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**Students Told Civil
Rights Moral Issue**

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Civil rights is a moral and religious issue as well as a constitutional one, Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.) told students at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here.

He has supported civil rights legislation during his political career, the senator, a Baptist himself, continued.

Cooper said Christian faith and leadership are necessary to solve America's problems. "It is the inner character of this country and its people that can finally sustain them."

Delivering the seminary's opening convocation address, Cooper praised the Christian ideal of the worth and dignity of every individual, which he said is the basis of American government.

Calling attention to what he considers the increasing emphasis on materialism in this country and noting that materialism is the essence of communism, the Kentucky officeholder added, "The worst thing which could happen would be for us to succumb consciously or unconsciously to this same materialism."

Cooper outlined current issues before Congress. He related each to Christian responsibility. He pointed out unemployment as it relates to the doctrine of free enterprise.

"We must not leave these people who want to work lying in a ditch," he declared. "Our government must be compassionate as well as competitive."

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**Southeastern Sets Date
To Inaugurate Binkley**

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WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)--Olin T. Binkley will be inaugurated here Oct. 17 as president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Representatives from the five other Southern Baptist Convention seminaries are expected to attend. So are officials from other SBC agencies. In addition, representatives from senior colleges in North Carolina and from many Baptist colleges are expected.

Southeastern's trustees also will be present.

Binkley, former dean of the faculty and professor of ethics at Southeastern, succeeds Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey who retired July 31. Stealey had served as Southeastern's only president during its first 12 years.

The ceremony will open with an academic processional at 10 a. m. leading into the seminary chapel. All guests will participate. The program includes an address by Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Binkley's inaugural address.

Delegates and guests will be entertained at the president's luncheon in the seminary cafeteria. Jesse H. Ziegler, associate director of the American Association of Theological Schools, seminary accrediting society, will speak.

There will be no classes the day of the inauguration in celebration of the event. Chairman of the inaugural committee is J. Carroll Trotter Jr., professor of preaching and speech at Southeastern.

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Congress Passes
Medical Aid Bill

WASHINGTON (BP)--Public, private and church-related medical schools will benefit by a \$236,400,000 bill passed by the Congress and sent to the President for final approval.

The bill provides for a three-year construction program and a six-year student loan program. Grants ranging from 50 per cent to 75 per cent of construction costs in schools for medical, dental, pharmaceutical, optometric, podiatric, nursing, osteopathic and public health teaching facilities were voted.

Two religious restrictions were included in the bill: (1) no grants will be made to a school for that part of a facility that is used for sectarian instruction or as a place of worship; and (2) if within 10 years after completion of a facility, it is used for sectarian instruction or for religious worship, the United States government shall be entitled to recover a portion of the federal contribution.

The two parts of the bill authorize \$175 million in grants for building medical and dental schools, \$30.7 million for student loans for three years, and an estimated \$30.7 million for an additional three years to complete the loans begun under the first allocation.

In setting up a student loan fund a school is required to deposit an amount equal to one-ninth of the allocation from the federal government. If the school is unable to provide the one-ninth deposit, the bill authorizes loans to the school for that amount.

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Catholic Congressman
Hits Parochial Survey

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WASHINGTON (BP)--A Roman Catholic congressman sharply challenged a recent public opinion poll that says the American people are opposed to federal aid to parochial schools.

Rep. Hugh L. Carey (D., N. Y.) charged that the Harris Survey is a "hothouse home-grown post-Newsweek pollster" that is not as accurate as the Gallup Poll. In a speech before the House of Representatives he said, "when poll meets poll, make mine Gallup."

The New York congressman predicted soon the Congress will pass legislation that will provide federal aid to parochial schools.

In February the Gallup Poll announced a shift in public opinion on the question of tax aid to parochial schools. It said 49 per cent of the people favor federal aid "not only to public but Catholic and private schools as well." Only 44 per cent, said the Gallup Poll, felt financial aid should go to public schools only.

On Sept. 9 the Harris Survey, sponsored by the Washington Post and Newsweek magazine, reported "the clear weight of public opinion is opposed to federal aid to parochial schools." It reported 62 per cent of the people expressing an opinion were opposed to such aid. Only 13 per cent of the people hold no opinion on the matter, according to the Harris Survey.

Carey is a member of the National Board of Citizens for Educational Freedom, an organization that is dedicated to securing tax aid both on the state and national levels for private and parochial schools. The organization takes an active part in politics and seeks to elect to public office those who pledge to fight for aid to church schools.

In his attack on the Harris Survey Carey said, "One is moved to inquire whether those polled speak clearly and think fairly for the majority of Americans or is it possible that some of their voices were muffled under hoods as they stood with their sheets blowing in the wind?"

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