carl E. Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.; W. Herchel Ford, pastor, First Baptist Church, El Paso, Tex., Paul Brooks Leath, Fresno, Calif.; Robert G. Lee, Memphis, former S B C president, and W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas.

The address of Ramsey Pollard, Memphis, Convention president, comes at noon Wednesday, May 24. Chaplain (Maj.-Gen.) Frank A. Tobey, chief of chaplains, U. S. Army, Washington--a Baptist minister--speaks to the chaplaincy report Friday night, May 26.

A panel discussion on Christian colleges follows the report of the Convention's Education Commission on Friday morning. John W. Raley, Shawnee, president of Oklahoma Baptist University; Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., pastor, Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, and Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Miss., prominent industrialist and Baptist lay leader, will direct the panel.

One of the main items of business before the Convention will be election of a new Convention president. Pollard has served two one-year terms, the limit allowed by the Convention's constitution.

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The program was released by the Convention's Committee on Order of Business, headed by James E. Boyd, West Palm Beach, Fla. The order of business is "suggested" subject to adoption by the Convention proper at its opening night's session.

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Voluntary Gifts Or  
Else: Church Dilemma

(2-17-61)

By John J. Hurt, Jr.

PORTLAND, Ore.--(BP)--Protestants and Other American United (POAU) heard in the opening session of its annual meeting here a declaration that churches must depend upon voluntary gifts or "gradually accept the lesser role of being a department of the government."

Charles R. Bell, Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Pasadena, Calif., raised the question, "Is it morally right for any religious institution to accept subsidy when it declines supervision and regulation?"

He gave the obvious negative answer and went on to declare the church can not consider itself a "voluntary association of believers when it is supported by funds involuntarily collected by a state with courts and police powers."

He concluded his prepared address with an appeal for rejection of government subsidies for both churches and church schools with the statement:

"Surely the religious leaders will not be willing to risk state support of their work, knowing that such support will inevitably breed indifference and bring with it some kind of state control. . . . Perhaps our need for money is a reflection on our spiritual condition. If so, we need to look not to Caesar for help, for Caesar cannot give such help."

Louie D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta and a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, signed--as president of POAU--three citations for distinguished service to the cause of religious liberty and church-state separation.

They went to Edward Terry, former superintendent of the Portland district of The Methodist Church and now of Rose Villa; Robert H. Ellis, Portland doctor, and Leslie M. Scott, grand chancellor of Scottish Rite Masons, Southern jurisdiction.

"Religion and Public Funds" was the theme for the two-day meeting but there was an echo of the presidential election in the address prepared by Elder R. R. Beitz, Adventist leader of Glendale, Calif.

He took issue with campaign statements of President Kennedy that Ireland, West Germany, and France show the Roman Catholic Church does not always mix church and state.

"Catholicism is the state religion" in Ireland, he said, and 95 per cent of all children "attend schools where Catholic dogma is compulsory subject." He added that West Germany, 51 per cent Protestant, has the Adenaur regime standing "consistently for the continuation of the policy of paying government funds for the full support of sectarian schools."

Turning to France, Beitz said President De Gaulle came into power with Catholic support "to reward him for surrendering the separation of church and state" which existed from 1906 to 1950.

"We do not object if a church believes it is the only true church," he said. "However when a church wants to use the power of the state to silence others who might differ from it, we would reply 'Your liberty ends where my nose begins.'"

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Catholic Tax Attitude  
Branded 'Great Danger'

PORTLAND, Ore.--(BP)--The pastor of Dallas' First Baptist Church described the greatest danger to church-state separation as "the campaign to shift the cost of Roman Catholic schools to the American taxpayer."

W. A. Criswell was addressing the public rally here at the 13th National Conference on Church and State, sponsored by Protestants and other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU).

Criswell charged Cardinal Spellman with disrupting Protestant-Catholic relations by his recent demands that Catholic schools share in federal funds. "Cardinal Spellman's statement was a declaration of war against separation of church and state," Criswell declared.

"It presents a dramatic challenge to President Kennedy at the very threshold of his term in office. Millions of voters will want to know immediately whether our new President will bow to the wishes of Cardinal Spellman or respect his magnificent pledges given in the last campaign."

He added: "Any federal aid given to private schools is almost altogether a federal subsidy to the church."

W. Kenneth Haddock of Churchland, Va., district superintendent for The Methodist Church, declared the church-state separation "battle must continue to be done on the real issues of public tax support for Roman Catholic schools, tax favoritism for Roman Catholic nuns who teach in public schools, and clergy who serve as chaplains in the armed forces.

