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Angola People Suffer
Church-State Union

By Gainer E. Bryan Jr.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (BP)--Angola, Portuguese colony of West Africa which was prominent in United Nations discussions, is another area of the world where church unites with state to keep people in subjection. But conditions for Protestants are better than in Franco's Spain.

The United States offended its ally, Portugal, but strengthened friendship with African nations by voting in the Security Council here for an investigation of racial disorders in Angola.

Paul Blanshard, church-state authority in Washington, D. C., made three observations about church-state conditions in Portugal's African colonies of Angola and Mozambique. He said:

1. "The Portuguese governmental authorities have been consistently cruel in handling the natives in both places;
2. "Education has been so fearfully neglected that in spite of church missionary effort almost all the people in both countries are illiterate;
3. "The subsidized state church has cooperated with the government completely in keeping the people subservient."

The subsidized state church in these colonies, as in the mother country, Portugal, is the Roman Catholic Church.

Under the 1940 missionary agreement between the Portuguese government and the Vatican, according to Blanshard, Catholic missions were to be supported out of public revenue in Angola and Mozambique.

No Protestant missions receive any public funds, Blanshard continued. There is quiet and concerted opposition to the progress of Protestant missions. Some Protestant missionaries are permitted to enter because of old treaties which Portugal has made with various nations.

(The Methodist Church of the United States has missionaries in Angola, but neither Southern nor American Baptists have.)

"There is not the same outright suppression of non-Catholic faiths in Angola and Mozambique that there is in Spanish territory under Franco. Under the Portuguese system Protestant churches are actually allowed to operate officially in buildings which look like churches. In Spain this privilege is refused," Blanshard added.

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North Carolina Nears
Special Fund Session

(4-14-61)

GREENSBORO, N. C. (BP)--North Carolina Baptists approached their special May 4 session here to decide whether to launch a \$45 million fund-raising campaign for Christian higher education.

The Committee on Advance Program for Colleges, headed by E. Norfleet Gardner of Henderson, N. C., recommended the convention vote to raise the \$45 million in a period ranging from three to 10 years.

If looked on favorably by the special convention, the first \$30 million would be raised through the affiliated churches in the first three years. "The committee

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believes the remainder...could be provided in some other plan to be decided by the convention at a later date," Gardner said.

The amounts going to various educational groups would be--to student work department, \$1 million; to Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, \$10 million; to Campbell College, Buies Creek, and Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, \$6 million apiece; to Meredith College, Raleigh, \$6 million, and to Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, and Wingate College, Wingate, \$5 million each.

As the special session here neared, opposition to the sum being sought was voiced. Opponents cited the many other pressing needs for support while admitting the urgent needs of the Baptist schools.

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Wayland Recaptures
Women's Cage Crown

(4-14-61)

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (BP)--Wayland College's Flying Queens crowned their women's basketball season in 1960-61 with the national woman's Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) tournament championship here.

The Queens from Plainview, Tex., defeated the team they most wanted to beat--Nashville (Tenn.) Business College--in the finals, 39-29. Last year, the Nashville team barred the door to Wayland winning the title.

Wayland, a Southern Baptist college, has won the national championship here five times in seven years. It once ran up a winning streak of well over 100 games before a defeat in a previous year's tournament here.

The Wayland squad planned to send seven of its members and its coach, Harley Redin, on a playing tour of Russia. Redin would coach the team, leaving within a few weeks after this year's tournament, made up of Wayland stars and outstanding players from other women's teams.

Another Baptist college entry in the tournament here, Arkansas state champion Ouachita College of Arkadelphia, fell in its first game. St. Louis downed the Tigerettes, 56-40.

Wayland College placed three girls on the all-tournament team, an honorary selection for outstanding play. They were Laura Switzer, Carla Lowry, and Glyna Masten.

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Church Loans Division
Employs Ohio Pastor

(4-14-61)

ATLANTA (BP)--Ohio pastor Roy F. Lewis of Sandusky has been employed by the church loans division of the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board.

The announcement was made by G. Frank Garrison of Atlanta, director of the division, who said Lewis would serve as an assistant to him in the precessing of loans to churches.

Lewis, a former accountant and office manager before serving as pastor, is a native of Orlando, Fla. He was educated at Jones Business College, Jacksonville, Fla., and at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

During service with the Navy from 1950-53, he received a diploma from the neuropsychiatric technician's school in Philadelphia.

His business experience was with a car rental firm, a public accountant office, and an insurance agency.

As a pastor, Lewis has ministered to congregations at Napoleon and at Sandusky, Ohio, where he is pastor of the Westside Baptist Church.

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The loans division presently has in force approximately \$8-1/2 million in loans, for the most part in the pioneer areas of Southern Baptist work in the northern and western sections of the United States.

