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**Leach Transferred
To Puerto Rico**

ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has transferred Milton Leach Jr. of Miami to the island commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Leach, for 10 years director of Spanish work for the Miami Baptist Association, will serve in Puerto Rico as a general missionary.

He will assist Southern Baptist congregations in their ministry among the 2-1/2 million people of the island, a U. S. possession.

There are presently six Southern Baptist congregations, two of them Spanish, in Puerto Rico. American Baptists have approximately 50 congregations there.

"Our object is to bear our part of the burden of evangelizing the Puerto Rican population," said Loyd Corder of Atlanta in making the announcement of Leach's appointment.

"We expect to do only that which is helpful and strengthening to other Baptist groups," added Corder, who is secretary of the language missions department for the mission agency.

He said Leach established an "exceptional record" in Miami, leading that association to minister to the more than 170,000 Spanish-speaking residents of the city.

Leach pioneered in enlisting English-speaking Miami churches to establish language congregations, making alternate use of the same facilities. Parallel associational organizations for the Spanish-speaking were also started.

The Southern Baptist mission agency approved limited assistance to Baptist work in Puerto Rico last August, taking this step after congregations on the island had requested help.

The Southern Baptist congregations are in the major cities of San Juan and Ponce and near Ramey and Roosevelt Roads military bases.

Leach, a native of Sterling City, Tex., was educated at Howard Payne College (Baptist) in Brownwood, Tex., and at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth.

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**Caudill Undergoes
Five-Hour Operation**

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ATLANTA (BP)--Herbert Caudill of Havana, Cuba, underwent a five-hour operation here for a detached retina in his left eye.

The superintendent of missions in Cuba for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board returned, together with his wife, to the United States for the eye treatment.

"He withstood the surgery in good shape," said Loyd Corder of Atlanta, secretary of the language missions department of the mission agency, "but the results will not be known for several weeks."

Corder said doctors assured him and the family of the good health of the right eye.

The Caudills moved into an apartment at 1818 Ridgewood Dr. in Atlanta for their stay in the United States, expected to last from three to six months.

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The Caudills expect to return to Cuba, and they presently have the permission of the Cuban government to do so.

Meeting the Caudills in Atlanta were two of their three children: a daughter, Mrs. George Pringle of Park View, N. M., and a son, Herbert Jr., a student at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee.

Herbert Jr. will be staying with his parents in Atlanta for the summer and Mrs. Pringle is staying with her husband's parents in Marietta, Ga.

Their other daughter, Mrs. David Fite, is a missionary to Cuba, together with her husband, and remained in Havana.

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Nash Resigns Church

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ATLANTA (BP)--Stanton H. Nash, administrator for Atlanta's First Baptist Church for 13 months, has resigned to become executive director for the John Haggai Evangelistic Association.

Nash was executive secretary of the Hawaii Baptist Convention before coming to Atlanta.

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Rocky Mountain Baptist Becoming Weekly Paper

(6-17-64)

DENVER (BP)--The executive board of the Colorado Baptist General Convention has approved publication of the Rocky Mountain Baptist as a weekly paper here beginning Jan. 1. The paper has had a twice monthly schedule since July, 1962.

O. L. Bayless of Denver was elected to be full-time editor, also effective Jan. 1. Bayless, the convention secretary of evangelism since December, 1960, assumed the additional responsibility of editing the paper in July, 1962.

The department of Brotherhood will be combined with the department of evangelism as of Jan. 1, and a secretary elected to fill the office.

The board gave preliminary approval to the 1965 Colorado convention budget totaling \$430,121. This represents an increase of 11 per cent over 1964. The Cooperative Program percentage to the Southern Baptist Convention was increased one per cent to a total of 16 per cent and represents an increase of \$6,948 over 1964. This will be the second successive year for a percentage hike.

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Arizona Outgrowing Office Building

(6-17-64)

PHOENIX (BP)--The building that was adequate to house Baptist offices here eight years ago is filled to capacity, so the executive board of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention is studying the need for a new Baptist building in the city.

The convention staff occupies a former doctors' building at 316 W. McDowell Rd. When it was bought about eight years ago for convention office use, many of the doctors and other professional people remained. One by one, they have moved out as the convention has required more space, it was reported.

Now only two offices not directly a part of the Arizona Convention remain in the building. Both, however, are related to convention work. One is the office of the city missions superintendent for Baptist work in Phoenix. The other is that of the Arizona Alcohol and Narcotics Education Association, one of whose major supporters is the Baptist convention.

Some speak of trying to remain in the same area of the city, while others mention the possibility of moving about five miles to the site of the convention-supported Grand Canyon College.

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Home Board Appoints
3, Transfers Others

ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here appointed George P. Gaskins of Fort Collins, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon D. Swinney Jr. of Bryans Road, Md., as missionaries.

The appointments, which helped raise the board's personnel to 2,328, were made in cooperation with the state Baptist conventions where they will serve.

The mission agency also placed its first missionaries to the Portuguese, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald P. Mathews, on the field in Oakland, Calif., after a year of language study in Brazil.

And Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Pratt of Washington, D. C., were transferred to New Orleans to direct the work of the Rachel Sims Mission.

Gaskins, a native of Putnam, Tex., and recently pastor of Emmanuel Southern Baptist Church in Fort Collins, Colo., will serve as superintendent of missions for the Denver Baptist Association.

There are 34 Southern Baptist churches in the Denver metropolitan area, which has more than a million residents.

Gaskins was educated at Texas Christian University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, both in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Swinney, natives of Texarkana, Ark., and Salisbury, Md., will serve at the Canton Baptist Center in Baltimore.

Swinney, former pastor of Grace Baptist Church at Bryans Road, was educated at the University of Oklahoma at Norman, Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee and at Southwestern Seminary.

He also served as student pastor in Oklahoma, as associate pastor in Washington, D. C., and as pastor in Port Deposit and Linthicum Heights, Md.

The Ronald Mathewses, both natives of Leesburg, Fla., have finished a year's study of the Portuguese language in Campinas, Brazil.

There are approximately a half million Portuguese-speaking people in the United States, and most of these are concentrated in California, according to Loyd Corder of Atlanta, secretary of the language missions department.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, natives of Pope, Miss., and Osceola, Mo., have served at the Johnning Baptist Center in Washington.

Pratt was educated at Mississippi College (Baptist) at Clinton and at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans. Mrs. Pratt was educated at Southwest Baptist College at Bolivar, Mo., and at Mississippi College.

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Holloway Joins
New Orleans Seminary

(6-17-64)

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Leonard L. Holloway of Norman, Okla., will join the staff of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here Aug. 1 as vice-president of development.

Holloway was for six years director of public relations for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. More recently he has served as vice-president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and as president of a life insurance company based in Norman.

A native Oklahoman, Holloway earned the bachelor of arts degree at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and the master of arts in communications at the University of Oklahoma, Norman. He is a member of the Public Relations Society of America and is a former president of the Baptist Public Relations Association.

At New Orleans Seminary, Holloway will have general direction of development and public relations, according to Seminary President H. Leo Eddleman.

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