The issues include "Roman Catholic baking, brewing, and broadcasting industries, as well as the insistent demand by the Roman Catholic Church that its views on birth control shall be forced upon the United Nations policy and on U. S. foreign policy," Haddock added.

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Arson Charges Lodged  
Against Ex-Student

(2-17-61)

MARS HILL, N. C.--(BP)--The sheriff here held a former Mars Hill College student on charges of arson. He was charged after three buildings on the Baptist campus were set afire.

The former student, whom Mars Hill College officials asked not to return after a term he attended in 1958-59, was identified as Robert Lee Henry, Jr., 23, of Atlanta, Ga.

Flames destroyed the college's 600-seat auditorium, and old structure due to be replaced with a modern auditorium now under construction. Damage to the auditorium was estimated at \$50,000.

College officials said they planned to use the old auditorium for classroom space when the new building was occupied.

Fires set in a men's dormitory and in the Owen Building were put out by alert students before they did extensive damage. The Owen Building is the former Mars Hill Baptist Church.

No one was injured in the blazes, set on a Sunday night.

Arson in North Carolina may be punished by the death penalty.

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Jesse Reed Promoted  
In Arkansas Office

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--Jesse Sherman Reed of Little Rock has been appointed associate to the secretary of missions and evangelism among Arkansas Baptists.

Reed's promotion was announced by S. A. Whitlow, Little Rock, executive secretary, Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

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Colorado Boosters  
Give Another \$25,000

(2-17-61)

DENVER--(BP)--Two of Colorado Baptists' strongest boosters have given the convention another \$25,000.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fleming of Fort Worth, Tex., gave the money to the Colorado Baptist General Convention here (affiliated with Southern Baptist Convention).

The money will be used to assist churches in buying sites and in building. The fund will be named in memory of Miss Eva Crisler of Colorado Springs.

Miss Crisler liberally supported Southern Baptist work in the West, as the Flemings have. Miss Crisler gave the \$75,000 to launch the Baptist Foundation of Colorado.

Fleming, a Baptist layman, has earned millions in the oil business.

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Mississippi Orphanage  
Receives New Name

(2-17-61)

JACKSON, Miss--(BP)--The name of Mississippi Baptists' home for dependent children is being changed from Mississippi Baptist Orphanage to the Baptist Children's Village.

The decision to change the home's designation came upon recommendation of the superintendent, Paul N. Nunnery. Immediate use will be made of the new title in the operation of the institution, which is located in Jackson.

Nunnery pointed out that the term "orphanage" has actually been a misnomer for a number of years, since less than one-half of one per cent of the boys and girls under care are full orphans.

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Baptist Press Folks & Facts.....

(2-17-61)

.....D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek Baptist School at Pineville, Ky., has been elected for a second term as president of the Council of Southern Mountains. Aldridge is a graduate of Southern Illinois University and of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. (BP)

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## Translation System Aids In Mission's Soul Winning

DALLAS--(BP)--A translation system, believed to be the first one ever installed in a Spanish-speaking Southern Baptist church, is credited with helping win two Anglo people to Christ the first Sunday it was used.

Although the hookup, which has "shattered the language barrier" in First Mexican Church, Dallas, includes 24 headphones now, it can be expanded to more than a hundred headsets.

The idea for the system was born in the mind of Rudy Hernandez, Texas Baptist evangelism associate, after he served as translator for Spanish-speaking people at the 1959 Texas Baptist Convention in Corpus Christi.

Among its 400 members, the Dallas church where Hernandez is a member, has about 12 adult Anglo members who do not understand English, as well as numerous Latin American youngsters who prefer English.

The church Brotherhood gave about \$200 for a 20-watt amplifier and microphone, 24 headphones and electrical wire.

Hernandez did most of the work, concealing the bulk of the wiring beneath the floor, leaving visible only that running from the headphones to the input boxes with volume controls on the backs of the pews.

He also serves as translator when he is in Dallas, speaking into the microphone in a near whisper that cannot be heard two seats back and yet can be transmitted by the system with ample volume to all headphone users.

Recently a second Latin American congregation in Dallas, Calvary Mission, asked Hernandez to install a similar hookup.

A West Texas pastor hopes to acquire a portable system which can be carried to revival meetings in Anglo churches to help reach "unsaved" Spanish-speaking people.

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Baptists Leading Fight  
Against Legal Gambling

AUSTIN, Texas --(BP)--Texas Baptists are spearheading an all-out fight against a proposed state constitutional amendment that would set up local option elections for legalized pari-mutuel betting on horse races.

