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**New Orleans Rescue
Mission Dedicated**

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--A 370-bed Southern Baptist rescue mission for men, some of whom have been termed "like exiles" from their families, has been dedicated in New Orleans.

The six-story building is the new site of a rescue mission that has been operated in the city for 36 years. The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the New Orleans Baptist Association have used it to rehabilitate alcoholics and others in trouble as well as to reestablish family contact.

Spiritual and vocational aid as well as food and lodging are available at the mission, under the direction of Jim McGill, superintendent. Twenty-five of the 370 beds are available for convalescent cases.

Some one-third of these men are unwanted by their families, as they are alcoholics or other sources of trouble, McGill explains. "They're like exiles," he said.

The mission is located at 201 Magazine, only a few blocks from the Mississippi River. Several times during recent months men on their way to commit suicide in the river have stopped by the mission, gaining new direction in their lives. The mission is open 24 hours a day to give such assistance. The average age of men coming to the mission is only 35, with various professional men counted among those seeking help.

Five stories of the building are now utilized for mission work, with the sixth used for storage. Plans are to eventually use the sixth floor to increase the number of beds to 600.

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**Overflowing Hotels
Turn Interest To Homes**

(3-29-63)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--"Overflow" is the word from hotels in Kansas City which are accommodating messengers to the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention.

Interest has turned to homes in the city to house the large number of Southern Baptists expected to pour into Kansas City May 6-10, according to W. Ross Edwards, local minister who is general chairman of local arrangements for it.

He and Luther B. Dyer, Kansas City, chairman of the housing committee, have urged all Southern Baptists who want to attend the 1963 Convention to come ahead. Private homes will be opened up to provide the necessary additional space.

When the Convention met in Kansas City in 1956, messenger registration was 12,254, fourth highest in the SBC's history.

If the SBC housing bureau reports hotels and motels are full, write Dyer about private housing. His address is 504 Lawndale, Kansas City, Mo.

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Atlantic City Hotels

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Thinking a year ahead? If so, make a note the headquarters hotel for the 1964 Southern Baptist Convention in Atlantic City, N. J., will be the Ambassador Hotel. The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the SBC, will make the Dennis Hotel there its headquarters hotel, the SBC Executive Committee office here announced.

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Ohio Gets Full-Time
Area Student Director

COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP)--The first full-time Ohio area Baptist Student Union director has been employed by the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio here with salary aid from the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Ernest B. Beevers, a native of Jackson, Miss., and graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will serve the southwestern part of Ohio as the area director for student work.

Beevers will center his work at the University of Cincinnati, Miami University at Oxford, and in the city of Dayton.

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Sign Language Book
Published For Churches

(3-29-63)

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)--A Baptist worker with the deaf here has published a book designed to help Missouri churches in their sign language ministry.

The book, "Basic Sign Language," by Roy L. Cissna of Jefferson City, is the first one put out among Southern Baptists apparently in 40 years. One published by the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board in 1923 was reprinted later, however.

Cissna is with the Missouri Baptist Convention office here.

The book could be used to learn sign language for any type of work anywhere with the deaf. However, it includes words which have theological or doctrinal meanings and are found more often in sermons than in other use.

In deaf language, signs made with the hands portray the spoken word. An interpreter follows the speaker with these gestures.

Cissna, a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, became interested in work with the deaf while attending Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, then in Berkeley, Calif., in 1957.

The book costs \$1 and may be secured by writing to Cissna's office in the Baptist Building here.

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Four Seminarians Unite
For Music In Revival

(3-29-63)

MACON, Ga. (BP)--Two ministers of music from Oklahoma and two from Georgia who formed a quartet during seminary days were to lead singing in a revival at Macon's Vineville Baptist Church.

The quartet sang under the name of the "Seminarians" while at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Each received the master of sacred music degree there.

David Cuttino of Vineville Church and Jim Jones of Atlanta's First Baptist Church were the Georgians in the quartet. Doyal Spence of First Baptist Church, Ponca City, and Jim Woodward of Tulsa's First Baptist Church were the Oklahomans. Cuttino received his master's degree in 1955 and the others in 1956.

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Texas Senator Among
Four Getting Degrees

By the Baptist Press

A Texas senator is among four who'll receive honorary degrees this spring from two Southern Baptist colleges and universities.

Howard Payne College at Brownwood, Tex., announced the awarding of the honorary doctor of laws to Sen. John Tower, R., in connection with the college's "democracy in action week."

