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United Nations Witness
Described As Biblical

By Gainer E. Bryan Jr.

WASHINGTON (BP)--Southern Baptist Convention representation at United Nations is a matter still close to the heart of Brooks Hays, former Convention president now serving in the United States Department of State.

Hays, a layman, said in an interview he considered Convention approval of his proposal to have an unofficial observer at United Nations the most significant achievement of his administration as SEC president.

He proposed the idea in his second presidential address in 1959. It was also embodied in the report of a special World Peace Committee that year. The Convention approved the committee report and authorized Christian Life Commission to provide observers.

Hays himself was the first representative. The Christian Life Commission is still providing observers.

Now the assistant secretary of state for Congressional relations, Hays outlined his views on the importance of representation for Southern Baptists.

"Our faith has always been biblical," he said, "and the cause of peace is eternally proclaimed in the Bible. Jesus was called the Prince of Peace. Peace was the concern of the prophets. God the Father is the God of all nations."

He continued, "Christ sent us into a service of witnessing. The United Nations is as fine a forum as can be found for witnessing because all nations of the earth are represented there.

"Surely we can submit a plea of reconciliation there as sincerely as we can in a brush arbor or in a covered building on the mission fields," he added. Hays next made the point that "it is essential for us to understand the environment in which our missionaries work. One of the functions of the U.N. observer is to inquire about the point of view and the environment of other people."

To underscore his concern, Hays said, "This is a time of crises. We are threatened with possible slaughter. The voice of Christianity is needed. If we fail to give our witness in the council for world peace we will not realize our potential as a denomination."

Basically, he said, the idea of Southern Baptist representation at United Nations is "We speak to them; they speak to us."

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Pastors Give Time
To Northwest Crusade

(3-24-61)

ATLANTA (BP)--A dozen Southern Baptist ministers from seven states will take part in a two-week evangelistic crusade in Seattle, Wash., as a mission contribution to work in the Northwest.

The announcement was made by Leland H. Waters of Atlanta, executive assistant of the Convention's Home Mission Board. Waters will direct the crusade April 9-21.

There are 25 churches with a membership of 2,533 in the metropolitan Seattle area. Expenses of pastors serving in the crusade will be paid by their churches.

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Those taking part in the crusade are the following:

Georgia--Roy Peyton, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Newnan; Harold L. Sangster, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lakeland, and Richard M. Thompson, pastor of Indian Creek Baptist Church, Stone Mountain.

Florida--Fred T. Laughon, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gainesville.

North Carolina--Harold White, pastor of First Baptist Church, Clayton.

South Carolina--John White, associational missionary at Fort Mill.

Texas--Robert Cheek, pastor of First Baptist Church, Baytown; Jimmy Franklin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Mathis, and Robert Wimpey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Robstown.

Virginia--Moffett Booker, pastor of Branch's Baptist Church, Richmond; Horace L. Ford, pastor of Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, Richmond, and Jack L. Hamilton, pastor of Riverside Baptist Church, Newport News.

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Religious Liberty
Emphasis Asked

(3-24-61)

ATLANTA (BP)--The cooperation of all Southern Baptist agencies is being sought for an emphasis on Baptist heritage and religious liberty.

The emphasis may take the form of a 1-1/2 hour motion picture, filmstrips, and books to be used in June, 1963.

The request came from the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and the denomination's Historical Commission. They made it at the Inter-Agency Council semi-annual meeting here.

A committee report had asked only for a "working out of cooperative plans for an emphasis." However, Paul M. Stevens of Fort Worth, director of the SBC Radio and Television Commission, brought up the subject of a much-discussed Baptist motion picture on religious freedom.

"All agencies involved in Baptist ideals on religious liberty and Baptist heritage should go together in production of a film which would be used both on television and at the Baptist jubilee meeting in 1964 in Atlantic City," he said.

In other action, the council was told that Woman's Missionary Union studies would be included in the church study course of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Details of this will be presented in the '61-'62 Woman's Missionary Union Yearbook.

The action, termed "a tremendous step forward" by James L. Sullivan of Nashville, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, means that credit by the board will be given to women completing the studies.

Other agencies conducting study courses, such as the two mission boards, had been included previously in the church study course.

The Inter-Agency Council, composed of representatives from each Southern Baptist agency, works primarily in the area of correlation.