The denomination recently provided for the expansion of this phase of work by appropriating \$4 million to the division through its mission budget, the Cooperative Program. The funds are spread over the years 1959-1963.

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Nigeria Demonstrates
Baptist Peace Effort

(4-14-61)

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (BP)--Returning from a tour of several nations, a United Nations executive here observed Southern Baptists are advancing would peace through their programs of human uplift.

Mrs. Grace Holmes Barbey of UNICEF (which stands for United Nations Children's Fund) credited missionaries with helping to pioneer health, education and welfare services now being conducted in underdeveloped countries.

Her organization helps to coordinate these services.

She reported effective work done by missionaries in Nigeria as an example. This country, which recently gained its independence, has long been a Southern Baptist Convention field of service.

Accompanying their preaching of the gospel with its message of spiritual uplift, Southern Baptist missionaries in Nigeria have helped uplift the Nigerians physically.

The SBC Foreign Mission Board says a huge total of 85,710 pupils are enrolled in Baptist elementary schools in that country. These schools now are owned and financed by the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

Baptists support a child welfare and maternity center, where expectant mothers are taught and are cared for during childbirth. In Nigeria, half of the children die before they are a year old. Another one-fourth die before the age of 5. Baptist child care tries to help children survive this high death-rate period.

Perhaps the experience of Southern Baptist missionary Aletha Fuller exemplifies what Mrs. Barbey of the United Nations Children's Fund meant. Of a case in the Ibadan, Nigeria Baptist Hospital, the missionary said:

"I saw a 14-year-old boy who had tuberculosis of the spine come into our hospital for treatment. He had been studying witchcraft on the side. He became a Christian.

"After doing all we could for him medically, we found it necessary to send him to a specialist at the teaching hospital in Ibadan. The boy was paralyzed from the waist down.

"After a long and tedious operation, the surgeon said he could never walk again. I heard Christian hospital employees plead for him in prayer. Months later I saw this boy walking to church, assisted only by a stick in one hand. He had paddled his own canoe to come."

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Note to Editors:

(4-14-51)

Baptist Press will carry a series of informative articles on the programs of several Convention agencies which will be presented at St. Louis for adoption. While earlier news items have explained these would be acted on there, it is felt these informative articles may help a reader better understand what is taking place.--
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Agency Aims To Help
Develop Christian Life

By the Baptist Press

The objective of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, as proposed in a forthcoming manual, is to help Baptists lead a more effective Christian life.

To guide Southern Baptists in this, the commission will have a program of Christian morality development. It will emphasize Christian social ethics through literature, conferences, polls and a mail-answering service from its office in Nashville, Tenn.

The statement of objective and program of the commission are found in a report which will be presented to messengers attending the 1961 Southern Baptist Convention at St. Louis. The vote will come when the Convention's Executive Committee makes its report.

The vote will be on whether to include this description of the Christian Life Commission in the new agency manual being drafted through the Executive Committee. The agency manual will, in time, have descriptions of each SBC agency in it.

Other matter pertaining to the Christian Life Commission includes special assistance by it to groups interested in (1) world peace, (2) counseling and guidance and (3) human welfare.

It provides observers at United Nations. In a newer phase of responsibility it aids state Baptist groups interested in the care of children, the care of unwed mothers and the care of the aged.

It stresses among Southern Baptists the importance of world peace to the propagation of the gospel, serving as a central information source for this field in the denomination.

The commission should work, the report states, with other SBC agencies and with state Baptist agencies. It should not work directly with churches, except on invitation to conduct demonstration conferences. In states where it has no state Christian life group with which to work, it may work with associations and churches through printed media.

The objective of the agency, stated in full, contains these words:

"The Christian Life Commission shall assist Southern Baptists in the propagation of the gospel by (1) helping Southern Baptists to become more aware of the ethical implications of the Christian gospel with regard to such aspects of daily living as family life, human relations, moral issues, economic life and daily work, citizenship, and related fields; and by (2) helping them create, with God's leadership and by His grace, the kind of moral and social climate in which the Southern Baptist witness for Christ will be most effective. This emphasis in the field of applied Christianity is to be pursued with the full awareness that the chief concern of the Christian Life Commission is in the area of Christian social ethics which is understood to mean the application of Christian principles in every day living."

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Folks and Facts.....

(4-14-61)

.....The 14th Workshop in Fund-Raising offered by the school of education of Syracuse University will be held at the Chautauqua Center on Lake Chautauqua, N. Y., July 17-28. Bernard P. Taylor, executive director of the Penn State Foundation, University Park, Pa., will direct the two-week workshop. The workshop is a non-credit course open to interested individuals in educational administration and fund-raising. (BP)

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.....Jess Moody, pastor of First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky., resigned to accept pastorate of First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla., effective in early May. (BP)

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Simmons California's
Choice For Editor

(Picture available only by specific request due to last year's mailout.)