Tower is the first Republican to be elected to the United States Senate from Texas since the Reconstruction period after the Civil War. He is the only Republican senator ever elected by popular vote from any of the former Confederate states.

In next door Louisiana, the president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention and two other ministers were selected by the state Baptist college.

Louisiana College at Pineville will award all three ministers the doctor of divinity degree. They are Luther B. Hall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Farmerville, and Louisiana convention president; Mercer C. Irwin, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bogalusa, La., and a member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, and Ray P. Rust, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bastrop, La.

All three studied at Louisiana College.

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Louisville Hosts 4th
Secretary Institute

(3-29-63)

LOUISVILLE (BP)--The fourth annual Institute for Church Secretaries of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here July 8-12.

Seminary professors and SBC denominational workers will lead conferences during the five-day institute, sponsored jointly by the seminary's School of Religious Education and the department of church administration of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Participation is limited.

The program includes conferences on (1) church communications and publications, (2) writing and preserving historical records of the local church, and (3) church record filing. Guided tours of Louisville churches and their church offices will be conducted.

Program personalities include Howard B. Foshee, secretary; Miss Lucy Hoskins, editor, church administration materials; and Idus V. Owensby, consultant, all of the department of church administration, Sunday School Board; and Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Historical Commission, Nashville.

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Seminary Establishes
William Wallace Week

(3-29-63)

LOUISVILLE (BP)--A "William Wallace Week" has been established by the student executive committee of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

It honors the memory of a Southern Baptist medical missionary who died in a Chinese Communist prison after World War II.

The seminary students said the week's annual observance here would be a time for renewed mission studies. A student offering for medical missions will be sent to the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board.

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Dr. Wallace was a medical missionary in the Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow, China, for 15 years. He was arrested by Chinese Communist government officials and accused of heading a spy ring.

When he refused to sign a confession of guilt, the surgeon was marched through the streets of Wuchow carrying a sign stating his alleged crime.

Later he was found hanging from the top of his cell door. Communists claimed he committed suicide. Other missionaries, among them a trained nurse, said he died from severe beatings.

The life of William Wallace will be recalled at special chapel services when the week is observed.

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Leading Spanish Daily
Urges Protestant Favor

(3-29-63)

WASHINGTON (BP)--The leading Catholic daily newspaper in Madrid has called on Spanish Catholics to be good hosts to Protestant tourists this summer.

Ya (correct), the daily, said this gesture "could be, among other things, a sample of the liberality of Catholic Spain--in other words, a way of destroying, little by little, the legend that has been built up of 'intolerance.'"

Alonso Alvarez de Toledo, secretary of the Spanish embassy here, gave a copy of the Ya editorial to the general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Josef Nordenhaug of Washington.

The two have been in continuing talks over government restrictions on non-Catholics in Spain.

The Alliance, serving 24 million Baptists in 110 countries, has pleaded with Spanish officials to remove all laws and policies hindering non-Catholics there in free exercise of their faith.

Nordenhaug termed "hopeful" several recent developments in Spain. He cited an order of last June 6, directing Spanish military officers to excuse non-Catholic soldiers from duty which involved Catholic Church ceremonies.

He pointed to reopening of several Protestant churches, which had been ordered closed. The latest example is the Baptist chapel at Elche, reopened March 13 after being closed seven years.

Nordenhaug also hoped a proposed new law will be enacted to remove specific limitations on religious activities of non-Catholics.

The newspaper Ya, published in the capital, said Spanish citizens should return to Protestants the favors "shown us in the hotels of Oslo or Geneva when we are advised of the location of the nearest Catholic Church."

"Our hotels and tourist offices could include in their information the facilities available for the various Protestant sects," the newspaper suggested.

Nordenhaug stated that non-Catholic churches have previously been denied the right of any advertising, even the posting of the church name over the entrance door. He added that Protestant meeting houses cannot be designed architecturally to look like a church.

"We trust that the suggestion of Ya's editors for inclusion of Protestant church addresses in tourist guide books may extend also to granting Protestants the right to mark their churches as places of worship," Nordenhaug continued.

He noted however that Ya suggested that Protestant visitors be directed, where possible, to English or German-language chapels rather than to a Spanish congregation.

"Baptist visitors traveling in Spain will cherish the privilege of worshipping with Spanish nationals in their Spanish chapels," he said. "The fellowship of sincere believers can be very meaningful, regardless of a difference in language."