Davis C. Woolley of Nashville, executive secretary of the Historical Commission, was elected chairman. George W. Schroeder of Memphis, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, was named vice-chairman, and J. Marvin Crowe of Nashville, administrative assistant for the Sunday School Board, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The council will meet at Nashville Nov. 20-21, and at Birmingham March 19-20, 1962.

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Committee To Describe
Precepts Of Baptists

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP)--A committee on Baptist ideals has been appointed to draft a statement describing precepts which guide Baptists in their actions.

Southern Baptist Convention members of the committee, named by C. C. Warren of Charlotte, leader in the Baptist Jubilee Advance, include Ralph A. Herring, pastor, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.; H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville.

W. W. Adams, professor of New Testament interpretation, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; T. B. Maston, professor of Christian ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; Sydnor L. Stealey, president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

H. H. Hobbs, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City; T. A. Patterson, Dallas, executive secretary, Baptist General Convention of Texas; W. A. Carleton, vice-president, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; Ralph H. Elliott, professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

Frank Stagg, professor of New Testament and Greek, New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary; John J. Hurt Jr., Atlanta, editor, Christian Index; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Tex., president, Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to SBC.

Theodore F. Adams, pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.; Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Grady C. Cothen, executive secretary, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno.

Exofficio members are Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary, SBC Executive Committee; E. S. James, Dallas, editor, Baptist Standard; Davis C. Woolley, Nashville, executive secretary, SBC Historical Commission, and Warren, former president of the Convention.

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Maryland Copies Bond
Plan Used In Illinois

(3-24-61)

BALTIMORE (BP)--The Baptist Convention of Maryland will enter a bond plan of assisting churches in financing buildings and purchasing sites.

Approval of this step was voted by the Maryland Baptist State Mission Board at its quarterly meeting here. The Maryland program will be patterned after the program of the Illinois Baptist State Association.

Noel M. Taylor, Carbondale, Ill., Illinois Baptist executive secretary, came to Maryland earlier and explained the Illinois plan to a study committee.

The Church Extension Society of Maryland was authorized to work out with the Broadway Plan of Church Finance a program similar to the Illinois agreement. This would be ratified by the Maryland board at its June meeting.

The Church Extension Society will use its assets as a guarantee fund for the bond program. It will be authorized to administer the plan in cooperation with the secretary of the department of missions and with the executive secretary.

Board approval was also given to a joint agreement with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to cooperate with Maryland Negro Baptists in the Baltimore Negro Baptist Center. The United Baptist Missionary Convention is the Negro group involved.

The Home Mission Board worked with Negro Baptists in the center until cooperation was temporarily suspended about two years ago. There are about 350,000 Negroes in Baltimore. Negro Baptists in Maryland number 80,000 compared with 55,000 white Baptists.

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Microphotography Called
'Blessing To Baptists'

NASHVILLE--Modern-day microphotography has been called "God's great blessing to Southern Baptists." A former executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, Norman W. Cox of Mobile, Ala., used this description.

Microphotography has enabled the commission, with offices here, to secure for its growing research center in Nashville millions of pages of rare historical resource materials.

The concept of securing on film every out-of-print book by or about Baptists as well as all Baptist periodicals, associational minutes, and state annuals was implemented by Dr. Cox. Seminaries and state historical committees cooperated in the plan whereby the commission became a microfilm and distribution service agency.

The commission has served "with distinction" in microfilm production and filling orders for prints from libraries across the nation and receiving the commendation of national microfilm agencies, Davis C. Woolley, present executive secretary, reported.

Thus the services rendered to the denomination are many: One is locating and filming all the extant copies of associational minutes and files of denominational papers. The North Carolina associational minute project now in process is one of the largest filming projects undertaken by the commission. Manuscript and printed minutes were secured from 12 libraries and many individuals making many associations 100 per cent complete.

Microfilm prints of this file will be shared with each state convention historical society and with other historical libraries. This could never have been accomplished so effectively as it has been done through the facilities of the commission.

This process is a blessing to Baptists because a negative print of the file will be filed permanently and indefinitely with the commission. It is therefore an assurance against the ravages of time and disaster that takes heavy toll each year on the original record, even those kept in fireproof library buildings.

