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### Baylor Surgeons Transplant Heart Valves from the Dead

HOUSTON (BP)--Surgeons from the Baylor University College of Medicine here have successfully transplanted heart valves from the bodies of dead persons to living patients.

Termed by one of the doctors as "a life-saving measure for people who could not live without properly functioning valves," the new procedure has been tried with success on at least four patients.

It marks the first time that a moving part of the body has been transplanted from the dead to the living successfully. Previous transplants have only worked with arteries and the cornea of the eye.

Under the procedure developed by the Baylor surgeons, heart valves are taken from young people killed in accidents and transplanted immediately to patients with defective valves.

The damaged valves are left in place in the heart during the transplant, and the new valves from a donor are placed in the main artery that carries blood from the heart.

A young surgeon in charge of the project at the Baptist medical college here warned that the technique is not adaptable to all patients with damaged valves, and that it corrects only about 70 per cent of the leakage caused by defective valves.

The Baylor surgeons could not explain why the transplanted valves were not rejected. They added, however, they suspect the valves do not remain as living tissues even though they function properly.

In the case of artery transplants which have been successful for quite some time, the arteries function only as tubes to carry the blood, but are not living tissue.

The Baylor surgeons believe artificial valves made of plastic may be used in the future, and that the ideal situation would be to replace defective heart valves with artificial ones.

The Harris County Medical Society rules prohibit publication of the names of the surgeons.

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Nida Says Civil War  
Loss Blessed SBC

(3-23-62)

SAN ANTONIO (BP)--"The loss of the Civil War by the South actually blessed Southern Baptists," an American Bible Society executive told Southern Baptist language missions leaders here.

Eugene Nida of New York, secretary of the translation department for the Bible Society, made the statement in discussing communicating the gospel across cultural barriers.

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He was stressing the characteristics of minority groups and said, "after the Civil War Southern Baptists were a minority group with all the characteristics of such groups. All minority groups have a strong sense of identification which gives them a sense of belonging."

"The Civil War loss tended to isolate Southern Baptists and strengthened their minority complex," he added. "Even though you are now a majority you have carried along your minority feelings, this sense of belonging. It has aided your work, especially in the northern area of the nation."

Nida, a linguistic and cultural expert, was speaking to the annual conference on Language Groups Ministries sponsored by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. It was attended by leaders in this work from state Baptist conventions.

He warned Baptists against assuming that because programs worked well in an Anglo church they were musts for language groups. He classified both American and Southern Baptists as being movement and program conscious.

Such consciousness, he said, was suitable for the "faceless" society of the United States but not for the "face-to-face" cultures of Latin America and many other countries.

"We over-stress the method because we think in terms of mass communication, where most language groups communicate from individual to individual," he said.

"If we err anywhere it is in spending so much time on the message, we fail to preach the Bible to men in the context of their needs and culture."

He asked the denomination to learn from other successful missionary groups who have built indigenous churches by emphasizing the scriptures, the work of the Holy Spirit, healing, and the training of leadership within the culture through apprenticeship.

"Too often our services are lectures without warmth, portraying an ethic without feeling. We have rigid services with little opportunity for individual expression," he said.

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Doctor Gives Baylor  
\$54,530 For Loan Fund

(3-23-62)

HOUSTON (BP)--A 92-year-old Texas doctor devoted to helping others obtain a college education has given Baylor University College of Medicine here \$54,530 to set up a medical student loan fund.

The scholarship fund, to be known as the Johnson County Medical Memorial Loan Fund, will be available to third and fourth year medical students and to interns.

It was established by Dr. W. P. Ball of Cleburne, Tex., the oldest graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., who is still active in the medical practice. He had previously given \$175,000 for scholarship and loan funds at Baylor.

An 1892 graduate of Baylor University, Dr. Ball was the roommate of both S. P. Brooks and Pat M. Neff who later served as presidents of the Baptist school in Waco. Neff was also governor of Texas.

Dr. Ball, an active physician in Johnson County, Texas, since 1900, was honored in 1958 as "General Practitioner of the Year" by the Texas Medical Association.

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NBC-TV To Show Film  
On Baylor Surgery

HOUSTON (BP)--A tedious operation on a neck artery at the Baylor University College of Medicine here will be featured in a nation-wide television special on the National Broadcasting Company, Monday, April 23.

The program is the first of three special medical programs in the NBC-TV "Breakthrough" series.

Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, one of the founders of blood-vessel surgery and chairman of the surgery department for the Baptist medical school, will perform the operation during the television show.

The surgery will remove a block in a woman's neck artery that had reduced the flow of blood to her brain and caused a stroke.

Dr. DeBakey will show how the block is removed, and demonstrate how blood pressure on both sides of the block is measured before and after the operation.

The video-taped program will also show open-heart surgery at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, at the Georgetown Medical School in Washington, and at Presbyterian Medical Center of Stanford University, San Francisco.

Dr. J. Scott Butterworth, president of the American Heart Association, will appear on the program to give a progress report on the "breakthrough" in heart surgery.

