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Retiring Official
Praises Rutledge

ATLANTA (BP)--The retiring executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention predicts "the greatest era of home missions" under the leadership of his successor.

Courts Redford of Atlanta made the statement in formally presenting Arthur B. Rutledge to the administrative staff of the mission agency.

Rutledge, presently director of the missions division, was elected to succeed Redford, who retires at the end of this year.

"America is in desperate need of the ministries which the Home Mission Board can provide," Redford said. "We have in Rutledge a leader that will lead us to victory."

Redford said there was satisfaction in knowing "the responsibilities are passed on to one who is consecrated and well prepared for the work."

He said in the five and a half years Rutledge has been with the board "he has found his way into the hearts of the members of the administrative and secretarial staff."

"Where he walks, assurance and good will walk beside him. His sincerity is so genuine one feels at home with him in any situation. His faithfulness to his Lord and to his fellow Christians seems to challenge each to give his best in cooperative efforts.

"As a friend of God, and a friend of man, he stands forthright as a Christian leader in our midst."

Redford paid tribute to Rutledge's ability to work with and to inspire others.

"His many contacts with other boards and agencies contribute to his very unique ability to analyze and evaluate the problems and the opportunities which will face him day by day," he said.

"Only one who has traveled the highway of denominational life with his fellow Christians can choose the best route with confidence and assurance."

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Peace Corps Officer
Lists Negro Wishes (8-29-64)

RIDGECREST (BP)--A government official, himself a Negro, told a Southern Baptist conference here what American Negroes want now is to "take our places in American life on the basis of personal merit like every other Tom, Dick and Harry."

The speaker, Samuel Proctor of Washington, is an associate director of the Peace Corps.

He told the Christian Life Conference on the theme, "Christianity and Race Relations," that Negroes in the United States have gone through four stages of development in the last century.

The first he described as a period of "dis-integration." This occurred immediately after slaves were freed.

Proctor said the second phase was imitation. In this period, Negroes copied both good and bad from the white man.

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Litigation marked stage three. The legal basis for segregation ended during this time, according to the Peace Corps officer.

The fourth stage, encountered now, is that of "re-integration," he told the 500 conferees.

"We are asking," said Proctor, "that the sins of the past be washed away in a sea of forgetfulness; that the Negro world across the tracks be dissolved..."

The conference was sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, the second of two on the race issue this year sponsored at Southern Baptist summer assemblies. The first was held at Glorieta, N. M., earlier but Proctor was not a speaker there.

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Atlanta Church Sale
To Muslims Denied (8-29-64)

ATLANTA (BP)--A Southern Baptist church here has strongly denied published charges it considered selling its property to a Black Muslim group.

Pastor J. C. Embry of Western Heights Baptist Church said: "Our people absolutely refused to even consider an offer for our property from a local Black Muslim temple. We would never consider selling to such an unChristian, unAmerican and anti-white group.

"We will sell our property only to a group that will be a credit to the community. The amount of their offer was never a factor in our refusing to sell to the Black Muslims."

Western Heights Church is one of several in the Georgia capital totally surrounded by Negroes due to changing neighborhoods. The church has already bought property nearer where most of its members have resettled. It will move as soon as its present property sells, and will erect a new building on the new site.

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New Orleans Seminary
Gains Lee Library (8-29-64)

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Robert G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has given his 5000-volume library to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here.

President H. Leo Eddleman said, "The Dr. Robert G. Lee collection is a valuable contribution to theological education and will be a permanent memorial to this generation's dean of pulpiteers."

The library will be received by the seminary in three segments. The first will be books read and studied by Lee during his 54 years in the ministry. A special room in the seminary library will house the collection.

The Lee acquistion comes at a time when the library is in an expansion program. To double existing facilities, a $600,000 addition to the present library building is planned. A fund-raising campaign for the new wing is in its final stages, according to seminary officials.

As pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, from 1921 to 1924, Lee became closely associated with the institution, then operated as Baptist Bible Institute. Lee, who was a trustee, explained he was both pastor and close friend of Byron Hoover DeMent, first president of the school.

Lee's library consists mainly of theological books. Some works were published in the 18th and early 19th Centuries. Books of law comprise a major section of the pastor's library, since Lee has a doctorate in international law from Chicago Law School.

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"I have faith that New Orleans Seminary will never depart from the faith once for all delivered to the saints," said Lee in making the donation.

"And I want my books to render service to all students who study at the seminary, that they may have some measure of the profit and pleasure my books--my great friends--were to me."

