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Seminary Aids Churches
North Of Ohio River

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Thirty students are working with churches and missions in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois in a program of assistance offered by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Known as "a detailed program of faculty and student assistance," it is designed to help new Southern Baptist churches and missions in states north of the Ohio River.

D. Swan Haworth, associate professor of psychology of religion at the seminary, heads a committee appointed by President Duke K. McCall. The committee will work with state convention personnel and those from the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board to determine how seminary faculty and students can meet specific needs.

The new Southern Seminary Conference and Research Center will provide its resources for the program.

"More and more ministerial students are coming from this heavily populated area," Haworth reported. "An increasing number of our graduates will become pastors of missions and newly constituted churches in these neighboring states. The assignment of this committee symbolizes the concern of the seminary in deepening our relationship with church and denominational leaders."

The long-range program, according to Haworth, will build on what the seminary is already doing in these states.

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Mission Board Issues
Survey Filmstrip

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ATLANTA (BP)--Religious groups asking questions on how to conduct an area religious survey will find the answers in a new filmstrip released by Southern Baptists' Home Mission Board.

The filmstrip, "Area Religious Survey," was produced by the mission board's department of promotion in cooperation with the department of survey and special studies.

Techniques developed by the survey department have received national recognition in surveys of large metropolitan areas and even entire states in which most religious denominations have participated.

"With information from such surveys, congregations discover their mission potential, evaluate their efficiency, strengthen their organizations, enlarge the vision of members and receive specific information for definite planning," said Leonard G. Irwin of Atlanta, secretary of the survey department.

The script for the filmstrip has been printed in illustrated tract form for distribution to viewers and to facilitate teaching. Extra copies of the tract are available free from the Home Mission Board at 161 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta 3, Ga.

The filmstrips are sold through Baptist Book Stores.

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Montgomery Pastors
Deplore Mob Violence

MONTGOMERY (BP)--The Montgomery Baptist Pastors' Conference voted unanimously to send an open letter to Alabama Gov. John Patterson and Gov.-Nominate George Wallace asking them "to maintain order and enforce obedience to the law in any eventuality that may arise."

A copy of the letter also went to the Montgomery City Commission.

Montgomery has been one of several Southern cities hit by racial disturbances, including bus boycotts and attacks on so-called "Freedom Riders." Montgomery is capital of Alabama, which may figure in efforts to integrate state-supported white universities next year.

The letter said:

"In view of the existing tension in race relations, and the recent tragedy in Mississippi; and because of other possible crises in our own state, we call upon the governor and all other officials in Alabama to maintain order and enforce obedience to the law in any eventuality that may arise. We deplore violence and mob action in this critical situation.

"We further request the governor to call upon all the people of Alabama to refrain from inflammatory statements and activities which are designed to incite riots and mob action, or that would encourage outside agitators to come into our state.

"We are firmly committed to the absolute necessity of maintaining our public school system and our state colleges and universities, and would abhor any suggestion that these schools be closed under any circumstances.

"We pledge our support and prayers to our governor and other officials in maintaining peace and an orderly solution to possible crises that may arise, protecting the rights of all our citizens."

The Montgomery Baptist Pastors' Conference

In Montgomery County, there are 44 Baptist churches with 28,698 members.