FRESNO, Calif. (BP)--J. Kelly Simmons has been elected to succeed Floyd Looney as editor of the California Southern Baptist, a weekly denominational newspaper here. He was to move to Fresno May 15.

Simmons has been serving for the past year as editor of the Rocky Mountain Baptist, published in Denver, Colo. Before that, he served two years as editor of the Baptist Beacon in Phoenix, Ariz.

All are published by state Baptist conventions in affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Looney resigned recently to become field worker for the Pacific coast area for the Annuity Board of the SBC. He has been giving some interim service to the editorship since his resignation however.

A native of Westminister, Tex., Simmons majored in journalism at Baylor University (Baptist) in Waco, Tex., and studied at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He was an Army chaplain during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star.

He was a reporter at one time for the Sherman, Tex., Daily Democrat and in pastoral work served churches in Texas and as an area missionary for denomination in Idaho and Arizona.

The election of Simmons by the California state Baptist executive board completes the filling of two top positions of leadership in the convention. Grady C. Cothen of Birmingham accepted the post of convention executive secretary recently.

The California Southern Baptist has a circulation of over 22,000. The Colorado paper has over 6000.

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.....The seventh annual Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists will assemble for a breakfast meeting at 6:30 Wednesday, May 24, in the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis. R. G. Lee, retired pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, will be main speaker. C. E. Autrey, Dallas, director of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, and missionary W. H. (Dub) Jackson of Tokyo, Japan, will also be on the program. (BP)

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Pastor Urges Spiritual Thrust Like Red Rockets

AMARILLO, Tex. (BP)--A Fort Worth pastor told 2,200 messengers to the annual Texas Baptist Sunday School Convention that a spiritual thrust comparable to the one that hurled Russia's first man into space is a necessary ingredient for fighting Communism.

James Coggin, pastor of the Travis Avenue Baptist Church of Fort Worth, said that the recent spectacular feat by the Russians "makes it clear that the world must soon choose between Communist dominion or Christian rededication."

"Khrushchev has said 'we will bury you.' The time has come," said Coggin, "for us to stand up and say that we shall continue to live under Christianity, and by the grace of God, so shall Khrushchev's grandchildren."

Messengers to the 31st annual Texas Baptist Sunday School Convention elected Bob Wideman, education director for the Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio, as president of the organization during its concluding session.

The convention voted to hold its next meeting in Fort Worth, April 17-19, in 1963. No Sunday School convention will be held next year. Under a new plan inaugurated last year, the Sunday School Convention now alternates with a state-wide Texas Baptist Training Union Convention.

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Wayland College Slates American Heritage Week

(4-14-61)

PLAINVIEW, Tex. (BP)--Wayland Baptist College launched its fifth annual American Heritage Week here with addresses by a Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent and by a businessman who has won three Freedoms Foundation awards for outstanding speeches.

Fern Stuckenbroeker, special agent for the FBI, and Dwayne Orton, editor of "Think" magazine and educational consultant for International Business Machines, are principal speakers for the five-day program.

The school also presented a merit award to Grady Goodpasture, a Wayland trustee and businessman from Brownfield, Tex., for outstanding service to Christian education through helping to provide scholarships, education facilities for area churches, and for his "generous gifts" to Wayland.

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Baylor Drama Director Gets Theatrical Award

(4-14-61)

DALLAS (BP)--Paul Baker, famed director of the Baylor University drama department, has been presented the first annual Rodgers and Hammerstein award as the person who made the greatest contribution to the theater in the Southwest during 1960.

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Baker received the \$1,000 cash award and the bronze medallion in a presentation in Dallas by Stanley Marcus, chairman of the awards committee and head of Dallas' Neiman-Marcus department store.

The award cited Baker for his "outstanding work in the experimental theater in the Southwest."

Baker was one of 14 persons nominated for the award in the fields of acting, writing, direction and production in community, college and commercial theater.

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Wayland Offers Ten
New Scholarships

(4-14-61)

PLAINVIEW, Tex. (BP)--Wayland Baptist College is offering ten new \$200 academic scholarships to the highest scorers on entrance examinations here.

Entering freshman who take the American College Testing Examination will be competing for the highest scores which will determine the winners of the ten \$200 scholarships.

The new scholarships will be granted in addition to regular \$300 valedictorian-salutatorian scholarships offered by the college, said Dean Maurice J. Sharp.

Wayland also offers \$300 tuition scholarships to the highest ranking Baptist man and woman in each graduating class certified by their high school principal.

The entrance examinations will be given at Wayland on April 22 or at a later date to be arranged with the dean, said Sharp.

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Baptist Youth Named
Dallas Teenager of Year

(4-14-61)

DALLAS (BP)--An 18-year old Baptist youngster who plans to enter the ministry has been named "Teen-Ager of the Year" by the Dallas Optimist Club here.

