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FOUNDATION--Officers of the Southern Baptist Foundation, all reelected, are headed by Stirton Oman, center, president. Oman is a Nashville contractor. At left is Walton N. Smith, Clarksville, Tenn., insurance agent, vice-president, and at right, J. W. Storer, Nashville, executive secretary. Noble C. Caudill of Nashville, recording secretary, isn't present. The Foundation is investment agency for Southern Baptist Convention. It reported a record return on investments in 1960. (BP) Photo.

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Congressmen Praise
Alabama Secretary

WASHINGTON ---(BP)--- A. Hamilton Reid, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, stands high in the estimation of the Alabama congressional delegation, according to Rep. Frank W. Boykin (D., Ala.).

In remarks before the House of Representatives Boykin described Reid as "a wonderful, fabulous man from Montgomery, Ala., where Jeff Davis was sworn in as President of the Confederacy." He said that at a meeting of the Alabama delegation (including Sens. Lister Hill and John J. Sparkman, Rep. George Grant and others) Secretary Reid had received unanimous praise.

The occasion for Boykin's comments was the insertion into the Congressional Record of an article from the Mobile (Ala.) Register which reported the dedication of the \$360,000 educational building of the Central Baptist Church of Mobile, of which A. E. Carpenter is pastor. Reid was the speaker for the occasion.

Explaining his insertion into the Congressional Record Boykin said, "I hope many people will read what this great and fabulous man who is working for God and man, Dr. A. Hamilton Reid, had to say in this article that I am inserting in the Record, that will go to every library in the Nation and many libraries in other parts of the world."

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New Regulations Issued
For Liquor On Airplanes

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WASHINGTON ---(BP)--- Regulations governing the use of alcoholic beverages on airplanes have been issued by the Federal Aviation Agency, E. R. Quesada, administrator.

The rules regulating the drinking or serving of alcoholic beverages aboard air carrier aircraft are:

(1) No person shall drink any alcoholic beverage aboard an air carrier unless such beverage has been served to him by the air carrier operating the aircraft, and

(2) No air carrier shall serve any alcoholic beverage to any person aboard an air carrier aircraft if such person appears to be intoxicated.

In a letter to airlines presidents Quesada requested that these rules be made available to passengers, that violations be reported and that cabin attendants be fully instructed in how to handle violations.

A suggested industry code would prohibit the advertisement of alcoholic drinks on certain flights, would limit the size and number of drinks for any individual, and would provide for a vigorous enforcement of the regulations.

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Mississippi Pastor Calls
For Christian Influence

WASHINGTON ---(BP)--- "Christian voters must place and keep men in office and positions of leadership who are men of character and integrity," so said W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., in a sermon printed in the Congressional Record.

Rep. John Bell Williams (D., Miss.) said that "the sermon is in my opinion outstanding, and indeed presents a challenge for the 1960's."

Speaking on "the decade of destiny" Hudgins said, "What is achieved, or not achieved, by the people of God in this 10-year period immediately ahead of us will determine the continuation of our Christian witness to a needy world, or the deterioration and decay of our citizenship as a Nation."

"The Christian community," Hudgins said, "must give way to a Christian concept of moral integrity that...becomes the leavening force that provides the solution to our rapidly increasing economic, political and social problems."

Hudgins classified "our plethora of confusion" under seven categories -- population, politics, economics, education, morality, science and religion. He declared that the Christian community is obligated to contribute a wholesome and effective influence in all of these areas.

Sounding a call for the preservation of freedom Hudgins said, "Long established and deeply cherished convictions as to the absolute necessity of the separation of church and state are weakening and there are those who say they cherish a free government and at the same time profess to believe that there is no danger in electing to office individuals who admittedly acknowledge allegiance to an institution or a power outside of and differing in kind to our beloved country."

"If our assertion is correct," Hudgins concluded, "if ours is a decade of destiny, the responsibility rests upon those of us who are Christians, members of our Lord's churches. Only as we assert a stupendous Christian faith and exert an unprecedented effort in Christian living will we see the tide of paganized materialism checked and a new and different concept of living emerge."

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President Sets Citizenship
Day, Constitution Week

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WASHINGTON ---(BP)--- Churches as well as civic and educational organizations are called upon by President Eisenhower to observe Citizenship Day (Sept. 17) and Constitution Week (Sept. 17-23).

In his proclamation the President said, "It is fitting that our citizens, both native-born and naturalized, observe the birthday of the Constitution and reaffirm their determination to support its principles, which have a universal appeal and application and are an inspiration to freedom-loving people everywhere."

The observance of this special week should give the churches an opportunity to emphasize the meaning of Christian citizenship, the obligation to pray for government officials, the responsibility of participating in public life by exercising the right to vote, and religious liberty and the principle of separation of church and state.

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Church Leaders Ask
Equality On Farms

WASHINGTON ---(BP)--- Protestant, Catholic and Jewish authorities are quoted in Congress as being advocates for the revision of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (Public Law 78) to further regulate the importation of farmworkers from Mexico into the United States.

Those advocating a change in the migrant worker policy say that the large number of Mexican nationals, the low wages paid them and the poor housing facilities required for their needs, work a significant hardship on American family farmers and American farmworkers.

The proposed change would regulate the number of Mexican nationals admitted to the U. S. for farm labor and would make an equalized wage scale mandatory so American laborers could compete with the Mexicans.

The National Council of Churches in a resolution said that "the present practice of our Government in authorizing the importation of Mexican Nationals for agricultural labor in the United States involves human and ethical issues of grave concern to the conscience of Christian people."

Monsignor George G. Higgins, director of the social action department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, said, "It is morally indefensible to deny our own American migrants even the admittedly sub-standard guarantees which are provided for the braceros (imported Mexican farmworkers)."

Eight organizations representing religious groups, small farmers and consumers recently said in a joint statement that Public Law 78 has resulted in a surplus of cheap labor that works serious hardship on American workers. They were distressed by the exploitation permitted and the poverty and hardship caused by the importation program.

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Lottery Advocate Says
Opposers Are Hypocrites

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WASHINGTON ---(BP)--- Opponents of a national lottery were charged with hypocrisy in a speech in the House of Representatives by Rep. Paul A. Fino, (R., N. Y.).

Fino has introduced a bill to legalize a national lottery in the U. S., which he claims will raise \$10 billion per year for the government, and he continues a sniping campaign with one-minute speeches in the House almost daily to try to get the attention of Congress.

On St. Patrick's Day Fino said, "We raise moral issues where none are involved. We allow fear to grip us and prevent a sensible and realistic approach to this whole question of gambling."

Fino's line of argument runs along the same pattern in every speech. He says that gambling is a natural urge of people and that the government is foolish not to capitalize on this desire of the people. He claims that a legalized lottery will rescue millions of dollars from the underworld and from the sale of tickets to foreign lotteries to people in the U. S.

Obviously irked at the reluctance of the House of Representatives, Fino charged that "members of this House persist in refusing to recognize, accept and capitalize on the natural gambling urge of the American people."

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