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**Doctor Defends Teens
As World's Best Crop**

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C. (BP)--A Baptist physician here is sick and tired of the use of the term "teenagers" to imply juvenile delinquency.

Frank Howard Richardson says today's teenaged population is one of the finest the world has known. It fully deserves the respect of its elders, as well as of its contemporary generation.

The physician likes the term "young adults," pointing out in a recent book he wrote it is both accurate and more appropriate.

The doctor-counselor, who founded the Children's Clinis in Black Mountain, is well-known to Southern Baptists who attend summer assemblies at nearby Ridgecrest. Mrs. Richardson's father, A. C. Dixon, a native of North Carolina, was once pastor of the famed Spurgeon's Tabernacle, London.

Dr. Richardson lists 12 guides he thinks helpful to all Young Adults during the years between early adolescence and marriage. They are:

1. You are very important. Don't underestimate your abilities.
2. Growing up is a tough job. Teenage years bring weighty problems.
3. Your parents are longing to help you succeed. You and your parents, working together, can be the greatest team the world has known.
4. Never let the good things of life take the place of the best. Standards you make today mold your life tomorrow.
5. Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.
6. Petting is an enemy of both dating enjoyment and popularity.
7. Going steady is not as good as it looks. It probably would prevent your selection of the best possible marriage partner.
8. Teenagers can be our best drivers. But, owning a car may cost you your education.
9. You don't have to smoke or drink. Weigh carefully the cost before you decide to do either.
10. Make friends with everyone you meet. Put yourself in the other person's place.
11. Look toward the future and be prepared for it. Ups and downs of the present seem trivial when compared with future goals.
12. The future is yours. What you make of it will be handed down from generation to generation.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Southern Baptist Convention churches gave \$151,626 to the support of the American Bible Society in 1960, an increase of \$7400 over 1959. They were only \$300 less than congregations of The Methodist Church, which were the largest contributors. (BP)

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Cuban Baptists Reelect
Pena Their President

HAVANA (BP)--Luis M. Gonzalez Pena, pastor of the Baptist church at Santa Clara, Cuba, was reelected president of the Cuban Baptist Convention.

Reports to the convention showed 85 churches in the four western provinces where Baptist work is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Baptisms in the churches were reported at 611, and gifts to all purposes were more than \$205,000, and \$33,000 was designated for mission work on the island.

Herbert Caudill of Havana, superintendent of Baptist work for the mission board, reported an evangelistic service during the convention attracted 1500. More than 130 responded to an invitation to accept Christ.

"Among those attending was the comisionado or mayor of the municipality of Caibarien," Caudill said. "He showed interest during the sermon, and remained for further instruction of what it means to be a Christian."

Other officers elected were Mrs. Umbelina G. Landera as president of the Woman's Missionary Union, pastor Fausto Morales of La Vibora Baptist Church in Havana as president of the Sunday School Association, Juan Naranjo as president of the Brotherhood, Luciano Marquez as president of the Pastors' Association, and Joel Dory as president of the Federation of Training Unions.

"Our people are united in their effort to give the gospel to Cuba," Caudill announced.

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St. Louis Reception
For Home Missions

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ATLANTA (BP)--Missionaries of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board will be honored at a reception on Wednesday, May 24, from 3 to 5 P.M. during the annual Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis.

"Friends of home missions are invited to have fellowship with their missionaries during this two-hour period," said L. O. Griffith, Atlanta, director of the board's division of education and promotion.

The reception will be in the Crystal Room of the Sheraton-Jefferson hotel.

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Baptist Hospital Brews
'Perfect Coffee Cup'

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OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--The search for a "perfect cup of coffee" ended at Baptist Memorial Hospital here.

The institution received a golden coffee cup, symbol of an honor bestowed by the Coffee Brewing Institute. It's first food operation in Oklahoma, and the first hospital anywhere to receive the award based on competition in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Mrs. Eloise Pask Van is food service director at the hospital, operated by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

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25,000 Residents Per
Block In Teeming East

By Porter Routh

You feel something of the increased tension of Southeast Asia here in Hong Kong as the crisis in Laos develops. You had the feeling the island was on a war footing as we had to close the curtains on the plane as it landed in Taiwan, but through the break in the curtains you could see the jets and the stacked bombs all ready to go. The aircraft carriers have pulled out from Hong Kong to a station nearer Laos.

