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Ambassador Corrects Statement on Liberty

WASHINGTON (BP)-- Protestants in Spain can look for more liberty than they have had, but not as much as they had hoped, according to a new statement by the Ambassador of Spain to the United States.

Antonio Garrigues addressed the National Press Club here and was widely reported as saying that "we are ready to give the Protestants the status they desire in Spain." He indicated in his speech that Spain had made mistakes in dealing with the Protestants and that corrective measures are being taken.

The Spanish Ambassador spoke to the Press Club using broken English. The Baptist Press reporter heard the speech and reported it in harmony with the Associated Press and United Press International.

Now, however, Garrigues has issued a new statement regarding his answer to a question on religious liberty in Spain. His correction was sent to the Washington Post, prominent daily newspaper here. This is the complete text to the Ambassador's letter:

"In connection with the information which appeared on June 27 about the address which I had the honor to deliver at the National Press Club, I would greatly appreciate it if you would publish the following literal text of my statement with regard to the Protestant question in Spain.

"During my speech I spoke about the matter as follows: 'A new status about non-Catholic religious groups is in preparation.'

"The question and answer about the same matter went as follows:

"Q. Will the Spanish ever relax the restrictions on Protestant churches?

"A. This is a very interesting point and I will speak very frankly to you. I myself am Catholic, but I do recognize that we in Spain may have committed some errors towards Protestants, but we will avoid in the future such misunderstandings and will give to the Protestants the position that they have the right to have in Spain under Spanish laws."

Although this is encouraging to Protestant groups in Spain, the Ambassador's statement does not indicate as much freedom for non-Catholic religious groups there as his speech and answer to questions seemed to promise.

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Baptist Colleges Get Federal Housing Loans

(7-6-62)

WASHINGTON (BP)-- Mercer University, Macon, Ga., a Georgia Baptist school, will receive a \$604,000 College Housing loan for construction of student facilities, according to Commissioner Sidney H. Woolner of the Communities Facilities Administration.

A three-story apartment building for 60 student families will be constructed. Rufus C. Harris is president of the University.

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NOTE TO BAPTIST STATE PAPER EDITORS:

As a service to you and your readers we are mimeographing the complete text of the Supreme Court's decision in the New York prayer case. We will send you a free copy as soon as we have it ready. If you would like to let your readers know that this information is available, you have our permission to publish the following notice, or to make whatever statement you wish to make about it. ----- Barry Garrett

GET THE FACTS ABOUT THE
COURT DECISION ON PRAYER

Much misinterpretation and misinformation has been published about the recent Supreme Court decision on "official" prayer in public schools. As a service to the Baptist people and to the general public the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is making available mimeographed copies of the complete text of the decision, including the one dissenting opinion. Cost is 25¢ per copy. Ask for "Supreme Court Decision" and send 25¢ in coin to:

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During the month of June a total of \$8,225,324 was loaned to church-related colleges and a senior citizens home by the Community Facilities Administration.

Two Baptist colleges were included in the group. William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., will receive \$350,000 to help build a residence hall for women. Morris College, Sumter, S. C., will get \$240,000 to build residence and dining facilities for women.

William Carey College is owned by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The National Baptist Convention operates Morris College for Negro students.

The June loans to church-related schools included four Catholic (\$4,260,000), three Methodist (\$1,529,000), a Presbyterian (\$335,000), and one United Church of Christ (\$900,000). A Lutheran Senior Citizen's home at Arvada, Colorado, was awarded a \$611,324 loan.

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Baptists Back Freedom
From Government Prayer

(7-6-62)

WASHINGTON (BP)-- A denominational leader here predicts broad Baptist support of the Supreme Court decision banning "official" prayers from the Nation's public schools.

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, observed that many Baptist ministers probably criticized the Supreme Court from their pulpits following its decision on the Regents' Prayer in New York. Most of these sermons were based upon an inaccurate understanding of the decision, he said.

"The decision involved prayer and freedom," Carlson pointed out, "and Baptists believe in both."

"Where the mass media interpreted the case as a decision violating the freedom to pray," he continued, "Baptists will react against it. They will rise in defense of prayer."

"As soon as they find out this is not the Court's decision and that it does not exercise a restraint on prayer but a restraint on government involvement in prayer," Carlson predicted, "the ministers will turn around and recognize this as a defense of freedom."

The Baptist executive said that he was pleased with the decision and he is amazed "that some who are ordinarily in favor of less government are in this case asking for government influence on the inner man."