In an editorial bannered in the Baptist Standard, Editor E. S. James pleaded for the state's 1½ million Baptists to immediately sit down and write to their representatives, opposing the bill.

"Let us send 100,000 calls, wires, and letters to our lawmakers in Austin," said the editorial, "and let us do it this very minute."

Immediately following the editorial was a list of the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the state's 150 members of the House of Representatives.

The proposed bill, introduced by Rep. V. E. Berry of San Antonio, Tex., must be passed by both the House and Senate, approved by voters in the November, 1962, general election, and then go before nine of the state's largest counties for local approval.

Political observers have reported that the House constitutional amendments committee is expected to give the bill a favorable report, probably bringing the proposed amendment for a vote of the House on February 28.

Representatives have received a deluge of letters in favor of the bill, but practically no correspondence opposing it. One legislator said that he had received 200 letters in favor of the gambling measure, and one letter from a Baptist pastor opposing it.

At a hearing before the House constitutional amendments committee recently, more than 1,000 supporters of the bill packed the Capitol building.

Editor James said in his editorial that "they came to cheer, ridicule, and demonstrate against those of us who opposed the measure."

Rep. Berry paraded 17 witnesses before the committee, most of them arguing that racing would produce millions of dollars in state revenue without increasing the crime rate.

An economist for the First National Bank of Dallas argued, however, that there is no economic justification for any kind of legalized gambling--- slot machines, roulette, horse race betting, or any other kind.

In a story in the Dallas Morning News the following day, reporter Jimmy Banks said that the economist, Arthur Smith, "struck a severe blow" at the amendment and "ripped to shreds several members of the committee who were obviously friendly to the bill."

Smith said that all gambling creates unnecessary risks which contribute nothing worthwhile economically and which lower the level of living.

Four of the eight witnesses who spoke out strongly against the bill in the hearing were Baptists--including Baylor University President W. R. White, RRep. Truett Latimer of Abilene, Tex., Editor James, and Jimmy Allen, secretary of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission.

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Meanwhile, in Arlington, Tex., near Fort Worth, the Arlington Ministerial Alliance representing some 50 Protestant churches adopted a resolution asking legislators to vote against the measure.

Beryl West, president of the Alliance and pastor of the Highland Baptist Church, said that the ministers overwhelmingly oppose the bill. Many of them, he said, recall the time when "Arlington Downs" there was the racing capital of Texas.

Pari-mutuel betting was legal in Texas during the mid-30's, but was repealed in 1937. The Arlington track was razed in 1957.

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Texas Baptist President  
Urges Federal Sobriety

(2-17-61)

WICHITA FALLS, Tex.--(BP)--The president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas has urged officials of the U. S. government to observe "prayerful sobriety" at all official meetings.

James H. Landes, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, told a presidential assistant that when the future of millions of people is involved in decisions that are being made, "all possible clarity of mind is needed."

Landes said that he had received assurances from President Kennedy that no "permanent bar" for serving alcoholic beverages had been built in the White House, and that none will ever be built.

"I believe that this house represents a symbol of America in which such a bar would be inappropriate," said Landes.

Kenneth O'Donnell, special assistant to the president, said that alcoholic beverages are, and have been, served at receptions under the Kennedy administration. O'Donnell added, however, that this is no departure whatsoever from previous custom established by other presidents.

Landes said that it is extremely regrettable that alcoholic beverages have become through the years an integral part of the scene in our nation's capitol.

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Wayland Baptist College  
To Discontinue Basketball

(2-17-61)

PLAINVIEW, Tex.--(BP)--Trustees of Wayland Baptist College here have voted to discontinue competition in Women's AAU basketball beginning September of 1961.

The move will disband Wayland's famed girls team, "The Flying Queens." The team has won five out of seven National Women's AAU championships, winning a total of 226 games and losing only 12 since 1953.

Reason for the decision, said President A. Hope Owen, was to free the school of the financial burden of the athletic program in order to upgrade the entire academic program.

"The financial burden of scholarship aid and other expenses which the college has had to bear is too great to continue," said Owen.

"In upgrading the whole academic program which every year requires additional expenditures for an increased faculty and increased salaries, we must budget our funds to produce the best results for our main business--giving the finest possible liberal arts training to as many people as we can accommodate," Owen said.

The action brought a deluge of comment from sports writers, Wayland alumni and students. Wayland's campus newspaper, the "Trail Blazer", said the decision "closed the door on one of the most glamorous chapters in the history of Wayland."

