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"MY CHURCH - A MILITANT BODY" (Matt. 16:18)  
RAMSEY POLLARD, PRESIDENT SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Southern Baptists are happy to meet in the great city of St. Louis. We remember that on other momentous occasions we have enjoyed your gracious hospitality.

We live in a world of staggering events and in a world made numb by the impact of these events. Thoughtful minds are desperately seeking a ray of light and hope. A shaken world is nothing new and history is a series of earthquakes. We seek an adequate answer to appalling conditions.

A militant New Testament Church is the enduring answer. The regenerating power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is our ultimate hope. That, and that alone, can change hearts of men and the hearts of men must be changed if civilization is to endure.

This is no time for timidity in proclaiming the Gospel of redemption. This is no time for compromise for the sake of expediency and creating what some people call "a good image". The day calls for a militant church, a church on fire and a church with conviction. No church worthy of bearing the name of Jesus Christ will make peace terms with evil and oppression. We must have courage enough to be unpopular if our cause is right.

We must not lose our spirit of conquest. We must not allow our morale to plunge into the sea of defeatism. Southern Baptists are a great people and we must maintain a spirit of courageous optimism. You don't build great seminaries and universities on foundations of fear. Great churches are grown by those who can see the invisible - they trust God and move out into larger programs.

In all the despair and uncertainty prevailing in the world it will do us good to hear the words of the poet:

"God reigns, His is the day  
And night of hates and storms of wrath pass away.

Love reigns, here are the years and the age of peace  
And kindness shall banish fears.

Truth reigns - God is on high and the pride of kings  
And lust of things are doomed to die."

God has not abdicated His throne and we are to take courage in the fact that we serve a living Savior. Don't count God out as you look upon a world of sin and hate. Nothing is ever settled until God is through with it. There are certain matters which confront us. They are important and a militant church must have something to say about such matters. We must not allow those who disagree with us to muzzle great truths by crying "bigotry, persecution and narrowness" whenever we stand for the right.

Here are some questions we face - they are not new:

Some are proudly proclaiming "The Religious Issue is dead". May I suggest that you read the papers. Listen to the impassioned plea of the Roman Catholic hierarchy demanding federal funds for the support of their church related schools. Our nation faces danger from without and within. It may be that the gravest of the two is the danger of losing our religious freedom because of a breakdown of the wall of separation of church and state.

Someone says, "But Mr. Kennedy is against giving tax monies to religious schools". All of us appreciate the stand our President has taken. However, don't be gullible enough to think that the battle is over. Our President has shown evidence of courage and conviction in the midst of unrelenting pressure on the part of his church. It will never give up in its efforts to dip its hands into the treasuries of all nations. There are several back doors thru which the hierarchy seeks to enter. It is interesting to note that several of these doors are held open by those who ought to know better. Politics makes strange "bed-fellows". It is a tragic day when people put party loyalty above their devotion to the foundation stones of our nation.

Baptists believe in religious liberty for all men everywhere. We would not lift one finger to deprive our Roman Catholic friends of the right to preach and their beliefs to the ends of the earth. We defend their right to  
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do so and we demand the same for ourselves and others. However, the Roman Catholic Church should pay its own way. The Protestant and Baptist churches should do likewise. Let us not weaken our cherished position by grasping after Federal loans, grants and other "harmless benefits". We will discover in the years to come that such help has cost more than we anticipated. All of our churches have sufficient resources to take care of our needs. If we will not provide the funds to operate our hospitals, schools and churches, we ought not to have them.

It is not our inability to provide the funds necessary for such institutions it is our poor sense of stewardship. Our schools and hospitals are worthy of our support only as they ultimately seek to win people to Jesus Christ. That is primary. Jesus said, "I came to seek and save that which was lost". We do not have, and no one else has, the right to use the tax money of the atheist to glorify God. We have no right to use the tax dollar of the Jew to "preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified". A militant New Testament Church will provide funds for its work. It will not dishonor Christ by seeking government handouts.