The same service is rendered in preserving the records for all Baptist institutions, including valuable church minutes for students of Baptist history. No longer is it necessary for a student or writer to be denied the use of Baptist materials in another land or a distant city.

The process of microfilm can bring prints of the original source material to the study desk.

Microfilm is truly God's great blessing to Baptists, especially to Southern Baptists who were late getting started in gathering primary Baptist source materials.

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Commission Recording
North Carolina Minutes

(3-24-61)

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention is halfway through microphotographing 150,000 pages of minutes of North Carolina Baptist associations of churches.

Davis C. Woolley, Nashville, commission executive secretary, said the major part of the minutes were acquired from the collection at Baptists' Wake Forest College in Winston-Salem, N. C. Others were on loan from American Baptist Historical Society, Rochester, N. Y.

The collated minutes files of most present-day and many extinct associations in North Carolina are complete or almost complete. In addition the collection includes minutes of numerous Primitive, Free Will and Negro Baptist associations of churches in the state, Woolley said.

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Group Asks For Liquor Vote To Stop Brewery

FORT WORTH (BP)--A local citizens group has filed application to petition for a local liquor option election in an effort to block construction of a proposed \$20 million brewery here.

The brewery would be built within three miles of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The citizens group said that they would rather risk the chance of approval of the liquor vote than to stand idly by and see a brewery built in their neighborhood.

Application for petition to call the election was filed with the Tarrant County clerk by J. H. La Faver, president of the organization and a Baptist layman, and by W. T. Reynolds, pastor of the Crowley Methodist Church.

Before the election can be called, the group will have to attain some 600 signatures on the petition.

If the precinct were to vote "dry" in the proposed election, it would prevent the construction of a \$20 million brewery. Texas liquor control laws allow a brewery to operate only in a "wet" precinct.

A bill is now before the Texas legislature that would modify the law to guarantee the brewing industry continued operation regardless of "wet" or "dry" status of a precinct, if the brewery has been in operation for more than one year.

The bill is being sponsored by Fort Worth representatives who say that the proposed Carling Brewery Co. in Fort Worth would aid economic development in the city. The bill passed the House by a strong 91-39 margin, and goes to the Senate for next consideration.

Fort Worth's precinct seven voted last September by a slim 44-vote margin to approve the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption.

Texas law requires a one-year time-lapse before an election on the same basic issue can be called, but the citizens' group claims that the proposed election would be on an entirely new issue---sale of hard liquor.

"There is some risk involved in that this could open the way for liquor stores, the citizens' group said in their statement accompanying the petition request, "but we are confident that the people of our neighborhood do not desire any alcoholic influence anywhere in the community.

The group stated that they felt that the close 947-903 vote in last year's election gave them ample reason for another chance to express themselves on the issue.

United Community Citizens will stage a precinct rally at Edgepark Methodist Church, with Leighton Farrell, pastor, as moderator for the meeting.

Principal speaker for the rally will be Cal Guy, pastor of the Retta Baptist Church and professor at Southwestern Seminary.

Baylor Names Cheavens
To Journalism Post

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Baylor University has named David A. Cheavens, a 26-year veteran with the Associated Press, as consultant in public relations and journalism.

Cheavens, head of the Texas Capitol Bureau of the wire service, will fill the consultant's position for one year and will join the Baylor teaching staff as a visiting professor. The AP has granted Cheavens a leave of absence to fill the post at the request of Baylor executive vice-president Abner McCall.

The appointment was interpreted as an initial step in a long-range program to build a school of communications encompassing journalism, radio and television and speech. Emphasis in the proposed school would be on training for religious reporting and writing.

McCall said the dual post was created to furnish a complete analysis of the University's public relations and journalism programs by a qualified practicing and teaching journalist.

"Baylor's objective in the field of journalism," he said, "is to maintain a first class program in basic training plus qualified specialization in every area of religious journalism."

Cheavens has been a lecturer in journalism at the University of Texas. He has written extensively for religious publications, is chairman of the public relations advisory committee for the Baptist General Convention of Texas and has served on the faculty at writers' conferences sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board at Ridgecrest, and Glorieta.

With his wife, the former Alice Dawson of Waco, he is author of a novel, "As Love Knows How," published by the Broadman Press. Cheavens is a deacon in the University Baptist Church, Austin.