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Editor Suggests Pulpit  
Exchange Before Merger

DALLAS--(BP)--The editor of the Baptist Standard has suggested that 1,000 Baptist pastors of the American and Southern Baptist Conventions exchange pulpits for one year as a prelude to talks about merging the two conventions..

In an editorial prepared for the Feb. 22 issue of the Baptist Standard, Editor E. S. James said that when Baptists really learn to trust one another, then they will be able to talk about uniting their efforts.

He called mistrust the most divisive factor of all in the relations between all Baptist groups.

"Some of the differences are real, and some are imaginary," the editorial said. "The real causes of divisions among us are geography, nationalism, racism, methodology, interpretations, and emphases.

"The superficial causes are prejudice, mistrust, false reports, and opinionated superiority.

"We can never work together for long until we learn to trust the motives of our brethren in other conventions," said James.

He stated that each group is distinguished by some opinion or operation and added that the differences are too deep-rooted to be plowed up by wishful thinking.

"Certainly," the editorial said, "it would be wonderful if we could all get together on all things, but it just doesn't work that way."

James agreed with an earlier suggestion by Editor J. Marse Grant of the Biblical Recorder for American and Southern Baptists to begin exploratory talks to improve relations between the two groups, but added that it will take more than just talking to accomplish much.

"The pastors and the people in the churches are going to have to find out why their brethren elsewhere think as they do," the editorial said.

As a possible method of setting up the proposed pulpit exchange, James said that each man could be paid by his own church to go, not as a missionary to convert them to his way of doing things, but as a student to learn why they do things as they do.

"If we could sit where they sit, we might understand," he said. "At least we would learn that Baptists in both groups are trustworthy and that most of the bad things we hear about one another are not true."

He concluded that doctrinal differences, methods of operation, and racial or national prejudices could all be resolved if we study the Bible together, judge each method on its merit, and if we experience "a fellowship of individual spirits."

India, Israeli Consuls  
Say War Not Way To Peace

PLAINVIEW, Tex.--(BP)--The second secretary of the Embassy of India in Washington, D. C., told the first International Relations Conference at Wayland Baptist College here that preparation for war is not the way toward peace.

"India believes strongly in disarmament through a cooperative approach," said Secretary Ravi Tandon. "The next war might mean the end of the human race," he said.

Tandon said that India would do its utmost to prevent uprisings that might lead to global war.

Wayland officials said that they plan to make the International Relations Conference an annual affair. Theme for this year's meeting was "World Peace."

In another featured address, the Israeli consul in Dallas told the group that peace would finally come to the Middle East through negotiations.

"No problem can be solved by force," said Matityahu Dagan.

A panel discussion led by area newsmen queried the representatives from India and Israel and Luis Fernando Meyer of Paraguay on the problems of world tension and the quest for peace.

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Childers Named Texas  
District Missions Head

(2-17-61)

WICHITA FALLS, Tex.--(BP)--Clyde Childers, pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church of San Antonio, Tex., for the past 16 years, has been elected as district missions secretary for District 11 of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

He will assume his new post March 5, succeeding Sid F. Martin who has been serving as interim secretary since his retirement December 31, 1960.

Childers will direct the denomination's missions work in the 13-county area, coordinating the efforts of six Baptist associations within the District. A total of 122 churches and 12 missions comprise District 11.

Childers holds the B. A. degree from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and the D. D. degree from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex.

Before going to the Riverside Church in San Antonio, Childers was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ozona, Texas, 1938-44, and the Westbrook Baptist Church, Westbrook, Texas, 1936-38.

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750 Decisions Result  
From California Meeting

(2-17-61)

GARDEN GROVE, Calif.--(BP)--More than 750 "decisions for Christ" have been made as a result of a Southern Baptist simultaneous revival crusade in densely-populated Orange County here.

The week-long revival climaxed a 13-week simultaneous Sunday School enlargement campaign.

"The number received for baptism this one week," said City Missions Superintendent W. C. Bryant, "is more than one-half of the total baptisms reported by all of our churches last year."

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Twenty-six Texas Baptist pastors and denominational leaders served as evangelists during the campaign, directed by C. Wade Freeman, director of evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

California has more unchurched people than the entire population of Texas, said Freeman, and Orange County, which lies just south of Los Angeles, has had a 385 per cent population increase since 1940.

In the wake of the revival, two Texas Baptist churches agreed to underwrite some California churches, and a Texas pastor said his church would pay the salary of a pastor and undergird a totally new mission project.

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Spaid Says Church  
Editors Miss Layman

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--"The layman is the forgotten man in your publications," a newspaper religion editor told Baptist editors here.

