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**Survey Finds Knoxville  
Church Membership High**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--More than 84 per cent of Knoxville's 200,000 residents over nine years of age are church members.

"This is one of the highest percentages we have found in the nation," according to Orrin Morris of Atlanta, a Southern Baptist survey specialist who led in the house-to-house count.

"The national average is 63.4 per cent, including those under nine. The Knoxville figure also includes 4.6 per cent with non-local church membership. This is also a low figure," he said.

The survey was taken by 5,000 workers representing 117 churches and included the urban areas of Knoxville.

Morris, who is an associate secretary of the department of survey and special studies for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, said the high church membership was due to a stable community and active churches.

"Knoxville does not have a highly mobile population," he said, "and the strength of the churches was reflected in the number of workers in our survey. We had 93 per cent of the homes visited to give us complete information."

A denominational division of the church membership shows Baptists with 54.17 per cent, Methodists with 19.38, Presbyterians with 9.89, Roman Catholics with 3.34, Christian Churches with 2.84, Episcopal with 2.30, Church of God with 2.29, Lutherans with 1.21, Evangelical United Brethren with 1.05, and Church of Christ with .64 per cent.

The survey reported on the attendance habits of the church members: 60.7 per cent go to church regularly, 20.2 occasionally attend, 4.6 go once a year and 14.5 never attend.

Although Negro churches were invited, they did not participate and the figures do not include the Negro population.

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**Mexico Missionary's  
Daughter Selected**

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BIRMINGHAM (BP)--Chloanne Elizabeth Cole has been named winner of the 1963 Elizabeth Lowndes Award given annually by Woman's Missionary Union here, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention.

Miss Cole is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. Lamar Cole, missionaries in Guadalajara, Mexico.

The Elizabeth Lowndes Award is \$200 cash given a Margaret Fund student who as a graduating senior has distinguished himself or herself for scholarship, leadership and character, and has maintained a "B" average.

Both the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards make nominations each year, the final selection being made by the Woman's Missionary Union Executive Board.

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Arthur Rutledge  
To Teach Missions

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Arthur B. Rutledge, division of missions director for the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board, Atlanta, has been appointed visiting professor of missions for the second semester of the 1963-64 academic year at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

As a visiting professor, Rutledge will teach missions with an emphasis on the Home Mission Board's work in North America. He will continue his work with the SBC agency by commuting from Atlanta on weekends and teaching weekday classes on the seminary campus.

"The visiting professorship is part of the seminary's program of having distinguished missionary personnel teach classes and be a part of the faculty each year," President Duke K. McCall announced.

The 52-year-old Rutledge has a master of theology degree from Southern Seminary and a doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Before joining the Home Mission Board staff in 1959, he was secretary of stewardship and direct missions for the Baptist General Convention of Texas for two years.

At the Home Mission Board, Rutledge supervises city missions, associational missions, pioneer missions, work with National Baptists and the ministry to language groups within the United States.

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Says Veterans' Bill  
Promotes 'Segregation'

(11-1-63)

WASHINGTON (BP)--A United States senator said segregation is promoted in two bills passed by the Senate to grant Federal charters to two veterans' organizations.

The Senate, in a vote of 65 to 10, passed bills to incorporate the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, and the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America.

"This is one of the most glaring segregation proposals, sponsored by the same people who are making the greatest effort against segregation," said Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R., Iowa). Such a measure, he stated, represents support of segregation based upon service to one's country and "based on segregating servicemen by their religion."

Hickenlooper pointed out membership in these organizations, in addition to service to the country, is based on "association with or adherence to a certain religious group." It is wrong for any religion to ask for such a Federal charter, he said.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R., N. Y.) argued such action would not be segregation because "wherever there is freedom of choice, there is no segregation." He pointed out membership in these organizations is not restricted and is voluntary.

"I have nothing but the greatest respect for the religion of anybody, but when we begin to put religious qualifications into religious charters for servicemen, that is segregation by anybody's standards," Hickenlooper argued.

The New York Times, in an editorial, supported the arguments of Sen. Hickenlooper. The fact 65 senators favored the measure and only nine opposed it "is a sad commentary on the judgment of the Senate," it stated.

"We hope the House shows a better sense of values by turning down this essentially segregationist proposal," the editorial concluded.

The House has taken no action on the proposal.

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Texas TV Station Begins  
Spanish Religious Show

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (BP)--A local television station, KWEX-TV has become the first station in the United States to broadcast a weekly Baptist-produced religious program in Spanish.

The program, "La Respuesta," is the Spanish version of the English-language television series, "The Answer," produced by the Southern Baptist Convention Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth.

Spanish soundtracks replace the sound on the English-version television series. The programs are broadcast each Sunday at 11:30 a. m.

"This also will be one of the first broadcasts in our nation of a religious television series in a language other than English," said Jerome B. Pillow, head of the language production department for the SBC commission.

"La Respuesta," which means "the answer," has been broadcast extensively in South American countries, but not in the United States.

In Fortaleza, Brazil, the Municipal Council recently issued an official commendation of the program being telecast there in Portuguese. The council praised the programs for "their noble educational influence as well as their profound moral content."

A total of 26 different half-hour dramatic films originally produced in English have been given Portuguese soundtracks for use on stations in Brazil and Portugal.

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Radio Series Spotlights  
Ministers' Wives' Woes

(11-1-63)

FORT WORTH (BP)--The problems of ministers' wives was being featured on the National Broadcasting Co.'s "Faith in Action" weekly radio series during November.

The four-part series, produced here by the Southern Baptist Convention Radio and Television Commission, was for broadcast by transcription over the NBC network in New York City.

NBC Newsman Robert Abernethy was named to moderate each program in the series, called "Through the Parsonage Window."

The programs dealt with problems including the working wife of a minister on a small salary, the problems of the ministerial student's wife, the ordeal of the shy wife of a minister, and protocol problems in large churches served by several married ministers.

Program participants were to include Mrs. Robert C. Fling and Mrs. Sylvester Reed of Cleburne, Tex.; Mrs. Woodson Armes, Mrs. J. P. Allen, Mrs. Daniel Proctor, Mrs. Edith Deen and Mrs. James Ponder, all of Fort Worth; Mrs. Ollin J. Owens, Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. W. C. Link Jr., Liberty, Mo.; Mrs. Thurman Allred, Edenton, N. C.; and Wallace Denton of Kansas City, Mo.

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Nordenhaug Returns Home

(11-1-63)

WASHINGTON (BP)--Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, returned to his home here after experiencing a slight heart ailment in Melbourne, Australia. He became ill during a series of speaking engagements in Australia and New Zealand. He expects to return to the office after a few days of rest.

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White Addresses Houston  
Interracial Ministers

HOUSTON (BP)--The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, K. Owen White, told a group of Negro and White ministers here the cross of Christ would solve every problem that besets them.

White, pastor of the First Baptist Church, which earlier had been picketed by Negroes for refusing to admit colored people as church members, did not directly refer to the racial situation in his message.

"We must keep the cross central in all our religion if we are to solve the many problems which confront us," said White.

About 150 Houston ministers attended the meeting at South Main Baptist Church. About 50 ministers were Negroes.

L. H. Simpson, pastor of Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church here and head of the Houston Baptist Ministers Association (Negro), also spoke on the program.

Simpson said he had longed for such a meeting. He said he knew the answers to today's problems will come only from God.

The opening hymn was "When We All Get To Heaven."

The Houston ministers planned to meet again Dec. 23 at Pleasant Hill Church and agreed to have one such meeting per quarter.