The Cooperative Program is a gift of God to Southern Baptists. We would be guilty of sinning against a lost world if we minimized the importance of this all-inclusive and comprehensive method of carrying out the great commission. It is heartening to know that plans are being made to teach our people concerning the world-wide ministry of Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program. We know that many Southern Baptists are not informed, and many mis-informed, concerning the Cooperative Program. While we are not to worship our method of carrying the Gospel to the world it behooves us to give our people all of the facts and when they know the truth we are assured of a proper response. It is indeed encouraging to know that last year Southern Baptists set a new record in gifts to the Cooperative Program. This is also true of the two special offerings for our Foreign and Home mission work.

Some questions have been raised regarding the wisdom of continuing the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions and the Annie Armstrong offering for Home Missions. Some have pointed out that these offerings may hurt the Cooperative Program. I feel that we must not place any blame on these two special offerings. It is my considered judgment that these mission offerings undergird and strengthen the Cooperative Program. It is quite possible that in some cases a church does not use good judgment in over-emphasizing such special offerings, but on the whole the churches which give liberally to the special offerings are the ones which magnify the Cooperative Program. Let us give our people light. Let them see what God hath wrought through our combined efforts.

A new generation has come upon the scene since the Cooperative Program was born. They know nothing of the chaotic conditions which prevailed during those days when every board, commission, school and orphan's home made its separate appeal. Therefore, it is imperative that we give our people the challenging truths of what their support of the Cooperative Program means to the work of the Kingdom. In the days of the multiplicity of special offerings the picture and need of every phase of our work was indelibly printed upon the minds and hearts of the individual. We must let our people know and feel today's needs. We must personalize the Cooperative Program. If we are not careful it will become a cold piece of denominational machinery. We must see the schools, hospitals, the orphan's homes, the missionaries and all the other work we do through the Cooperative Program.

Christian Education - The very future of our denomination is anchored to our colleges, universities and seminaries. We must have an intelligent and dedicated leadership and we must look to our institutions of learning for such leadership.

We want our schools to be unashamedly Christian, and we want them to be Baptist without apology. Southern Baptists are a people of The Book and if we depart from the Word of God we are asking for trouble. I agree with Dr. Charles M. Howard who declared at the recent Florida Evangelistic Conference:

"We Baptists have been known as the people of The Book. Oh, may God help us to keep it so. I've been a teacher in our colleges for 25 years - I've suffered for our colleges. Don't say I criticize them - we've got to have our colleges - more of them and better ones. But if you want to pray a prayer that needs praying, ask God to keep our schools close to "The Book". Oh, may God help us to see that the word of God is the way to get people born again, preaching and teaching and living the Word of God."

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Thank God for this good man and his pungent statement. Verily, he spoke the truth and hundreds of Bible believing, Bible teaching and Christ honoring teachers will enthusiastically say "Amen". A school is judged by its products and if any school, anywhere, by any name, fosters modernism, infidelity, unbelief and unrighteousness let that school and the guilty parties repent of sin!

"If the vat be unclean, that which comes out will be sour".

In many places our schools are seeking to raise millions of dollars for enlargement and endowment. This is good and proper and Baptists must not expect our schools to make brick without straw. One thing which would immeasurably aid in these campaigns for huge funds is a continued confidence that our schools will stay by the Book. Otherwise, Baptist's money, yea, the Lord's money, is wasted.

Evangelism - a militant church is a seeking church. It is an evangelistic church. Compassion will be the dominant spirit in the pulpit and in the pew. Its music program will be saturated with a spirit of yearning for the lost souls of men. Now, evangelism is not all - but without evangelism all else becomes hollow mockery. Without the spirit of evangelism our churches will take refuge in cold and barren ritualism and formality.

Evangelism cannot exist without the thrust of conviction. We must believe something. If we do not believe in the divine nature of Christ there is no reason to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God". If we trample the shed blood of Christ beneath unbelieving feet there is no purpose in singing "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood". Mighty convictions concerning the great fundamental truths of the Christian religion must flood our souls. Let us pay no attention to those who cry narrowness and point the finger of scorn and ridicule into our faces.

(Eph. 4:14) "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."

Evangelism has made Southern Baptists what we are. If we lose the urgency of Christ in winning lost souls we seal our own doom. We will be making the first step in our funeral march. A militant church will lose its power and glory when it degenerates into a social club.

Southern Baptists have a program of evangelism. I believe God gave it to us. The results of recent years bear eloquent testimony that it was not born of man's wisdom but of the Holy Spirit.