Ora Spaid of the Louisville Courier-Journal said a denominational paper "must aim at the man in the pew."

"Pure promotion is not your function," he told members of the Southern Baptist Press Association at the annual meeting. "Neither is it to pull your executive secretary's or your president's chestnuts out of the fire."

He cautioned the Baptist editors, most of whom are ordained ministers, "You must fight against the preacher attitude you have."

According to Spaid, a preacher who wants to become a better editor should spend less time preaching revivals in churches and more time in editing his paper.

He also said that too much space is devoted to activities of the pastors, and too little news is written about laymen in the churches.

"A layman gets a bare reference but when you have a preacher you give him the whole pedigree," Spaid complained.

Editorials are the strongest point in Southern Baptist papers, he continued. The denomination's 28 affiliated state conventions each publishes a paper, most of them weekly. Their combined circulation is more than 1-1/3 million.

Spaid urged editors of these papers to give more emphasis to the "human factor" in their news copy and less to the institutional approach.

"Your most valid function is to be an editorial critic of all that happens in your denomination," he declared. "You are not supposed to be entirely a spokesman for your denomination...You are not to sell the denomination, but Christ."

He objected to religious cliches appearing frequently in church papers. "I'm not an addition," he said; "I'm a person." (Addition is a term often used to refer to persons joining churches.)

Spaid told editors "God's action in man's life is still the greatest story" but it is often difficult to present it in a news story. Either the conversion of a drunkard--a dramatic but seldom typical case--is presented or the editor risks an invasion of the individual's privacy in such a story.

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Scholarship Honors  
Late Kearnie Keegan

MONTGOMERY, Ala.--(BP)--Friends and co-workers of the late Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan have decided to establish a scholarship in his memory at a Baptist seminary.

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Because of Keegan's interest in student work overseas, Baptist students from other countries will receive priority. The emphasis will be on international students who will return to their countries as campus religious workers.

The scholarship, to be awarded for study at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, was announced here by Maurice Willis, state Baptist student secretary in Alabama.

Keegan was for 10 years secretary of Baptist Student Union work in the Southern Baptist Convention. He was employed by the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville. He died in St. Louis, Sept. 13 while changing planes en route to a student conference in Hawaii.

Should there be no qualified student from abroad, consideration will be given to a Southern Baptist student preparing for student work on a mission field, according to Willis.

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#### Roselle Elected President Of State BSU Secretaries

DALLAS--(BP)--Charles Roselle, state Baptist Student Union secretary for Tennessee, has been elected president of the State Baptist Student Union Secretaries Association here.

Elected secretary of the group was Maurice Willis, BSU secretary for the Alabama State Baptist Convention.

The group met for its second annual gathering to chart the course for the organization and to discuss personnel relations.

The secretaries studied in depth job descriptions, goals, and evaluation of procedures in the ministry to college students.

They cited a need for better work with churches in college cities in reaching and using college students in the total church program, and emphasized the need for a practical application of the Gospel in the ministry to students.

Principal speaker for the meeting was Fred Smith, business consultant from Cincinnati, Ohio, who outlined the responsibilities in administrative leadership, motivation of employees, and employee training and selection.

W. F. Howard, director of the division of student work for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was host for the meeting.

The 1962 meeting of the Association will be held in Denver, Colo.

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#### Seminary To Stage Missions Conference

FORT WORTH--(BP)--More than a thousand college students from throughout the South are expected for the 12th annual Volunteer Mission Conference at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary March 10-12.

Thirty Southern Baptist foreign missionaries, on furlough in the United States, will conduct daily discussion sessions and prayer services, centering on the theme "The Old Commission in a New Crisis."

Speakers for the program include Charles Wellborn, pastor of Seventh and James Baptist Church, Waco, Tex.; Glendon McCullough, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Jesse Fletcher, Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; Morris Wright, missionary to Japan; and Robert E. Naylor, Southwestern Seminary president.

The Conference is designed to deepen and clarify previous missions commitments and to give opportunity for public commitment to additional persons, said faculty-student co-chairmen Jack Gray, professor of missions, and Gary Boyd, theology student.

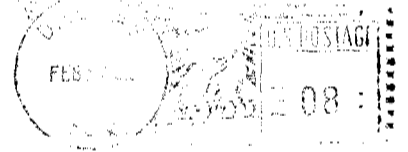
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Gray said the conference will discuss the kinds of ministry and the particular technical backgrounds as they might relate to medical or educational missions.

Last year's conference attracted 875 college students from 175 campuses in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico, Missouri, and Oklahoma.



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