And yet the millions of rich and poor go on their way about the same, interested in making more money or a bowl of rice to keep hunger away another day. Today, we saw three dirty children, all under five years of age, huddled against the wall on a busy sidewalk. Beside them, in bold Chinese characters, was a note from some mother saying that she was sick and could no longer care for the children. She was begging that someone take her deserted horde..

In one block, there live 25,000 people, and I thought of our concept that the building determines the character of the church. How could you have a building for 25,000 to the block, and yet Christ died for them? This is the problem that confronts the missionaries as they meet here. This is a common problem in the Orient. It will take more than radio or TV to break through. It will take the assembling power of God.

Japan is booming, but the nationalism is closing the doors. "If this be sin, let us have more of it," they say. Cars are abundant, the stores are crowded, the people are polite--and smart, and the small merchant is a deterrent to Communism. This is not true of Taiwan, nor is it true of the rest of Southeast Asia, according to the missionaries. Which all leads me to express the hope that the Cooperative Program is picking up.

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Earl Harding Heads
State Safety Group

(4-9-61)

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)--Gov. John M. Dalton of Missouri has appointed Earl O Harding, executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention here, as chairman of a 14-member statewide Highway Safety Action Committee.

In a move to strengthen the work of his Highway Safety Conference and in securing adequate legislation for highway safety, the Missouri governor has asked Harding to lead the effort to marshal all available forces behind the bills sponsored by the Safety Conference and now under consideration here in the state legislature.

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Southern Baptists
Survey Puerto Rico

(4-9-61)

ATLANTA (BP)--An extensive survey of Puerto Rico will be made this year by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The survey, according to Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the mission board, will determine the needs and opportunities for work on the West Indian island.

The board appropriated \$3000 for the survey, following a trip to Puerto Rico by Redford and officials of the denomination's Foreign Mission Board. Making the trip from the Foreign Mission Board were Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, and Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America.

Southern Baptists were asked to undertake work with the island's 2-1/2 million inhabitants by the three Southern Baptist churches there and by the Florida Baptist Convention with which they are affiliated.

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W h a t A b o u t t h e O t h e r H a l f ?

By: Louie D. Newton, Chairman

SBC Committee on State Baptist Papers

Total circulation of the 28 State Baptist Papers in the Southern Baptist Convention on January 1, 1961, was 1,465,471. (Total circulation of the 20 State Baptist Papers in 1940 was 190,683).

Estimating three persons per Baptist family, we may say that we have a State Baptist Paper in approximately half of the Baptist homes in the Southern Baptist Convention. Further, estimating that three or four persons come under the influence of every magazine, per home; we may say that half of the total number of Southern Baptists read or are, to some degree, influenced by our State Baptist Papers.

It is estimated that approximately one-half of the members in the average Baptist church carry the program of attendance, giving, soul-winning, etc.

The Haunting Question

What can be done to reach the other half? Is it a hopeless task? I say we can do something about it - that it is not a hopeless task.

We faced up to the facts in Baltimore in 1940, with 4,949,174 church members, and only 190,683 Baptist homes receiving a State Baptist Paper - approximately ten per cent. In 20 years we moved up to 50 per cent. There were those who said in 1940 that it couldn't be done - that we couldn't reach 500,000 by 1945. In 1945, we reported 547,254. Does that suggest an answer about the other half?

Two Proposed Goals

The editors themselves have set a goal of 1,750,000 by the Baptist Jubilee in 1964; a goal of 2,000,000 circulation by 1980, 40 years after the SBC Committee was appointed in 1940. The SBC Executive Committee has voted to support this goal also.

The 1964 goal is a heavier undertaking than the 1980 goal, but with the rising tide of interest in the Jubilee, and the deep concern of our people to reach the other half, we can do it, for Christ's sake.

What do you say? Write your Editor and State Secretary, and tell them how you feel about this undertaking. Thanks.