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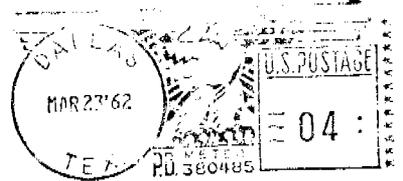
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.....Ed Billings, assistant professor of physical education at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., has received a Fullbright Grant for lecturing and research at the Government College of Physical Education in Lahore, West Pakistan. The university has 30 different colleges and more than 30,000 students. Billings is coach of the Wayland Pioneers, boys basketball team, and will coach and lecture in the graduate division of the university. (BP)

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### Church-State Problems Seen In Educational TV

WASHINGTON (BP)-- Church-state problems loom in the two bills passed by the House and the Senate to develop a program of educational television for the nation.

The Senate bill, passed last year, authorizes \$51 million in grants to the states for the development of educational television facilities.

Although the grants would be to state agencies responsible for the supervision of public schools, state educational television commissions, and state-controlled colleges or universities, these agencies would be permitted to distribute their grants to non-profit organizations concerned with educational television.

On the other hand the House bill, passed this year, authorizes \$25,520,000 in matching grants to the states. An amendment to the bill denies grants to educational facilities owned or operated by any non-profit organization other than one composed exclusively of public school and state-supported college officials or state educational television agencies.

Rep. Robert P. Griffin (R., Mich.) sponsor of the amendment, said the original language of the bill, which permitted grants to non-profit organizations composed of local civic, cultural and educational representatives, was unclear and might lead to abuse of the federal grant program.

He pointed out that the amendment did not curtail the operations of such groups but merely made them ineligible for aid.

If the House version prevails, church colleges and other private agencies would be ruled out of the federal program of aid to educational television. If the Senate bill is approved, church-related agencies would be eligible for funds to the extent permissible by state constitutions.

The current status of the educational television bills is that the House has appointed its conference committee, but the Senate has not yet done so. The chances are good that a conference committee may meet and that a bill may be agreed upon.

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### College Aid Bill Hits Church Snag

(3-23-62)

WASHINGTON (BP)-- President Kennedy expressed hope for the best out of the college aid bills passed by the Senate and House of Representatives but which have not yet been harmonized by a Conference Committee.

He said at his press briefing, "I hope that the conference will not give us the worst features of both but, rather, the best features of both, in the House and Senate bill."

In spite, however, of the President's hope for a college aid bill this year his program is in trouble in the House Rules Committee. Some of the committee members reportedly have decided to refuse to allow the bill to go to a House-Senate conference until they are given assurance the House version will prevail.

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It is also reported that certain key Senators have let it be known to the House that under no circumstances will they approve grants to church-related colleges. This throws the House and Senate into a deadlock that may kill the possibility of a college aid bill by the 87th Congress.

The House bill calls for \$1.5 billion in both loans and grants for the construction of classrooms, libraries, science laboratories and dormitories in public, private and church-controlled colleges.

The Senate version provides \$1.5 billion in loans only to four-year colleges, plus \$250 million in matching grants for junior colleges.

In addition, the Senate provided for 212,500 scholarships that would cost nearly \$600 million during the five-year period. This provision is bitterly opposed by the House.

Opposition to federal aid to church colleges has come from the administrative heads of some of those very schools.

Recently the presidents of 29 church-operated colleges wired Congress to express "absolute opposition jointly and individually" to federal aid for private and church-owned colleges and universities.

They claimed that such a move would "embark this country upon a radically new program and policy of support of privately endowed higher education, which will have devastating consequences to the individual institutions and therefore would prove inimical to the public interest."

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Food For Needy People  
Limited By Finances

(3-23-62)

WASHINGTON (BP)-- The distribution of American agricultural surpluses to needy people in the world through church channels and other private and public agencies is limited only by available funds, according to President John F. Kennedy.

The President was asked at his press conference why more American surpluses could not be made available to starving millions in the world by extending the Food for Peace program, larger distribution through church channels, and other agencies.

"I agree that we should always try to do more," the President said, "and in answer to your question, the reason is only the limitation of available funds. This food has to be bought, and it has to be appropriated for, and it has to come out of the taxpayers of the United States."

The President pointed out that the United States is giving away several billions of dollars worth of food, both through the Food for Peace program and through other programs of foreign aid.

The problem of using church agencies as tools of American foreign policy was not discussed by the President.

For several years the Government has made wide use of voluntary, private agencies in distributing relief to the world. Many of these are church-related organizations.

The International Cooperation Administration (ICA) provides a list of voluntary relief agencies that are registered with the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid. There are 56 such agencies on the list. Fully half of them are readily recognized as church-related agencies.

Baptists work through a variety of organizations. Most of the foreign mission boards of the Baptist groups have relief programs of their own carried on through their missionaries. The extent to which government resources are used for these efforts is not known.

The Baptist World Alliance has a world relief department. It works through Church World Service in many areas where Baptist boards are not at work.