The greatest curse in today's battle is the lack of compassionate preaching. We may know a great deal, we may have comfortable church buildings, we may have money in the treasury and we may have the finest recreational program in the land, but if our hearts are cold, if we allow the fire of evangelism to turn to the ashes of mere religion we are walking in paths which lead to our ultimate destruction.

We hear of mighty plans for a great evangelistic campaign in Japan. May I urge you to pray for this effort. The Foreign Mission Board is to be commended for its zeal in evangelism. It is not enough to build schools and hospitals in foreign lands. Evangelism must be in the front line trenches of our world-wide conquest. The Home Mission Board is majoring on evangelism. That is the real purpose of establishing new churches throughout our nation.

Evangelism is not optional for a militant New Testament Church. It is a "must". Evangelism is our Savior's marching order and to forsake this command is to commit treason against Christ and a lost world. We must not allow "intellectual snobbery and pride" to kill our spirit of concern and compassion.

"It is not by might nor by power but by my spirit, saith the Lord".

We must recapture our sense of dependence upon the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit power is essential. We are weak but He is strong. We cannot convict men of sin, especially the sin of rejecting Christ. That is the work of the Holy Spirit. Whenever we depend on eloquence we fail. When we depend on clever reviews of current problems we wallow in the mud of defeatism and impotency. Every God-called preacher knows what I am talking about. We cannot preach, really preach, unless we are anointed with power from on high.

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Thank God, everyone of us can have this heavenly power if we want it. When we are willing to be filled we can stand in our pulpits with the consciousness that we are not alone.

Porter Routh, our beloved Executive Secretary, wrote a letter recently in which he urged that we not substitute organization for Holy Spirit leadership and power. Now I believe that our denominational servants are men and women who honor the Holy Spirit. There seems to be some who take the attitude that everything coming from Nashville is tainted with "machinery and organization". Let us remember that the Holy Spirit is in Nashville and that the folk there are just as concerned and consecrated as anyone else in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Let us go back to our fields of service with a determination to be soul winners. Let us go with the consciousness that "we are laborers together with God".

God help us to quit playing in the wading pools and plunge out into the deep!

Lead your people to support every cause so dear to our Savior's heart. We are in a big business. Our partnership is with God.

The world needs Christ and He is depending on us to carry His message of love and redemption to all men everywhere.

Let us pray that our lives will be surrendered to the leadership of God. God help us to lean hard on the Spirit for power - power to live - power to preach!

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I DREAMED ABOUT THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM . . .

Merrill D. Moore

Merrill D. Moore is executive director-treasurer of the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, the newest Convention agency, which became fully operative January 1, 1961. For thirteen years Dr. Moore was a member of the staff of the Executive Committee of the Convention serving as director of promotion, later stewardship promotion secretary. He studied at Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor of the First Church, Selma, Alabama, First Church, Newport, Tennessee, and Immanuel Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

This message is a part of the presentation of the first report of the new Stewardship Commission which will be made on Tuesday evening.

Harold G. Sanders, pastor, First Church Tallahassee, Florida, is chairman of the Commission.

Have you ever had a terrible, torturous dream?

I dreamed the Cooperative Program was dead. A church officer had said, "We are giving enough to the Cooperative Program now. It is just one cause of the many to which we are called upon to give. When all the needs in our church are met, we can think of increasing our donation to this cause. But, we must think first of our own needs."

In fancy I dreamed that the Cooperative Program was dead. I dreamed that a church financial report indicated, "We have paid all salaries, all obligations, and all commitments, except we are a few months behind in our Cooperative Program.

I dreamed the Cooperative Program was dead. I dreamed that a missionary said, "We received this benefit from this particular offering." He was confident that his hearers also understood that they, through the Cooperative Program, had helped to make possible his education in college and seminary; provided his transportation to the mission field; and paid his salary regularly every month. But his hearers had not been told clearly and did not understand.

I dreamed that the Cooperative Program was dead. One more person had said, "This one additional special offering is indispensable this year. It is not to come from the tithes of the people, but over and above. This designated offering is so important that it will not hurt, but rather help the Cooperative Program."