However, there was a clear warning in Carlson's observations. He pointed out that the Court's clarification of the "no establishment" clause of the First Amendment "must not be taken to imply a restriction on people's religious freedom, even while they are on public property."

"The practice of one's religion on one's own volition is something altogether different from the use of official powers to advance the acceptance of a religious idea or practice," he continued. "Along side of the 'no establishment' clause is the provision for 'no restraint on the free exercise' of one's religion."

"If aggressive opposition to this right arises, the Supreme Court will need to make additional and perhaps more difficult decisions," Carlson concluded.

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Nation Flooded With
Prayer Suggestions

(7-6-62)

WASHINGTON (BP)-- Widespread agreement and disagreement throughout the Nation has been expressed with the Supreme Court's decision that "official" prayer in public schools is unconstitutional.

In the accompanying expressions of fear and criticism, agreement and approval, a number of proposals have been made to solve the problem of religion in the public schools. Some of them are relevant to the decision. Some are not. Most of the suggestions can be found in the dozen listed below.

1. Comply with the Court's decision as the law of the land.

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2. Defy the Court's decision and continue with the Regents' Prayer as usual, or devise another prayer in its place.
3. Substitute the third stanza of the "Star Spangled Banner" which is a prayer to God.
4. Pursue the Court's decision into other areas and bring suits to eliminate all religious practices from the public schools and eliminate "Under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Amend the Constitution to allow prayer and Bible reading in the Nation's public school classrooms.
6. Wait for final decision on what to do until the Supreme Court decides on the Bible reading and Lord's Prayer cases that will be heard in the Fall term of the Court.
7. Leave the devotional opening of school to the voluntary discretion of the local school boards, teachers and classes.
8. Step up support (both private and public) for the parochial school system where religious instruction is normal.
9. Open school with a period of silent meditation each morning for each pupil to pray or not to pray as he chooses.
10. Teach children the true meaning of prayer at home and in the churches. The churches and families should accept their full responsibility for religious education and not depend on government for this function.
11. Pass the Christian Amendment which would establish the law of Jesus Christ as the law of the land.
12. Limit the term of office for Supreme Court justices so a future Court may reverse the decision. At present the appointment of a Supreme Court judge is for life.

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Baptist Group Defends
Court's Prayer Ruling

(7-6-62)

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)-- A Kentucky Baptist group has commended the United States Supreme Court for its recent decision banning "official" prayers in public schools.

The executive board of the Long Run Baptist Association unanimously expressed "regret that great misunderstanding has come from this decision." The board called on the public to "note carefully the exact nature and scope of the Court's ruling."

The Supreme Court's decision in the New York prayer case was that prayer "composed by governmental officials as a part of a governmental program to further religious beliefs" is unconstitutional. The Court said that the so-called Regents' Prayer in the State of New York violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

The resolution was prepared by the Association's Public Affairs Committee, John R. Claypool, pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, chairman. It pointed out the problem in the Court's decision. It said, "The central issue is not: Should prayer be offered in the public school? It is rather: Should the government prescribe prayers?"

The board's action was taken "in the light of our Baptist heritage," the resolution said. It said that Baptists have "played a significant role in the creation and preservation of religious liberty in this country and have always advocated the separation of church and state."

The Baptist board expressed the opinion that the United States "has suffered both at home and abroad because the issue has been interpreted as anti-religious or atheistic in spirit." It continued, "We should clarify the situation and point out that these damaging results have come from mi interpretation and not from the action of the Supreme Court itself."

"The Court went out of its way to say that this opinion is not anti-religious or opposed to the general practice of prayer," the resolution said. The Court "addressed itself exclusively to the role of government in defining and demanding a religious exercise."

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The Long Run Association is composed of 158 Southern Baptist Churches and missions in the Louisville area. Membership in the churches is 90,000. Alvis B. Carpenter, pastor of the Audubon Baptist Church, is president of the executive board.

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Hits Tax Credit Plan
To Aid Church Schools

(7-6-62)

WASHINGTON (BP)-- A high government official and a prominent daily newspaper here clashed over federal aid to parochial schools.

Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Abraham A. Ribicoff advocates either tax credits or deductions on expenses of parents who send their children to private or parochial schools.

The Washington Post on the other hand attacked Ribicoff's proposal because it would undermine the basic public school system of the nation.

