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**Taylor Named Chief Of
Air Force Chaplains**

WASHINGTON (BP)--A Southern Baptist chaplain, Brig. Gen. Robert P. Taylor, has been chosen as the new chief of Air Force chaplains. At the time of accepting the new duty, he will be promoted to major general.

Chaplain Taylor, a native of Kilgore, Tex., has been deputy chief of Air Force chaplains. He is one of the two remaining chaplains who returned to service after surviving the terrors of 42 months as a prisoner of the Japanese. He entered the armed forces in 1940.

He received his education at Baylor University (Baptist) in Waco, Tex., and at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, where he earned the master's and doctor's degrees in theology.

In April, 1941, he was assigned to the 31st infantry in Manila, Philippine Islands. At the outbreak of the war, his outfit went to the front lines on Bataan where he was cited for bravery and awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

The American forces surrendered, and Chaplain Taylor became chaplain of the prison hospital at Cabanatuan. He ministered there to 10,000 patients.

In the summer of 1944, he was placed in solitary confinement for his activities in smuggling food and medicine to the patients. He was placed in a cage too small for him either to stand up or lie down. The Japanese removed him after 14 weeks. He was almost dead.

Chaplain Taylor was taken on one of the "hell ships" to Japan and Manchuria. His ship was twice bombed by the Americans with the loss of more than a thousand lives. Although wounded and ill, he continued to minister as a chaplain to the survivors.

Following his liberation and return to the United States, he served as chaplain at Mather Air Force Base, Air Training Command, Air Materiel Command, Civil Air Patrol headquarters in Washington and at the Air University in Montgomery, Ala.

George W. Cummins of Atlanta, director of the chaplains division of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, says of him, "Chaplain Taylor is well known for his integrity, sincerity and pleasing personality. He has the rare ability of bringing out the best in the other person. He enjoys lecturing, making addresses and preaching. He is known as 'God's man.'"

Besides the Silver Star, he has been decorated with the Bronze Star, the Presidential Unit Citation with two oak leaf clusters and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

His wife is the former Mildred Good of Carrollton, Tex., and they have a son, Robert P. Jr., 11.

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**Educator Says Baptists
Trail Private Colleges**

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NASHVILLE (BP)--On a percentage basis, the increase in salaries paid at Southern Baptist colleges is greater than the increase at other private colleges in the nation, but Baptist colleges are still behind in terms of dollars paid.

A report in the Southern Baptist Educator published here shows private institutions around the United States upped their salaries from an average of \$6960 to \$7260 over the last year--4.3 per cent.

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Southern Baptist schools raised theirs 5.7 per cent, but in dollars it rose only from \$5620 to \$5940, remaining about \$1300 a year below the national average.

The article was written by Louis A. D'Amico with the U. S. office of education, Washington. D'Amico said he got his figures from data furnished by institutions during a survey.

Faculty salaries in Baptist senior colleges range from the instructor's \$4580 to the professor's \$7170, based on 1961-62 averages. Faculties of junior colleges average out on yearly salary at \$4610, up 9.2 per cent over 1960-61.

The Baptist junior college yearly average now is \$570 below the national private junior college average, D'Amico said.

The latest salary figures reveal the president of a Baptist senior college gets \$13,230 on the average, a salary jump from the \$12,260 of the previous year. The president of a Baptist junior college makes, on the average, \$8860 compared with \$8630 a year ago.

Charges on tuition and fees at Baptist four-year colleges have increased 10.9 per cent during the same 12 months. The average charge at senior colleges now stands at \$549 compared with \$495 a year before. The figures for the denomination's junior colleges are \$382 and \$359, up 6.4 per cent.

"Rates in Southern Baptist institutions are lower than those in other private institutions," according to D'Amico. The rate of increase in basic student charges in Baptist schools is about the same as for other private colleges.

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Mission Support
Cited By Redford

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RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP)--"The Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions have increased at the same rate during the past 10 years in home mission support," a home mission leader said here.

According to Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Cooperative Program, the unified mission budget for the denomination, provided 53 per cent of the agency's budget last year, and 54 per cent 10 years ago.

The income of the board from these sources is three times what it was in 1951, and both sources of income are three times what they were in 1951.

The Cooperative Program provided \$990,015 in 1951 and \$2,974,071 in 1961 for a 200.4 per cent increase.

The Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions provided \$837,389 in 1951 and \$2,553,733 in 1961, for a 204.9 per cent increase.

Redford expected increases from both sources this year. So far the Cooperative Program is 7.29 per cent ahead of last year. He cited this as encouraging, since receipts last year did not reach the goal set.

Through Aug. 7 receipts from the Annie Armstrong Offering reached \$2,740,633, and Redford expected the goal of \$2,910,000 to be reached by the close of the year. This is the largest goal ever set by Woman's Missionary Union, Convention auxiliary which promotes the offering.

Redford released the information at the mid-year meeting of the Home Mission Board at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. A home mission conference followed.

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The conference placed a strong emphasis on the Cooperative Program with studies for all ages, including a conference for adults led by Merrill D. Moore of Nashville, executive director of the denomination's Stewardship Commission.

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Home Board Appoints
10 At Ridgecrest

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RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP)--Ten missionaries were appointed here by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to serve in the United States with Indians, Spanish-speaking, good will centers and as associational missionaries.

The new appointees join a mission force of 1991 missionaries presently serving with the mission board and state Baptist conventions.

Glendon McCullough of Atlanta, secretary of the personnel department for the mission board, pointed to critical personnel needs during the appointment service.

"The missionary we are appointing in this service for good will center work is the first one so appointed this year, and there is a need for 34 other such workers immediately," he said.

Appointed for good will center work was Miss Josephine Strickland, native of Wallsboro, Ala., who was educated at Howard College (Baptist) in Birmingham and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Harvin Palmer, a native of Hamilton, Ala., was appointed as an area missionary in Akron, Ohio. He was educated at Florence, Ala., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Richard S. Hubble, a native of Wheeling, Mo., was appointed associational missionary at Dahlgren, Ill. He was educated at the University of Missouri, Columbia, and Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

William O. Payne, a native of Lebanon, Ky., was appointed city mission superintendent of Dayton, Ohio. He was educated at Georgetown College, (Baptist) Georgetown, Ky., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger J. West were appointed for Spanish work in Sweetwater, Tex. He is a native of Abilene and was educated at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth. Mrs. West, a native of Springfield, Mo., was educated at Texas Christian University and Southwestern Seminary, both in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Comer were appointed for work with the Indians at Quapaw, Okla.. He is a native of Beaumont, Tex., and was educated at East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. She is a native of Jennings, La., and was educated at Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist), Brownwood, Tex., and East Texas Baptist College.

Ted E. Cromer, a native of Hominy, Okla., was appointed as pastoral missionary to Monroeville, Pa. He was educated at Oklahoma Baptist University, and Southwestern Seminary.

Albert S. Lamm, a native of Oxford, N. C., was appointed area missionary in Bismarck, N. D. He was educated at Wake Forest College (Baptist), Wake Forest, N. C.

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