I dreamed the Cooperative Program was dead. A church member had said, "Why should we be concerned about increasing the percentage of our total budget going to missions through the Cooperative Program? Last year, while we did not increase the percentage, we did increase the number of dollars given through the Cooperative Program. They ought to be satisfied with that."

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The church had done this. At the same time, the local budget was increased so greatly that the percentage of the total given through the Cooperative Program was actually reduced.

I dreamed that the Cooperative Program was dead. Newspapers reported that hundreds of missionaries had been terminated because there were no Cooperative Program funds to pay their salaries, and added, "Southern Baptists desired to bring them home to work in this land, but there were no Cooperative Program funds for their transportation."

I dreamed that the Cooperative Program was dead. Our pastor reported, "We are sorry. There is no channel for a part of your tithe to go regularly for the support of all our work. Every cause must now rely on field representatives to speak in each of the more than 30,000 churches and take an offering. For four Sundays we have had in our pulpit a representative from a board, institution, or agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, or a representative of one of the causes fostered by our state convention and we have taken an offering for each. For the next six months, someone is scheduled to be in our pulpit each Sunday to present a different cause and take an offering. This is not best, but we no longer have a Cooperative Program. The Cooperative Program is dead."

Yes, I dreamed that the Cooperative Program was dead. I dreamed that I stood in a needy mission field where hundreds of thousands knew not the Lord and there was no one to tell them. Missionaries had labored there for a while, but progress was very slow. Some were beginning to see the light. Southern Baptists were concerned and cared. They sent gifts which built a small hospital where devoted Christian doctors and nurses helped to heal the bodies and told of the Great Physician who also longs to be Saviour. A small but neat and serviceable chapel had also been built with those gifts of love.

But on this night there was no missionary doctor. There was no missionary nurse. There was no missionary preacher. There were no Cooperative Program funds to pay for their support. Buildings were vacant where it was intended that missionaries should be telling of Jesus' love. As the last of the missionaries had departed with great heaviness of heart, the voices of little children were heard a block away, "Come back teacher, please come back!" But the Cooperative Program was dead.

"Why does not the area secretary or the executive secretary see that some adjustment in personnel is made for this place of need?" I cried.

I heard a voice saying, "There is no area secretary and no executive secretary to give assistance. There are few missionaries in all the forty lands and none to step into this breach. The Cooperative Program is dead."

I dreamed. With a start I awakened to find I had been turning fitfully in agonized sleep. Perspiration stood on my forehead and on my hands. Like Jeremiah, "For the hurt . . . of my people am I hurt; . . . astonishment hath taken hold on me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? . . ." (Jeremiah 8: 21-22)

I had awakened. I found that the Cooperative Program was alive--very much alive! For I heard a pastor say, "The first task of our church is missions. When you bring the tithe to the Lord's treasury, the church first takes the agreed-upon portion and sends it to our state convention office for the support of all missions. From that, our state executive secretary first takes the agreed-upon portion and sends it to the Southern Baptist Convention's treasurer in Nashville where it is divided among our agencies and institutions to share Christ with the whole world."

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I DREAMED ABOUT THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM . . .

I found that the Cooperative Program is alive--very much alive! I heard one church member say, "It is not the number of dollars we give through the Cooperative Program that reveals the missionary measure of our church. It is rather the proportion that Cooperative Program gifts bear to total gifts, which more accurately measures our missionary spirit."

The Cooperative Program is alive--very much alive! Colleges and seminaries are training young people, many of them for pastoral and missionary service, because Southern Baptists are giving regularly through the Cooperative Program. Missionaries say, "We are able to work in this field and in these buildings because Southern Baptists give regularly each week through the Cooperative Program for our salaries and support." Children say, "We are glad you came back, teacher. Now tell us more about Jesus."

The Cooperative Program is alive--very much alive! Is it not then important that every Southern Baptist be aroused to the realization of this truth: The Cooperative Program is the best plan ever devised for the regular support of all our work?

The best way to give to missions is through the Cooperative Program!

Thank God the Cooperative Program is alive! And I want to have a part in seeing that it is very much alive.

Don't you?