Ribicoff has explained his plan this way: "If a public aid bill were to be figured on a per-pupil payment to the States of \$20, then a tax credit of \$20 for parents of private school pupils would seem entirely reasonable. For parents of students attending both public and private colleges, a deduction of a greater amount might be appropriate."

The Cabinet member explains that his proposal to aid the parochial schools is not an Administration position, but is his own personal idea. The Kennedy Administration has been adamant in its position of no aid to parochial schools because it is unconstitutional. In his official capacities Ribicoff has represented the Administration's view, but he has also sought compromises in an effort to get education legislation through the Congress.

Now he has announced himself as a candidate for Senator in the State of Connecticut, which means that he steps out of the President's cabinet. Some Washington observers are interpreting his campaign to aid the parochial schools as a bid for political support from the Catholics of Connecticut, who compose 50 per cent of the population.

In addition to his tax credit plan Ribicoff would (1) make broader use of public funds in all higher education, (2) increase auxiliary services to children in public and private schools such as school lunches, health services, bus transportation and textbooks, and (3) use more public funds to aid private schools in teaching selective subject such as mathematics, science and foreign languages.

In attacking Ribicoff's tax credit plan the Washington Post pointed out that tax credits should be made available only to further settled public policy. This policy, the paper said, has been to be hospitable to private schools, but to make the main thrust of American education through an elementary and high school system that is available to every American child regardless of race or creed.

Other points made by the Post were (1) that an extension of the tax credit plan to the states and local communities would wreck the public school financing system, (2) that other businesses that relieve public burdens could expect similar tax credits, and (3) that private schools created to evade the integration problem would benefit from the public subsidy to private schools.

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Baptist "Statement" Group Slates First Study Meeting

NASHVILLE (BP)--The first meeting of the Southern Baptist committee charged with studying the possibility of re-vamping the 1925 statement of Baptist Faith and Message has been slated here July 12.

Herschel H. Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and chairman of the 24-member committee, urged "every Southern Baptist to be in prayer without ceasing for this committee."

Purpose of the initial meeting, said Hobbs, will be to analyze the committee's purpose as stated by messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, to make a preliminary examination of the 1925 statement of Baptist Faith and Message, and to plan procedures to be followed in the study of the statement.

Messengers to the annual convention meeting in San Francisco June 5-8, voted to set up the committee, composed of presidents of 23 state Baptist conventions with Hobbs as chairman, and instructed the committee to present "some similar statement which shall serve as information to the churches, and which may serve as guidelines to the various agencies of the convention."

The committee will make its report public on March 1, 1963, and will give a full report of its work to the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets in Kansas City, Mo., May 7-20.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: This story for use on or before July 12. A past-tense report will be filed from Nashville after the meeting.

Floyd Craig Named
To Oklahoma PR Post

(7-5-62)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (BP)--Floyd A. Craig, assistant director of public relations at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., has accepted a position in the public relations department of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

Joe L. Ingram, assistant executive secretary of the Oklahoma Baptist convention, has been named secretary of the public relations department in addition to his other responsibilities.

Craig will serve as director of communications and as assistant secretary of the public relations department.

He succeeds Dick McCartney, director of public relations for Oklahoma Baptists since 1958, who became public relations director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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A native of Okmulgee, Okla., Craig, 29, is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and of Southwestern Seminary. He has worked in the Seminary public relations department since 1958, and had previously worked in the Oklahoma public relations office for one year after graduation from college.

Craig is former pastor of Natura Mission of First Baptist Church, Okmulgee, Okla., and of Story Baptist Church in Oklahoma, and has been interim pastor in Fort Worth.

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Cooperative Program Gifts
Increase Over Last Year

(7-6-62)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Gifts to world missions through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program for the first six months of 1962 increased by \$630,172 over receipts for the same period last year, Treasurer Porter Routh said here.

Southern Baptists gave \$9,276,539 to the Cooperative Program during the first half of 1962, an increase of 7.29 per cent over gifts for the same period last year.

June gifts alone totaled \$1,526,449, an increase of 3.89 per cent or \$57,228 over receipts for June in 1961, said Treasurer Routh.

Designated receipts for June, 1962, totaled \$677,032 compared to \$557,228 for June, 1961, an increase of \$119,804 or 21.50 per cent.

Biggest increase in giving during the first six months of the year was in designated gifts to specific mission causes.

Southern Baptists tagged \$12,549,953 special causes during the six month period, an increase of 11.55 per cent or \$1,200,790 over the designated gifts of the same period in 1961, \$11,250,163.