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**Baptist Leaders Visit Japan
Prime Minister For Crusade**

TOKYO (BP)--Twelve Southern Baptist leaders received a 15-minute audience with the Prime Minister of Japan, Hayato Ikeda, and extended to him a personal invitation to attend services during the Japan Baptist New Life Movement.

Southern Baptist Missionary W. H. "Dub" Jackson presented the high government official with a portrait of Ikeda wearing a cowboy hat and invited him to attend the New Life Movement's Tokyo Crusade.

Ikeda expressed sincere interest in the New Life Movement, and said he would check his schedule to see if he could possibly attend.

T. A. Patterson, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, told the prime minister that more than 500 Southern Baptists from the United States will be participating in the New Life Movement.

"These people are not coming to Japan for political or economic reasons, or as tourists, but because they love the people of Japan and want to share the message of Christianity with them," said Patterson.

The prime minister replied that the Americans are very welcome in Japan and that he hopes they have a joyful and prosperous time.

Others who visited with the prime minister include W. H. Souther of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; K. Owen White, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Houston and president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; John Seelig of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; C. Wade Freeman of Dallas, director of the Texas Baptist evangelism division; Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Patterson; Southern Baptist missionaries Pete Gillespie and Jackson; Marion McClure of the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band, Abilene, Tex.; and two unidentified Cowboy Band members.

They were among the first of about 120 team members from the United States to arrive in Japan for five area-wide crusades and 28 of the first city-wide revivals throughout Japan. The city-wide meetings, totaling 154, will be held in four one-week sections from April 7 through May 5.

Hundreds of Japanese Baptists greeted the first wave of team members on arrival at Haneda Airport here.

Patterson told the airport group that already the influence of the New Life Movement had spread throughout the Orient. He reported that at the first mass meeting in Hong Kong, more than 22,000 attended and about 2,500 persons made decisions of all kinds. About 40 crusades are scheduled in Hong Kong as a part of the New Life Movement.

The Japan meetings are co-sponsored by the Japan Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Former Texas Baptist
Foundation Head Dies

DALLAS (BP)--Dr. George Mason, executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Texas for 20 years, and former treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, died here March 23.

Dr. Mason, 79, was treasurer of the state Baptist convention for 15 years, and became the first executive secretary of the state's Baptist Foundation when it was created in 1930.

He retired in 1951 and was awarded that year honorary doctor of law degrees by Howard Payne College (Baptist) in Brownwood, Tex., and Bishop College (Negro Baptist) in Dallas.

A layman, Dr. Mason was a school superintendent, news reporter and hardware store owner before beginning his long career with Texas Baptists in 1920 as a field representative.

He was recording secretary and treasurer of the Baptist Book Store in Dallas at the same time he served as state Baptist convention treasurer.

Funeral services were held at Cliff Temple Baptist Church here where he was once chairman of the deacons.

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Track Star Gives Check
For '64 Japan Olympics

(3-29-63)

TOKYO (BP)--An Olympic champion track star who is participating in the Japan Baptist New Life Movement here presented a check for 200,000 yen (\$560) to the chairman of the Japan Olympics to help finance the 1964 Olympic games here.

Wilma Rudolph, who won three gold medals during the Rome Olympics in 1960, presented the check to Olympic Chairman Daigoro Yasuka here while the director of the New Life Movement, Shuichi Matsumura, and Japan Baptist Convention Executive Secretary Shinji Hikasa looked on.

The speedy Negro girl said she was not sure if she would run in the 1964 Olympics, depending on her physical condition at the time. "If I'm not at my best," she said, "I don't want to run."

"I would not have done well in the Rome Olympics," she said, "had it not been for my faith in Christ."

She said she would be making television appearances and speaking engagements during the New Life Movement to share her faith with the people of Japan.

New Life Movement Director Matsumura told Olympic Chairman Yasukawa that the New Life Movement will mark the first time in the history of Christian missions for a campaign of this type.

The New Life Movement features five area-wide crusades and 154 city-wide campaigns sponsored jointly by the Japan Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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Folks and facts.....

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.....Georgetown College (Baptist), Georgetown, Ky., will construct an F. M. radio station which should go on the air the first of September, Lane Wells, instructor of speech and radio, announced. The station has been made possible by grants from two companies. The station, if it receives a Federal Communications Commission license, will be the fourth such educational station in the state of Kentucky. (BP)

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Wayland Board Approves
Budget, Baylor Policy

PLAINVIEW, Tex. (BP)--Wayland Baptist College trustees adopted here a record \$1,060,593 budget, approved of Baylor University's policy prohibiting production of plays with profanity, and heard President A. Hope Owen's final "State of the College" address.