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For Information

Ministers Wives Conference will be held Wednesday afternoon May 24th at 3:30 o'clock in the Opera House, Kiel Auditorium, with tea following. A change in place for the tea is announced by Mrs. Sterling Price, Chairman of Local Arrangements. The tea will be held at 4:45 at the Christ Church Cathedral, 1210 Locust, Letmore Hall. Mrs. Frank Kellogg, President of the Baptist Ministers Wives of St. Louis, will have charge of decorations and serving.



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### POAU HEAD APPEALS TO KENNEDY AND CONGRESS ON SCHOOL AID

Voters of every faith should warn their Congressmen and President Kennedy as well against "any deal with any church which would provide Federal aid to sectarian schools under the guise of promoting science or national defense," Glenn L. Archer urged at a session of the huge Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis today. "President Kennedy should also speak out against any such deal," said Mr. Archer.

Speaking at the Pastors' Conference in Kiel Auditorium at 8 p.m., Mr. Archer who is the executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, warned that "the principal danger to church-state separation in proposals now before Congress seems to lie in the attempts to include benefits for sectarian schools in the extension of the Defense Education Act. The public will not be duped into believing that we have to subsidize church schools in order to advance the teaching of science, mathematics and foreign languages," he added.

"Our Congressmen must be urged to stand fast for the American tradition which has wisely denied public funds for church support. Our state laws are quite specific in their prohibition of the use of public funds for church schools. The Supreme Court has consistently interpreted the First Amendment in this light. To repudiate that principle now will mean the beginning of the end of our great public school system and the importation of the religious strife that has cursed Europe from time immemorial.

"American Protestants wrote into our fundamental laws those principles which were designed to keep our nation strong by separating church and state with a financial wall. Protestants rejected the European idea of state-supported religion. Now certain propagandists are trying to blot out the meaning of that history and pretend that clerics have always had a constitutional

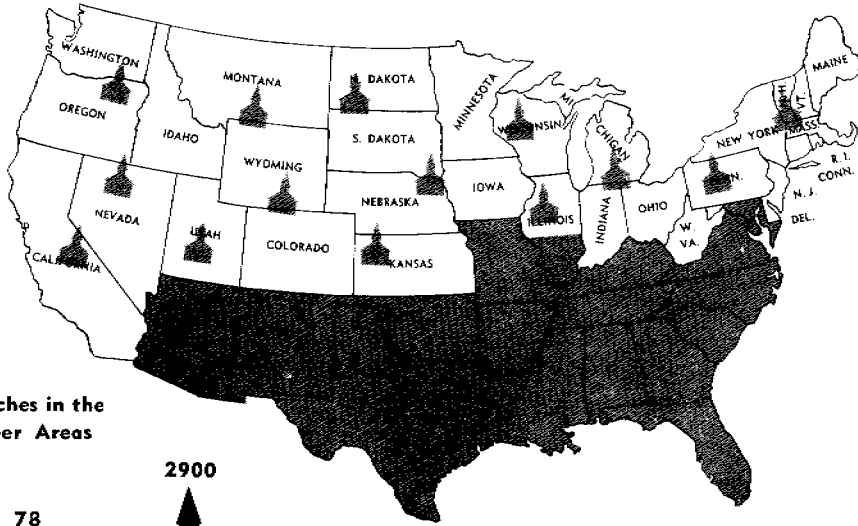
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right to dip their hands into the public treasury. They are even using our slogans of freedom to disguise their quest for special privilege....

Protestants who believe in self-government inside and outside their churches have voted to accept the American public school as an instrument for educating the peoples' children regardless of creed.... In this critical hour we need to defend it with every ounce of devotion and energy. This basic factor in the American way of life is now being challenged by a church whose policies are created in Europe....and which is committed throughout the world to a demand for public revenue to sustain its institutions."



