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War On Poverty Would
Use Church Agencies

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WASHINGTON (BP)— A careful study of President Lyndon B. Johnson's "war on poverty" reveals serious church-state problems. His program calls for a mass attack on poverty through a combination of federal, State and local governments, plus private and nonprofit agencies.

In an obvious effort to avoid the religious issue of federal aid to church schools the President's program would administer educational programs through public agencies. However, he would provide a variety of aids to private nonprofit agencies. Church schools and agencies could develop parts of the program provided they do not involve "sectarian instruction and religious worship."

The President launched a program that, he said, "strikes at the causes, not just the consequences of poverty." "Our goal," he continued, "is an America in which every citizen shares all the opportunities of the society, in which every man has a chance to advance his welfare to the limit of his capacities."

One-fifth of the nation's population is in need, the President declared. He said that the "struggle to give people a chance" must be pursued because it is right, wise and possible to conquer poverty.

Calling on Congress for immediate action Mr. Johnson proposed the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. It calls for \$962.5 million the first year and "thereafter such sums as may be necessary."

In a 2800-word message to Congress and in a 39-page bill the President proposed a number of sweeping programs to eliminate poverty in America. Sargent Shriver, at present director of the Peace Corps, will be appointed by the President to direct the new office of Economic Opportunity.

No time was wasted in getting the poverty legislation before Congress. Hearings were begun before the Committee on Education and Labor in the House of Representatives the day after the President's message.

Illustrations of the church-state problems in the poverty program are:

Job Corps Program: The director would be authorized to enter into agreements with any federal, State or local agency or private organization for the provision of such facilities and services "as are needed." This program would provide "residential centers" for "education, vocational training, and useful work experience."

Work-Training Programs: Both public and private nonprofit agencies would be aided in work programs for young people. However, projects "involving the construction, operation or maintenance of any facility used or to be used for sectarian instruction or as a place for religious worship" would be prohibited. The "non-religious" projects of private agencies could be aided.

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Work-Study Programs: Students in institutions of higher education would be aided in work programs to enable them to attend school. Such programs could not involve those facilities of the school used for "sectarian instruction or as a place of religious worship."

Community Action Programs: Both public and private agencies could be aided. If elementary or secondary education programs are involved they must be administered by the public educational agency or agencies in the community. The Act requires that "no child shall be denied the benefit of such a program because he is not regularly enrolled in the public schools."

Family Farm Development: Both public and private nonprofit corporations would receive aid in programs to develop family farms.

Volunteers for America: The director would be authorized to "recruit, select, train and refer" volunteers for a wide variety of domestic programs involving both public and private nonprofit agencies. Many of these, no doubt, would be church agencies, but the restrictions against "sectarian instruction and places of religious worship" would apply.

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Prayer Amendment
Hearings Are Set

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WASHINGTON (BP)-- The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives has scheduled hearings beginning April 22 on proposed constitutional amendments relating to Bible reading and prayer in public schools and in other public places.

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.), chairman of the committee, in a news release announcing the hearings said that there are "144 resolutions cast in 35 different forms" on the subject of the hearings.

"The number and variety of the pending resolutions indicate the many different views and the widespread interest in this matter," he said.

"The nature and importance of the subject requires that the Committee have the benefit of the best thinking of all schools of thought in its consideration of the pending resolutions," he concluded.

Congressman Frank J. Becker (R., N.Y.) has pushed a discharge petition for some months to require immediate consideration of the Constitutional amendments on the floor of the House of Representatives without hearings before the Judiciary Committee. The reason for the petition is that Celler has been reluctant to schedule hearings and the proposals have thus been bottled up in Committee.

To date there are 161 signers of the discharge petition. It requires 218 signers to force a measure out of Committee. Most Congressmen are very reluctant to sign such petitions even though they may be in favor of the proposed legislation.

Rep. Otis G. Pike (D., N.Y.) expressed the view of many Congressmen in his newsletter. "The majority of the members of Congress think too highly of the Constitution to amend it with no hearings, no testimony, less debate and less care than we accord to the least important bills in which we vote," he said.

Pike indicated that "leaders of all religious faiths, fraternal, veterans, civic organizations and educators will testify."

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Yum, Yum--Read This
Catalogue With Relish

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Beverages for Elective Leisure. Field Work for Daily Bread. Required Course of Meat. Degrees of Dessert.

If this sounds like an unusual academic catalogue, it is. It bears the title, "Seminary Samples...A Catalogue of Cooking."

Produced not by learned men lecturing in ivy-covered halls of higher education, but by their pretty helpmates in wallpapered kitchens lined with range, refrigerator, sink and cupboard.

And give these faculty wives in Louisville, Ky., all an "A" on their final examinations, which in this case would be a full course meal based on recipes found in "Seminary Samples."

The faculty wives club at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville produced the cookbook (their second) because they wanted to share recipes with each other, according to Mrs. W. Morgan Patterson, chairman of the cookbook committee.

She said the recipes are ones not found in the cookbooks generally sold in bookstores. The unique aspect of the cookbook, added Mrs. Patterson, is that every recipe in it seems to be a favorite whenever served.

The 162 recipes, submitted by faculty "Betty Crockers," all have been time-tested.

An Ecuadorian businessman studying at the University of Louisville was invited several times to a home where dishes from the cookbook were served. Before returning to his home, the Latin gentleman asked for a copy of the seminary cookbook.

Asked if his wife might have some difficulty in reading the English-written recipes, he replied his first task before enjoying the cookbook cuisine would be to translate the book into Spanish for her.