The budget is an increase of \$47,000 over the 1962-63 Wayland budget.

As the first order of business at the board meeting, Neil Record, Tulia (Tex.) Baptist pastor, presented the resolution pledging "whole-hearted support and commendation for Baylor President Abner McCall."

The resolution praised McCall for "his unyielding stand against the production of the play 'Long Day's Journey Into Night' by the (Baylor) drama department."

McCall had cancelled the remaining performances of the controversial play last December because of the production's objectionable profanity. Twelve members of the Baylor drama department and chairman Paul Baker resigned in protest to McCall's administrative decision.

The resolution also praised McCall for "maintaining the sincere conviction that at no time must moral principles at our Christian schools be sacrificed for the sake of persons or programs."

The resignation of Tom Parrish, vice president for development services, was read to trustees. Parrish said he would accept a similar position at Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

In other action, the Wayland board approved the date, Oct. 8, for the formal inauguration for Roy C. McClung as the school's eighth president.

Outgoing President A. Hope Owen, who retires June 30, expressed his appreciation for the trustees' and staffs' cooperation during his ten-year tenure.

During his final "State of the College" address, Owen compared the school's enrollment and total assets for 1953 and 1962.

In 1953, there were 434 students compared to a record enrollment of 626 students in 1962. When Owen came to the school, total assets were \$1,521,351, compared to \$5,793,051 in 1962.

Owen praised the work of Parrish for helping to make possible much of Wayland's material gain in recent years.

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Mission Worker's Plane
Crashes, Two Injured

(3-29-63)

LAUREL, Md. (BP)--Cecil D. Etheredge of Atlanta, Ga., and Tolly Williamson of Baltimore were injured slightly when their plane crashed here on takeoff.

Etheredge, an employee of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the pilot and owner of the small Cessna 150 two-passenger craft. He received slight facial injuries.

Williamson, who has been minister of education at churches in Baltimore and Atlanta, had an arm broken.

Etheredge, secretary of industrial and institutional chaplaincy for the mission agency, had spent two days in Washington, D. C. service on a government committee on federal chaplaincy.

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He had stopped at the small Laurel air strip to pick up Williamson, and when he attempted to take off, the plane would not climb to sufficient altitude.

L. L. McGee of Atlanta, a co-worker of Etheredge's, said, "in order to keep from stalling out (when air speed will not maintain flight), he elected to fly into the top of the trees at the end of the runway."

The plane received extensive damages.

Both Williamson and Etheredge received medical treatment at the Prince George General Hospital at Cheverly, Md.

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Annuity Board To Host
Annuitants' Luncheon

(3-29-63)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Annuity Board will hold its fourth annual annuitants luncheon here May 9 during the Southern Baptist Convention.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the board in Dallas, said the luncheon, an annual event to honor any person receiving an annuity through the denomination's retirement plans, will be at 12:15 p.m. at the Aladdin Hotel, 1213 Wyandotte, Kansas City.

More than 150 persons have pre-registered, Reed said.

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Soloist Raises Eye Bank Funds,
Says Spiritual Blindness Worse

(3-29-63)

TOKYO (BP)--New York Metropolitan Opera Soloist Irene Jordan sang at a benefit concert here and helped raise 375,000 yen (\$1,000) to be used in establishing the first eye bank in Japan.

At the close of the concert, the attractive soprano told the Japanese audience that physical blindness is a terrible thing, and it is marvelous to establish a fund to help the blind.

"But as I just sang the hymn 'Amazing Grace' which says 'I once was blind but now I see,' I believe that spiritual blindness is far more tragic," she said.

That is why I am here, to give witness to my faith in the power of Christ to save from sin and to give spiritual sight," she added.

Miss Jordan is participating in the Japan Baptist New Life Movement. During the concert sponsored by Lions International, she sang both classical and religious music, including such hymns as "The Old Rugged Cross," "Amazing Grace," and "O For A Thousand Tongues."

Following the concert, the secretary of Lions International in Japan, Mr. Okano, remarked that he had often wondered just what Christianity was trying to do and say. "Tonight, for the first time, I understand," he said.

"She sang from a heart of purity and innocence," he said. "I felt that I too have been purified after I heard her. She truly invaded my heart, and what we do without that which she has in her heart is artificial."