Gifts to the Lottie Moon special offering for foreign missions totaled \$9,180,247 to date, compared to \$8,130,709 for the same period last year. Gifts to Lottie Moon offerings increased 12.91 per cent or \$1,049,538 over last year.

Gifts to home missions through the annual Annie Armstrong special offering totaled \$2,528,248 during the six month period, an increase of \$295,929 or 13.26 per cent over last year's gifts.

Undesignated Cooperative Program gifts for the six month period have already been distributed, with allocations of \$4,254,211 going to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and \$1,496,306 going to the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

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Servicemen Give 76 Pints
Of Blood To Chinese Lad

(7-6-62)

MEMPHIS (BP)--Sailors and Marines from the Millington Naval Air Technical Training Center near here donated 76 pints of blood this week to a 10-year-old Chinese boy who is a hemophiliac.

The young men, many of them members of the First Baptist Church here, responded to the plea of a converted Catholic sailor, impressed by a message delivered by his pastor, R. Paul Caudill.

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The youth donated his blood, then inspired others to give theirs.

Barry Moy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Moy, a Memphis grocer, has received six blood transfusions since bumping his knee against his school desk three months ago. Barry has made 20 trips to a children's hospital for blood since his parents moved to Memphis five years ago.

The boy's parents said he had been in rather good health the last two years until he bumped his knee. Barry is the only member of the family with the blood clot deficiency.

The servicemen gave the blood through the Memphis Red Cross Blood Bank program. It replaced blood the boy already used. None is in reserve now, Mrs. Moy said.

The Moys said they appreciated the blood the servicemen gave.

"We don't know what we would have done without their help," she said.

Barry became a member of the First Baptist Church after his baptism about two months ago at a service the church conducts for Chinese two Sunday afternoons each month.

A Chinese man is Sunday School superintendent. One adult class is taught in the Chinese language. All others are in English. Caudill speaks at the worship service and a Chinese interpreter gives his message to those who do not speak English.

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New Orleans Seminary Holds
First Pastors Conference

(7-6-62)

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary sponsored its first annual Pastors Conference here, with some 110 ministers from nine states attending.

Each morning for a week, the pastors studied Old Testament exegesis and heard a doctrinal message and evangelism emphasis. Evenings were devoted to New Testament study and inspirational messages.

They also participated in a forum concerning the pastorate and joined seminary summer school students for the chapel period.

Pastors attending the first conference of its kind on the New Orleans seminary campus came from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas.

Seminary staff members who participated in the conference were President H. Leo Eddleman and professors Claude H. Rhea, Frank Stagg, J. Hardee Kennedy and V. L. Stanfield.

Pastors on the program included J. D. Grey and G. Avery Lee of New Orleans, Glen Bryant of Alexandria, La.; Charles Trentham of Knoxville, Tenn.; and Jaroy Weber, Beaumont, Tex.

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**Williams Named Baylor
Psychology Chairman**

WACO, Tex. (BP)--J. Clifton Williams has been named chairman of the psychology department at Baylor University here.

Williams, who has taught on the Baylor psychology faculty since 1954, succeeds E. O. Wood, who requested that he be given a full-time teaching position and that administrative responsibilities of the department be passed on to a younger man.

Williams praised Wood's direction of the department for the past 13 years, stating he would make no great changes.

The new psychology chairman at the huge Baptist university here is a graduate of Baylor, the University of Colorado, and Purdue University where he received the doctor of philosophy degree.

A Baptist deacon, he is a member of the Lakeshore Baptist Church in Waco.

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**Oklahoma Pastor Named
Kansas Evangelism Head**

(7-6-62)

WICHITA, Kan. (BP)--J. Frank Davis, pastor of the Sheridan Road Baptist Church in Tulsa, Okla., has been named secretary of evangelism for the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists.

The post has been vacant since last December when John Havlik resigned to become secretary of evangelism for the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

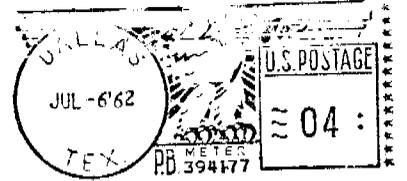
Davis had served as pastor of the Tulsa church for 10 years. When he first came as pastor of the church, the 70 members were meeting in a tent. Today, membership has increased to more than 2,000, with more than 4,000 additions including 2,000 baptisms during the 10-year period.

Davis is a member of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, and has served two terms as president.

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