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National Group Seeks  
Public School Help

WASHINGTON (BP)-- A group of nationally known citizens has formed a committee for supporting bipartisan legislation to provide assistance for public education during this session of Congress.

Establishment of the new committee, Bipartisan Citizens Committee for Federal Aid for Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, was announced by George J. Hecht, chairman. He is publisher of Parents' Magazine.

The Citizens Committee, according to Hecht, will work for passage of legislation that would provide federal funds without federal control, allowing the states and local agencies to determine how the money is spent.

The group favors a bill introduced in Congress by Rep. Cleveland M. Bailey (D., W.Va.) which would allow "federal funds to the states without federal strings attached." Bailey's proposal which has received bipartisan support, would allocate about \$487 million to states each year for three years. An equalization formula would increase allocations to states with lower than national average personal incomes. All but \$50 million would be distributed through state aid systems. Public schools in urban areas would receive the \$50 million for special educational needs.

"We are encouraged that Democrats and Republicans in the Congress who favor federal assistance to education are now in a mood to emphasize their areas of agreement rather than differences," Hecht said. He stated that the Citizens Committee would work for such bipartisan sponsorship and support.

The Bailey proposal, according to Hecht, would "completely allay" fears of federal control of education "because it is based on complete respect for the policies of the states as expressed in their constitutions, laws and public policies in education."

The Citizens Committee plans a nationwide campaign to give information and assistance to individuals and organizations who are "working toward the same objectives."

Both Bailey, chairman of the House General Education Subcommittee, and Rep. Peter Frelinghuysen, Jr., (R., N.J.), ranking Republican member of that committee, have commented favorably upon the Citizens Committee's interest in bipartisan legislation to assist education.

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For your information the members of the Citizens Committee are listed below:

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Congressmen Hit Red  
Restraint on Religion

(3-23-62)

WASHINGTON (BP)-- Two members of the Congress of the United States, in remarks included in the Congressional Record, have protested the denial of religious freedom in the Soviet Union.

The Congressmen called attention to incidents of harassment of the Jews in the Soviet Union. Their remarks were prompted by recent action of the Soviet government refusing to permit the selling or private baking of the unleavened bread used in observance of the Passover.

Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R., N.Y.) called the action "an affront to the Jewish people and an attack upon religious freedom."

"It is clear that the Soviet government is directing the campaign against the Jewish religion, against the Roman Catholic religion, and, in fact, against all religion," Keating said.

Rep. Leonard Farbstein (D., N.Y.), in addressing the House of Representatives, called this latest action of the Soviet government in denying the unleavened bread another step in the process of "deculturization" of Russia's Jews.

In remarks which he made earlier to the House, Farbstein took issue with the argument that Russian mistreatment of the Jewish population is an internal matter.

"In my view," he said, "the practiced persecution of religious minority anywhere in the world is a blow to freedom for all people."

Farbstein called the United States a symbol of religious freedom and the leader of the free world. As such, he said, the nation has an obligation to speak out "on behalf of oppressed peoples everywhere in the world."

Both men called for investigation of these actions by the United Nations Human Rights Commission. Farbstein introduced a resolution to this effect, and another urging the United Nations to adopt a resolution condemning the recent manifestations of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union.

The Baptists in Russia have also been lambasted recently by the Soviet government, according to a Religious News Service report from Moscow. In response to listeners who wanted "to learn about Baptists," Radio Moscow branded the Baptists as "turncoats" because they agreed to compulsory military service before the Bolshevik rule but refused when the Bolsheviks came to power. It said that later they revised their views and allowed their members to serve in the armed forces.

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Ivan Uskov, of the All-Union Society for the Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge, told his Russian listeners that all Baptists were "controlled" from Washington where the Baptist World Alliance has its headquarters.

Last November the Baptist World Alliance reported that Soviet authorities had taken over and closed the Agenskalna Baptist Church in Riga, capital city of Latvia and now incorporated into USSR.

"Only three Baptist churches out of eight in Riga remain open as places of worship," the Baptist World Alliance story states.

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Alliance Guarantees  
Warsaw Church Fund

(3-23-62)

WASHINGTON (BP)-- The Administrative Committee of the Baptist World Alliance has guaranteed funds for completion of the Baptist church center at Warsaw, Poland.

The vote followed an emergency telephone call from Erik Ruden, associate secretary of the alliance, who was at the time in conference in Zurich with Alexander Kircun of the Warsaw church, president of the Polish Baptist Convention.

About \$20,000 is still lacking for completion of the building and landscaping. A total of \$120,000 has been previously contributed by Baptists of many countries for bringing the building to its present state.

The unfinished building was opened for worship services last September 9, but Polish authorities have indicated that the building must be completed by September 1 this year. The building is erected on property allocated by the government in the heart of the city.

The operation of a theological seminary, scheduled to begin in the building this spring, is also dependent on the completion of the building by September.

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the alliance, said that the administrative committee instructed him to seek gifts from Baptist individuals and groups to the extent of the Polish need. But assurances were sent to Kircun that the funds would be forthcoming.

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