Perhaps one of the most puzzling recipes to be found in the cookbook is "Beef and Wild Rice Casserole," submitted by Mrs. W. Peyton Thurman, wife of the seminary's dean of students.

"When I serve this casserole between the first and 15th of the month, I use all wild rice," states Mrs. Thurman in the recipe. "After the 15th, I use a blend of wild and brown rice."

Friends wondered about this. No explanation was offered for the commentary on wild rice, or a blend of wild and brown rice. Economic necessity was finally found to be the basis of the rule, for one need only consider the high cost of wild rice per pound, and the state of the typical seminary housewife's budget after the 15th of the month, while struggling till next pay day.

Several missionaries have contributed exotic foreign dishes to "Seminary Samples," one of these being "Pilau," or "Brazilian Meat and Rice," submitted by Mrs. Thurmon Bryant, wife of the visiting professor of missions who serves in Brazil.

Mrs. Ernest J. Loessner's "Spanish Rice" was found to be a family recipe, stemming from Loessner's maternal Spanish descent.

Two professors' wives have submitted recipes designed to spice up ordinary vegetable dishes. Mrs. Henlee H. Barnette's "Cheese and Carrot Souffle" gives a new twist to an old vegetable standby.

Ordinary frozen packaged string beans may be given exciting new flavor by following the recipe for "Frozen French Beans," submitted by Mrs. W. O. Carver, whose late husband was professor of missions.

A back-of-the-book section called "Theological Tidbits" contains such helpful information as this, on onions: "Guaranteed. No tears in your eyes when you peel onions. Just hold them under running cold water as you peel them."

Or this, perhaps for any newlywed earning her degree in the culinary arts: "Burn yourself? Don't use butter. Just a little dab of pure vanilla extract will do it."

Almost everyone loves strawberries for dessert, and this is the season. What could be more appetizing than "Strawberry Dream Cake," from the kitchen of Mrs. Duke K. McCall, wife of the seminary president?

The idea of fashioning the cookbook after the academic catalogue belongs to Mrs. Raymond B. Brown. The title was Mrs. McCall's suggestion. The art work stems from the talent of Mrs. Glenn Hinson.

The cookbook, nearly a year in the works from planning stage to print, succeeds one which was published in 1958 for friends and relatives of faculty wives. The '58 edition's supplies are long gone.

A Baptist Press reviewer--Mrs. Coleman Markham, whose husband was a seminary student before they moved to Nashville--summed up the new "Seminary Samples" thus:

"Recipes sound very good. You might say 'exotic.' Ingredients call for lots of extras such as almonds, mushrooms, etc., that may not be as thrifty as a tight budget would allow but sound so good they would be worth the once-a-month splurge after pay day."

The new cookbook isn't going to be widely advertised. But \$2.25 sent to Faculty Wives Club, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, Ky., 40206 will secure a copy.

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(Picture mailed.)

New Orleans Seminary
Reports Faculty Change

(3-20-64)

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--The transfer of Malcolm O. Tolbert from the missions department to the New Testament faculty and the addition of James D. Belote to the missions faculty at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has been announced here by President H. Leo Eddleman.

A native of Illinois, Tolbert is a graduate of Louisiana College (Baptist) and New Orleans Seminary where his major for the doctor of theology degree was New Testament. Before joining the New Orleans faculty in 1961, he served nine years as a missionary to Brazil.

"Dr. Tolbert's move to the New Testament department brings us additional emphasis on New Testament Greek at a strategic time. This is in keeping with the seminary's intensification of the study of biblical languages," Eddleman declared.

Belote, a native of Washington, D. C., has served as president of Hong Kong Baptist Seminary since 1952 and president and professor in the Asia Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary since 1960 under appointment by the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board.

In coming to New Orleans, Eddleman said, "Dr. Belote is beginning a furlough of unspecified length because of health factors in the family."

He is a graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.; Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C., and New Orleans Seminary, from which he has a doctor of theology degree.

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South Carolina Calls
Public Relations Man

COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP)--The general board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention here has elected J. Cordell Maddox to become director of public relations effective May 1.

Maddox comes to Columbia from Furman University, convention-sponsored college at Greenville, where he has been director of development and public relations.

A native of LaGrange, Ga., Maddox is a graduate of Furman. He received the bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He served as director of Royal Ambassador work in the South Carolina convention four years before his work at Furman.

The office of public relations and program service here has been jointly directed by Douglas P. Blackwell. The work now has been separated, with Blackwell continuing to direct program services.

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One-Time Mississippi
Secretary Dies At 83

(3-20-64)

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--R. B. Gunter, 83, former Mississippi state Baptist executive secretary, died Mar. 17 at a local nursing home.

His death came following a long illness, much of the time being spent in Baptist Hospital in Jackson.

He had also served as president of the state convention. A girls' dormitory on the campus of Mississippi College (Baptist), Clinton, was named for him.

He was a member of the Future Program Commission that recommended to the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis in 1925 the adoption of the Cooperative Program as its financial plan.

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Literacy Workshop
Planned For Seminary

(3-20-64)

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Intensive training of resource personnel in techniques of literacy missions will be given July 10-16 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Mildred Blankenship of Atlanta, field worker in literacy missions for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is the convenor. Guest instructors will teach special areas such as linguistics.

Although the workshop is open to those interested, the class will be limited and those with previous experience will be given priority, Miss Blankenship said.

This is the second year for the workshop. Again, two hours of seminary credit is available.

Housing on the campus is available for \$15. Registration fee is \$5, and should be sent in advance to the seminary.

For further information write Dean Allen W. Graves, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, Ky., 40206.

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