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COURT RULING CALLS FOR
CALMNESS AND CO-OPERATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.--(BP)--"Since the Supreme Court has spoken so positively and on such sound constitutional grounds, surely every loyal citizen and faithful Christian should keep calm and should co-operate in constructive ways in the Court's decision on segregation with its wide implications," T. B. Maston, professor, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., said here recently.

"Whether we like it or not the decision by the Supreme Court creates some very real and potentially grave problems for us in some sections of the South," Maston pointed out. In some areas we shall continue to have in the main separated segregated schools. In other communities, particularly smaller towns, there will be no easy way around complete integration.

"It has been foreseeable for some time that the complete elimination of legal segregation would come sooner or later. None who love democracy and who are interested in the application of the Christian spirit and principles to every area of life should have expected segregation to be a permanent part of the pattern of our way of life. Some of us would have preferred for this racial resolution to have come more slowly and to have been the first of a consistent educational program. It might have caused fewer immediate problems if it had resulted from the combined efforts of local communities," he said.

"Our churches and our church-related colleges had better re-examine their positions concerning the color line," Maston said in closing.

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MEMPHIS PASTOR CALLS FOR
PRAYER ON COURT RULING

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--"As followers of Jesus Christ, we have no alternative but to abide by the laws of our land and to co-operate faithfully in every undertaking in behalf of the welfare of all the peoples of our land irrespective of race or station," Paul Caudill, pastor, First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., said.

"Pray without ceasing that we, his followers, may become perfect instruments of peace in this memorable era of change in the life of our nation," he urged.

"Let us remember that in everything God works for good for those who love him."

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COURT RULING WILL REDUCE
COST AND IMPROVE EDUCATION

WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP)--"The decision of the Supreme Court concerning segregation in public education is in harmony with the ideal of equality in democratic society," Olin T. Binkley, professor, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, said here. "In the long run it will reduce the cost and improve the quality of American education, diminish the period of second-class citizenship in American society, and strengthen the moral influence of the United States in the world." "The administration of the ruling will test the wisdom of our leaders and the spiritual maturity of our people. Human values are involved in this historic declaration and it is to be hoped that a concern for these values will guide the political decisions and the educational policies that must be worked out in the long, hard task of implementing the ruling," he said.

"It is unwise to assume that the complex problems of race relations can be solved by federal compulsion alone. The enduring solutions will be thought out and wrought out in good communities by spiritually minded men and women who treat every individual as a person and whose attitudes are guided by the ethic of righteousness and love," Binkley further stated.

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BAPTIST FOLKS AND FACTS:

-Silas Hill, one of the organizers of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, died recently in California.
-Leslie S. Williams, head of the Department of Religion at Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., has accepted a call to the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Statesboro, Ga.
-A bronze plaque will be placed in Holcomb Auditorium, named in honor of T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation, at Glorieta Baptist Assembly in June by the Baptist Sunday School Board. Dr. Holcomb ended eighteen years' service as executive secretary of the Board last June.
-Baylor University will receive contractor's bids June 17 for construction of a new \$400,000 building for the Baylor School of Law.
-Mississippi Baptist churches and pastors have adopted the new Minister's Security Plan.
-John Eugene Kidd, administrator of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Albany, N.Y., was named administrator of Midstate Baptist Hospital, Nashville.
-R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Education Commission, is slated to receive an honorary doctorate of science degree at Hardin-Simmons University at this year's commencement.
-The Executive Committee of Louisiana Baptists will not accept the two hospitals being offered them by two Louisiana cities.

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