A graduate of Baylor, he worked for the Baptist Standard, the Marshall News-Messenger and for newspapers in El Paso, Waco and New York City. As a public affairs reporter for the Associated Press, he served as a foreign correspondent in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

He began his newspaper career at the age of 14 while in high school. His father, a Southern Baptist missionary, was director of the Baptist Publication House in El Paso until his death in 1923.

"A remarkable modern development in journalism is a revival of interest in religious news and interpretation in the daily press," Cheavens said. "I believe it reflects a demand from readers which should be an encouragement and challenge to anyone interested in communicating the Gospel. Now is the time to seize upon and utilize all the modern tools, including radio and television in reaching out for the unchurched public."

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"Down And Outers"
Not So Bad Off

(3-24-61)

DALLAS (BP)--If their luck holds out, members of the "Down and Outers" Training Union department at First Baptist Church here may have to change their name.

A recent "diamond dig" at Murfreesboro, Ark., netted a sparkler valued at \$150 in the rough. Cut and mounted, appraisers say it'll bring up to \$500.

Miss Jessie Jeffers, the church's young people's director and originator of the diamond dig, spotted the diamond just 15 minutes after she started her spadework at Murfreesboro's famed "Crater of Diamonds" where a Dallas woman found a diamond valued at \$75,000 in 1956.

Mrs. Jeffers said that she planned to have the sparkler cut and mounted as a keepsake for her grandchildren.

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Actually, she said, the "Down and Outers" name doesn't refer to the group's economic lot.

It's short for "Down on Our Knees, Out for Lost Souls," she said.

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Houston Council Asks
For Blue Law Changes

(3-24-61)

HOUSTON (BP)--The Houston City Council has passed a resolution urging state legislators in Austin to consider introducing a bill that would revise Texas' Sunday closing laws.

The council stated that the Texas "blue laws" dating back to 1863, are outdated and need modernizing.

Meanwhile, Assistant City Attorney Marion Leach filed charges against 46 persons in Corporation Court for making sales and purchases on Sunday, bringing the total charges filed since January to 304.

Mayor Lewis Cutrer ordered the crackdown on Sunday closing law violations on Jan. 8, assigning a special Houston police squad to pinch violators.

About two-thirds of the charges resulted from Sunday purchases and sales made by Mike Persia Chevrolet Co., and by N. Elmer White, 31, owner of a builders' supply company, the Houston Post reported.

Six men were found guilty and fined \$20 each plus court costs last month. Some of the charges, however, have been dismissed because of lack of information. Not all violations found resulted in charges being filed, Leach said.

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Historian Warns of Dim
Religious Freedom Views

(3-24-61)

WACO, Tex. (BP)--A noted religion historian, speaking at the annual Baylor University Conference on Church and State here, warned that most Americans have a "dim and corroded" understanding of religious freedom.

Winthrop S. Hudson, during a series of four lectures at the conference, said that the reason it is difficult for many Americans to defend religious freedom, is because they don't understand it.

"It is time for those such people to relearn the basic foundations of religious freedom that have so long characterized our nation," said Hudson, former Baptist pastor and professor of Christian history at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N.Y.

"We can oppose church-state encroachments with some degree of success, but effective evangelism is the only lasting defense," Hudson said.

Later during the conference, Dr. J. M. Dawson of Austin, Tex., said that if the wall of separation between church and state is ever battered down, it will come from the hands of misinformed or uninformed pious people rather than from the government.

Dawson is the former executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and the founder of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State in Washington, D.C.

The conference is sponsored annually by Baylor University as part of the Baptist school's J. M. Dawson Studies in Church and State. James E. Wood, Baylor religion professor, is director of the annual conference.

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Baptist Evangelists
Plan Jamaican Crusade

DALLAS (BP)--More than 90 Southern Baptist evangelists will conduct an extensive evangelistic crusade for the 250 Baptist churches of Jamaica April 16-30.

The announcement was made here by Jack Stanton, associate director of the Evangelism Division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"These meetings have been held for nine years," Stanton said, "but this year's is the most extensively planned and the largest. Last year 3,000 Jamaicans responded in the services, including 1,700 conversions."

Stanton will direct the crusade assisted by eight pastors who will direct area groups.

This is the first year that the Home Mission Board's Evangelism Division has assisted in planning the crusade. Methods and procedures of the division will be used.