Bobby Menton, who teaches a Sunday School class at Colonial Baptist Church here, was picked to receive the award out of a group of ten youngsters who were named Dallas "Teenagers of the Month" during 1960.

Menton received a \$1,000 college scholarship, an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for himself and his father, and a large trophy.

A senior in a Dallas high school, Menton will enter East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, Tex., next fall where he will study for the ministry.

Already a licensed preacher, Menton is a counselor for the Colonial Baptist Church's Royal Ambassador chapter and is president of his Training Union.

A Samuell High School, he maintains a "B" average while serving as a director of the Key Club, member of the Concert Choir, the Art Club, school newspaper staff, and president of his homeroom. He was a starter on the school's city championship football team and has participated in track every year since junior high school.

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Folks and facts.....

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.....David P. Conley, contract music theory professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, has been elected by the seminary's board of trustees as assistant professor of theory. (BP)

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Wayland Flying Queens
Wing Way To Russia

By The Baptist Press

Seven tall girls---members of Wayland Baptist College's famed Flying Queens basketball team---winged their way to Russia to compete against the top women's basketball teams in the Soviet Union.

The Wayland girls were picked as members of the United States Womens Basketball team after winning their sixth Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) championship in St. Joseph, Mo.

Harley J. Redin, athletic director at Wayland College in Plainview, Tex., is coach of the U.S. championship team, composed of five All America girl basketball players from other colleges and the seven Wayland girls.

The team's toughest opponent, the USSR National Team, met the girls in their first match in Moscow. The U.S. girls had three days of practice under new rules--International Men's Rules--under which the Russian women play regularly.

Coach Redin said that many of the women on the Russian team are 30 to 35 years of age and are professional basketball stars. All of the U.S. team members are college students.

The girls play against the Russians on eight occasions during the four weeks, meeting the USSR National Junior Team in Kiev, the Ukrainian National team in Tbilisi, the Georgian National team, the Latvian National team in Leningrad, and the Russian Federation National champs.

The trip to Russia is sponsored by the United States department of state as an exchange program with the Soviet Union. Last year the USSR National champs toured the United States and didn't lose a single game.

An all-star men's team picked from AAU teams throughout the United States accompanied the women's team, competing against the Russian men's basketball champs.

Wayland Baptist College girls who made the trip include three All-Americans--Carla Lowry of Forest, Miss., Glynna Masten of Sudan, Tex., and Laura Switzer of McLean, Tex.; and also Gay Ivey of Texico, N.M., Cindy Shelton of Avoca, Tex.; Nelda Smith of Emerson, Ark.; and Betty Scott of Tonkawa, Okla.

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New Mexico Trades
For New Airplane

(4-14-61)

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (BP)--The executive board of Baptist Convention of New Mexico voted here to buy a 1961 four-place, single-engine airplane to replace a four-year-old model.

The older plane had flown 100,000 miles on convention business. Harry P. Stagg of Albuquerque, convention executive secretary, has a pilot's license; so does Joe Carl Johnson of Albuquerque, director of missions for the state.

Truett Sheriff and Ed E. Storm Jr. from the convention staff here are taking flying lessons. Sheriff is director of Baptist student work and Storm is associate in the Sunday School department.

The board elected Milburn R. Moore, minister of education-music, First Baptist Church, Childress, Tex., as associate in the Training Union-music department. He succeeds Miss Evelyn T. Watson, who recently resigned.

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World Premier Slated
For Moscow Church Film

FORT WORTH (BP)--The world premier of "Report From Moscow," a filmed presentation of worship services in the only Baptist church in the capital city of Russia, has been held at the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission office here.

Filmed by the National Broadcasting Company religious program unit in cooperation with the Baptist Radio-TV Commission, the special report on church life in Moscow will be presented on the NBC-TV network Sunday, May 7 from a Fort Worth TV station, WBAP-TV.

Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio-TV Commission who helped film the Russian church services, said that most of Moscow's churches are closed or have been turned into museums.

The Moscow Baptist Church, where six typical services were filmed for the 30-minute documentary, is one of 5,400 Baptist churches in the Soviet Union. There are more than 500,000 Baptists in Russia.

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Folks and facts.....

(4-14-61)

.....E. Leslie Carlson, professor of Old Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, has been invited by the American Schools of Oriental Research in Jerusalem to be guest lecturer for the academic year of 1961-62. (BP)

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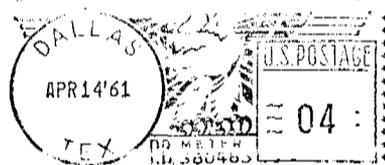
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.....Fred D. Howard, head of the Bible department of Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., has authored a commentary on "The Gospel of Matthew," published by Baker Book House of Grand Rapids, Mich. The book will be released May 15. (BF)

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