Miss Jordan explained that her main purpose in Japan is to use her voice to try to explain Christianity to the Japanese people as she participates in the Japan Baptist New Life Movement, a nation-wide Baptist evangelistic crusade.

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She presented seven concerts while in Japan to spark interest in the New Life Movement. A total of 4,500 attended the concerts, and millions watched her nation-wide television appearances.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., she was acclaimed as one of the top ten performing artists in the United States in 1959.

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Girls' College Trustees
Okay Dorm Construction

(3-29-63)

BELTON, Tex. (BP)--Trustees for Mary Hardin-Baylor College (Baptist) here named an architect to draw up plans for a new \$250,000 dormitory and approved the celebration next year of the school's 120th and the president's tenth anniversaries.

The new dormitory for the Baptist college for women will house between 75 and 100 students and should be completed by Sept. 1, 1964.

The dorm will be named in honor of former religion professor A. E. Gettys and his wife, and will be designed by William B. Saunders, an architect from Austin, Tex.

Trustees adopted a resolution calling for appropriate public ceremonies next year in observing the school's 120th anniversary and honoring President Arthur K. Tyson on his tenth anniversary as president.

The resolution also set three specific goals to reach by Charter Day in February of 1965--erection of the new dormitory and a new student center, improvement of academic programs being studied by the faculty, and an increase in enrollment to at least 650 students.

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Cantrell Named President
Of Foundation Executives

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--J. C. Cantrell, executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Texas in Dallas, was elected president of the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives meeting here.

H. H. Whatley, Kansas Baptist Foundation executive secretary-treasurer was named vice president of the group, and Carl G. Campbell, who heads Alabama's Baptist Foundation was elected secretary-treasurer.

The representatives from 22 states voted to hold 1964 sessions in Mobile, Ala., and the 1965 meeting in Phoenix, Ariz.

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Folks and facts.....

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.....Jack P. Dalton, pastor of Lake Forest Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla., has been employed as professor of history and acting head of the department at Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex. Dalton is a graduate of Stetson University (Baptist), Deland, Fla.; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; and earned his doctorate at the University of Florida in Gainesville. (BP)

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Clemson Church Asks Webster To Resign

CLEMSON, S. C. (BP)--Clemson Baptist Church here has asked for the resignation of Charles Webster Jr. as Baptist Student Union director at Clemson Agricultural College.

The student director is elected by the church, which also pays his salary. Officials of South Carolina Baptist Convention said the position is under complete supervision of the church, though the convention gives an annual appropriation to the church for Baptist student work.

Webster said he was asked to resign on account of his "gesture of Christian courtesy" to Harvey Gantt, first and only Negro to enrol at Clemson, a state college.

A church leader, who would not allow the Baptist Press to quote him by name, said Gantt, a Baptist, has been invited "to attend the church at his pleasure."

This leader said Webster's position on Gantt was not altogether the reason for his being asked to resign. The leader said "It was one of a series of tensions occurring over two or three years." He said the tensions had nothing to do with doctrine.

He declined to define the "tensions" he said existed, other than to comment, "We don't communicate (with Webster) well."

Webster's asked-for resignation would be effective March 31. His salary will continue through the end of May, although an assistant student director will handle Webster's duties after March 31, the church leader said.

Webster said " n spite of denials that may be forthcoming, I was asked to resign primarily because of my contacts with Harvey Gantt, Clemson's first Negro student."

He said he guided Gantt and another Negro to the registrar's office last June at request of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. He said administration members treated this action as "a subversive plot to integrate the college."

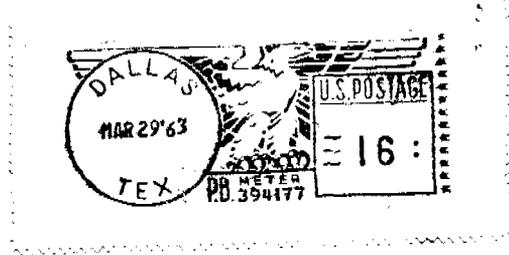
Webster said Clemson President Robert C. Edwards once called Protestant pastors in the city and asked that Webster be "censured or removed."

Edwards was not available for comment, nor was the Clemson Baptist Church pastor. A college public relations official said the matter was between Webster and the local church and the college would have nothing to say.

Webster is 29 years old, a native of Wilson, N. C. He is a graduate of Duke University, Durham, N. C., and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. He has been at Clemson four years.



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