David Mason of Alice, Tex., and J. P. Owens of Nederland, Tex., who are making the trip, have directed the crusades for several years, and have served as American representatives on the evangelism committee of the Jamaica Baptist Union.

This committee from the island has invited Southern Baptist ministers to conduct crusades since 1953. Churches in the United States pay the expenses of the ministers.

The Southern Baptist Convention, long noted for its evangelistic endeavors, is one of the fastest growing denominations in the United States. The methods of the evangelism division are being used in many foreign countries.

This is the first time that recently developed Baptist Jubilee Revivals have been conducted outside the United States.

Jamaica, a Caribbean island below Cuba, is the largest and most valuable island of the British West Indies.

Baptists there received their start from a freed United States slave in 1782. Now there is an autonomous denomination, nourished into self support by British Baptists, with 250 churches and only 50 ministers.

"Their ministers are well-educated, alert, and progressive," said Mason, "but they need more young men to train for the ministry."

Calabar College in Kingston, the oldest school of its type in the world, was established for this purpose.

Jamaica's population of 1,600,000 is primarily Negroid. Others are of Chinese and East Indian background.

Evangelists for the crusade represent churches in Texas, Georgia, Missouri, Louisiana, Kentucky, Florida, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Colorado, New Mexico, California, Illinois, Kansas, Alabama, Arkansas, and North and South Carolina.

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Dallas Negro College
Slates Opening Date

(3-24-61)

DALLAS (BP)--Bishop College, an American Baptist college for Negroes, will open its new Dallas campus Sept. 18, 1961.

The institution's board of directors set the date and announced that construction on six new buildings on the 100-acre campus will be completed by July 15.

Initial structures on the Dallas campus include a classroom-administration building, gymnasium, student union building, men's and women's dormitories and faculty apartments.

The school has formerly been located in Marshall, Tex. The present campus and buildings will be sold upon completion of the move to Dallas by the Home Mission Board of the American Baptist Convention.

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Legalized Gambling Bill
Killed In House Vote

(3-24-61)

AUSTIN, Tex. (BP)--The Texas House of Representatives has virtually killed any chance of local option elections for legalized pari-mutuel betting on horse races here.

The House voted overwhelmingly--143 to 5--to table Rep. V. E. Berry's bill on legalized gambling.

Rep. Berry, who called himself a "retired gambler" in his campaign, was not one to vote against the odds. He voted "aye" on the motion to table his own bill.

"I don't feel it is of any further use to put them (the legislators) on the spot. I will not object to it being tabled," Berry said.

A host of ministers, many wearing "no gambling" badges, filled the galleries for the debate preceding the vote.

Berry, before announcing he wouldn't fight the motion to table his bill, turned to the gallery and asked the ministers to meet with him in one of the third-floor conference rooms after the vote was cast. None of them showed up, however.

Berry still has two other horse racing bills pending before the House, but informed sources said that the bills have little chance of getting out of committee.

Both proposed constitutional amendments, one bill would permit legalization of pari-mutuel betting in four counties, and the other for Bexar (San Antonio area) County only.

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Annuity Board Growth
Cited In Annual Report

(3-24-61)

DALLAS (BP)--Almost \$2 3/4 million was paid to some 5,500 Baptist pastors, church and denominational employees through Southern Baptist retirement plans, an annual report presented to the trustees of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board showed here.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, told the trustees that the board had experienced its largest year of growth in history during 1960.

Reed said that 446 persons had been added to the annuitant roll during the year, including 328 retirees, 88 widows and 30 disability cases.

New members increased 2,053 in the Southern Baptist protection plan as compared to only 662 five years ago.

For the first time in 34 years, the relief roll stood below the 1,000 mark when the year closed with 977 persons receiving relief grants.

Reed said that the administration was well pleased with the first year of operation for its new variable annuity fund, calling the fund "one of the

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best services offered to our people."

The variable annuity fund is a supplemental plan in which ministers and denominational employees may invest funds in common stocks as a hedge against long range inflation.

Funds held in trust increased to more than \$82 million, almost \$9,834,000 more than the 1959 figures. Reed said that the funds are deposited by more than 22,000 pastors, church and denominational employees plus almost 100 agencies, boards and institutions that participate in the protection plan.