Engaged in the preaching ministry since 1910, Lee was for 33 years pastor of Bellevue Church, presently the second largest in membership of 33,500 churches in the SBC. During that pastorate, he served three consecutive years as president of the Convention. A writer as well as a reader, Lee is author of 33 books.

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Book On Dawson
Published At Waco (8-29-64)

WACO, Tex. (BP)--An autobiography of J. M. Dawson, former executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and prominent Baptist church-state separation leader, has been published by the Baylor University Press here.

Dr. Dawson, 85, who now lives near two of his sons in Corsicana, Tex., has entitled his autobiography "A Thousand Months to Remember." He is still actively writing and preaching, and has previously written 11 books.

He became the first executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C., in 1947, after serving for 32 years as pastor of First Baptist Church in Waco.

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Baptist Agency Makes
Two New Records (8-29-64)

FORT WORTH (BP)--Two new recordings have been produced for the Christian home music division of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here by RCA Victor.

The new recordings include an album of hymns by the Baptist Hour Choir, and a record of devotional vignettes from the "MasterControl" radio program produced by the commission.

Christian home music is the record division of the Baptist radio-TV commission, and it specializes in offering phonograph records and tape recordings of music and other material prepared for Baptist radio programs.

Titles of the new recordings are "The Baptist Hour Choir in Concert" and "Reaching Up."

The 14 devotionals on the second record were recorded by John W. Drakeford, Fort Worth; W. Morris Ford, Longview, Tex.; Charles E. Myers, McAlester, Okla.; W. R. Pettigrew, Louisville, Ky.; and Foy Valentine, Nashville.

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Baptist Hospital Head
Elected To High Post (8-29-64)

CHICAGO (BP)--The American College of Hospital Administrators, meeting here, has named the administrator of a Baptist hospital in Dallas as president-elect of the nationwide organization.

Boone Powell, administrator of Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, will become a member of the organization's 11-member governing board, and will serve as its president next year.

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Another Baptist hospital administrator, Gene Kidd of the Mid-State Baptist Hospital in Nashville, was elected to the group's c uncil of regents.

Th American College of Hospital Administrators is composed of nearly 6,000 hospital heads from throughout Canada and the United States.

Powell will preside over the professional society's sessions next year in San Francisco. He assumes the high position at the exact time he begins his 20th year at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

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Brazil Missionary
Fills Seminary Post

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Brazilian missionary Thurmon Earl Bryant has been appointed visiting professor of missions for the first semester of the 1963-64 academic year at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

The 33-year-old missionary was appointed for Brazil by the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board in 1958. Previous to his appointment, he pastored three churches in Texas--First Baptist Church, Grandview; Friendship Baptist Church, Cleburne, and Prairie Point Baptist Church, Groesbeck.

He received the bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex., in 1951, and the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Bryant is a native of Oklahoma.

Visiting missions professor for the second semester will be Arthur B. Rutledge, Atlanta, director of the division of missions, SBC Home Mission Board.

The visiting professorship is filled each year by individuals active in some phase of missions.

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Missouri Deaf Office
Enters Other Fields (8-29-63)

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)--The office of work with the deaf for Missouri Baptist Convention here has been expanded to include work with other groups needing a special spiritual ministry, according to Roy L. Cissna, director.

The name of the new office will be Office of Special Ministries. It will, in addition to the deaf, work with the blind, retarded, senior citizens, migrants and language groups.

Missouri is the first of state Baptist conventions affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention to have such an office, Cissna said. "It will help Missouri Baptists increase the effectiveness of their mission dollars by ministering to groups who have, to a great extent, been ignored in the past," he added.

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Hospital Accredited (8-29-63)

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., has been extended full three-year accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation, representing medical groups and hospital associations. (BP)

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Jewell Officer Named (8-29-63)

LIBERTY, Mo. (BP)--E. W. Holzapfel has been named vice-president in charge of student affairs at William Jewell College (Baptist) here. He is also dean of students and director of guidance and placement.

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Midwestern Sets
Dates And Speakers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--Two former Southern Baptist Convention presidents and two other Baptist leaders will have roles during the school year at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

The former Convention presidents are Brooks Hays, now special assistant at the White House, Washington, and J. W. Storer, now executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation, Nashville.

Hays will be chief speaker for the seminary's first "missionary day" of the new school year, Oct. 2.

Storer will deliver the dedicatory address for the new residence hall Oct. 13. Kansas City Mayor Ilus Davis will also speak at this time.