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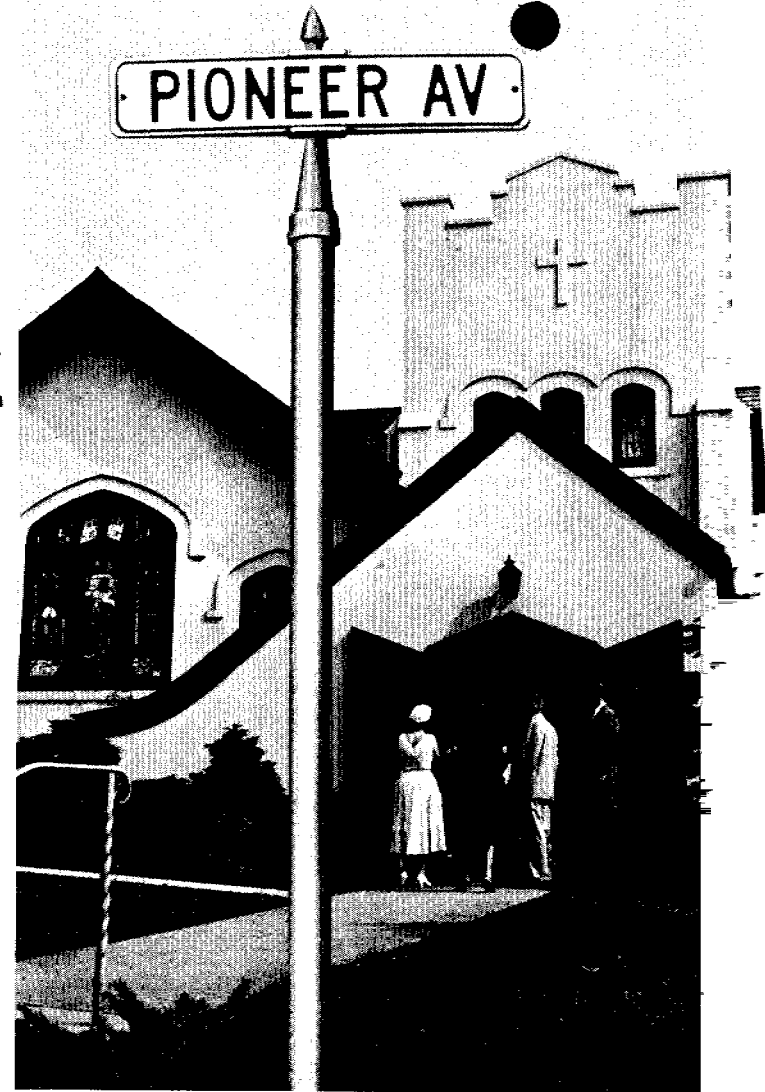
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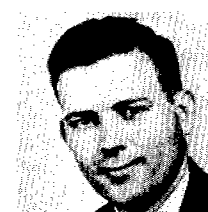
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ST. LOUIS, May 23--The suggestion that religious educators may be developing too many chiefs and not enough Indians was made by a seminary president as he spoke to the sixth annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association Monday night.

"We never get beyond the point of being basic laborers," said Robert E. Naylor, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Speaking on the theme of the meeting, "Laborers Together With God," Naylor climaxed the day's program at Third Baptist Church.

Earlier, John Drakeford, a professor at Southwestern Seminary, discussed with the educators the psychological factors in the development of their personality. He pointed out the mixture of motives involved in a person's response to a call to the ministry, outlined six vocational neuroses of the ministry, and gave the important personality characteristics of religious work.

"The hallmark of mature leadership," said Drakeford, "is the capacity to look ahead and project oneself into the future."

Professional discussions and election of officers were the features on Tuesday's concluding agenda.

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TUESDAY P. M.  
Walker Knight

ST. LOUIS, May 23--A national radio preacher speaking to an annual meeting of Southern Baptist women here called for a "mass bombing" to soften the world's population for the message of Christianity.

Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City and featured speaker on the Baptist Hour radio program, said, "By means of mass communication we can preach the gospel to the multitudes as to make the missionary's work more effective."

Hobbs, who is mentioned prominently as the next president of the Southern Baptist Convention opening here tonight, suggested Baptists add radio, television, and the printing press to their present program.

"The military strategist knows that to have an objective you must first 'soften it up' by mass bombing," he added. "If men use such methods to sell gadgets and to achieve military victory, surely we should do so."

Hobbs was the closing speaker at the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, in the opera house of Kiel Auditorium. More than 3,000 women attended.

He said such methods would not mean less missionaries and did not call for a reversal of strategy.

"An army does not take an objective from the air," he said. "It weakens the enemy's will to resist, so that the ground troops can achieve the objective. By means of mass communication we can so preach the gospel to the multitudes as to make the missionary's work more effective."