The average retirement age of persons participating in the protection plan was 67.7 compared to 67.6 the previous year, said Reed. Thirty seven ministers died in active service while 51 of them who left widows died after retirement. Average age of those dying in active service was 55 years, with the youngest only 31 years old. The oldest retired minister to die was 93.

Total relief expenditures was \$287,809. Relief income totaled \$340,191, of which \$325,000 came from the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program. However, \$25,000 of the amount was returned and the budget for 1962 was to be reduced by \$25,000.

Reed said that 13,590 Southern Baptist churches participated in the protection plan for their pastors. The total is 62 per cent of the 21,820 churches that contributed to the denomination's Cooperative Program last year.

The Annuity Board is one of four major boards in the Southern Baptist Convention. Founded in 1918, the board provides and administers a retirement-widow-disability protection plan available to all ministers, church employees and denominational workers.

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Texas Baptist President
Praises U.S. President

(3-24-61)

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. (BP)--The president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas has alternately praised President John F. Kennedy for his stand on separation of church and state, and chided the Roman Catholic hierarchy for trying to conquer the United States for its own purposes.

James H. Landes, president of the 1½ million-member convention, made the statements in a newspaper distributed to members of his First Baptist Church here.

He commended President Kennedy for his forthright stand in opposing federal aid to parochial schools, saying, "we shall pray for him as our President and we shall support him in this issue in every possible way."

Landes said that the recent outburst of the Roman Catholic priesthood clamoring for aid to parochial schools is evidence of the hierarchy's "insatiable desire for power."

He questioned if the hierarchy was ethically free to seek federal funds for their own sectarian use. "They well know," he said, "that use of public funds for religious purposes is contrary to the Constitution and the ideals of the United States."

Landes warned his readers to carefully view the overall strategy of the Roman priesthood regarding America.

As part of the Roman Church's strategy, Landes listed "the skillful public relations of the priesthood, the pains that the hierarchy takes to present a good front while covering up its shortcomings, the influence which the hierarchy exerts upon the motion picture industry and all communications media, and its successful maneuvering to place all who differ with its policies in the bigots corner."

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Landes said that the problem is not with the Roman Catholic people, however. "We must love our neighbors---our Catholic neighbors," he said, "but when it comes to the matter of priestly strategy, it is imperative that we be informed."

Quoting President Kennedy's inaugural address, Landes said that it is time for all of us, Baptists, Catholics, and all other church groups, to ask "not what our country can do for us, but rather, what we can do for our nation and for the freedom of man."

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Seminary Offers New
RE Graduate Program

(3-24-61)

FORT WORTH (BP)--An advanced program offering a "graduate specialist in religious education certificate," has been approved by the trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and will begin with the fall semester, 1961.

The program is designed for students who want to specialize in a specific area of religious education. The Master of Religious Education degree with at least a B average is the prerequisite.

Thirty-two semester hours will be required with at least twelve in research and clinical activities, eight in religious education class work and the other twelve in religious education, church music or theology, said Joe Davis Heacock, dean of the seminary's school of religious education.

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Baptist Hour Choir
Slates Radio Concert

(3-24-61)

FORT WORTH (BP)--"The Baptist Hour" Choir, singing group for Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission, will be featured in an Easter concert over the National Broadcasting Co. radio network March 30, at 10:05 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

The 16-voice choir is composed of professional musicians under the direction of Miss Joe Ann Shelton.

Orchestral accompaniment will be directed by Kurt Kaiser.

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Heart Diseases Remain
Major Killer Of Pastors

(3-24-61)

DALLAS (BP)--Heart disease kept its number one rating as the major killer of Baptist ministers in 1960.

About 57 per cent of all pastors who died while in active service had some kind of heart condition while 59 per cent of all retired ministers succumbed to this killer.

The previous year, heart trouble claimed almost 50 per cent of the pastors.

These statistics, compiled by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, were revealed during a report to the Annuity Board's trustees meeting here for their 43rd annual session.

Cancer was the second biggest killer, claiming 18 per cent.

Other causes of death were automobile accidents, nephritis, brain tumor, pancreatitis and rheumatoid arthritis.

These studies, made by Mrs. Mable McCartney, registrar, were based on deaths of ministers who were members of the Annuity Board retirement plans.

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