G. Earl Guinn, president, Louisiana College (Baptist), Pineville, will conduct the annual "week of preaching" Sept. 24-27.

G. Henton Davies, principal of Regents Park College, a Baptist leader in England, will be on hand for the annual "lectures on preaching" in March.

The first Student Missions Conference in Midwestern's young history will be held Oct. 18-20. A special evangelism conference and workshop on Oct. 14-16 will be led by C. Y. Dossey, Dallas, a member of the SBC Home Mission Board's evangelism division staff.

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Negro Rights Bid
Equated With 1776 (8-29-63)

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP)--The revolution of the American Negro is similar to the American Revolution fought "by our forefathers," the Christian Life Conference at this Southern Baptist Convention summer assembly was informed.

Both, according to an officer of United Nations, involve the same principles of freedom.

Frank P. Graham of Chapel Hill, N. C., serving as United Nations representative to India and Pakistan, addressed the conference sponsored by the SBC Christian Life Commission.

Graham, a former president of the University of North Carolina, and former United States senator, said:

"The sons and daughters of the American Revolution must not become the fathers and mothers of American reaction against the very principles of the American Revolution. This reaction would abdicate the leadership of equality and freedom in a hopeful world desperately in need of the best which America has to give in this life of hazard and hope for all people."

Instead of continuing as the sword of liberty, he said states rights became "the shield of slavery in the South; later, the exploitation of women and children in the sweatshops of the great cities of the North; and today, the armament of massive resistance to the law of the land for the equal freedom of all Americans.

States rights "must, in wisdom, become states responsibilities for the equal freedom and opportunity of all our people in fulfillment of the law of the land as interpreted by the Supreme Court in 1954," he added.

Graham asserted the Negro's current struggle did not get its impetus from Moscow but in Southern cities like Montgomery and Greensboro. He declared the impetus could be further traced to America's founding fathers assembled in Philadelphia, and even back to the Judean hills and the Sea of Galilee.

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Graham said the civil rights march on Washington, then in the planning stage, was in the "finest tradition" of the American Revolution.

Citing the early Washington demonstrations of American women in their struggle for the right to vote, Graham said the Bill of Rights guarantees every citizen's right to assemble peacefully for redress of grievances before the law.

Endorsing the test ban treaty, Graham said, "ratification would be a beginning step of reciprocally developing faith toward progressive and effective universal disarmament. This step would be without any appeasement of totalitarian tyranny or any surrender of the peace for all the people on the earth."

Another conference speaker, Carlyle Marney of Charlotte, stressed the Biblical insights on peace which Christians need to apply in the contemporary world.

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Church-State Heritage
Reviewed At Conference (8-29-63)

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP)--"Baptists are called upon to bear witness to their heritage of religious liberty" in the problems of modern church-state relations, a Baptist leader said at a conference here.

W. Barry Garrett, associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, said "the nation is engaged in the most extensive review of church-state relations since the incorporation of the Bill of Rights into the Constitution."

"This discussion and the decisions that are to be made will influence the life of our nation and of our churches for the next 100 years," he said.

He cited the major church-state problems in the United States as: (1) the use of federal funds for church education purposes; (2) the treatment of religion as American heritage required by law; (3) the stimulation of church contributions by favorable tax policies; (4) the use of religious institutions abroad by United States Foreign Aid programs; and (5) United States health and welfare programs administered by church agencies.

Garrett said two trends are developing in church-state affairs in this country, both "filled with dangers." One trend, he said, is toward a complete secularization of society, while the other is toward an "official religiousness on the part of the nation."

"One of the responsibilities of the Baptists and other denominational groups," the Baptist leader stated, "is to reinterpret the relation of religion and government and to seek solutions that will be good both for religion and for government."

Pointing out the role of Baptists in church-state relations, Garrett said it is necessary to "formulate a philosophy of our position and convictions and to learn how to implement our witness in ways consistent with the gospel we preach."

Principles of church-state separation are the "result" or "product" of deeper Gospel principles which constitute the Baptist heritage, he told the group.

The Baptist heritage comes from the Scriptures, the lordship of Christ, and the sovereignty of God, not from a political instrument such as a national constitution, he said.

"Constitutions come and go," Garrett stated, "but the Word of the Lord stands forever. It is this Word that Baptists are called to understand, to proclaim, and to defend with all their heart, soul and mind."

Garrett spoke at the 1963 Workshop on Baptist Heritage and Religious Liberty. The workshop was sponsored by the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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