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Federal Aid, Control

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Will federal control come with federal money if Baptist colleges accept grants of public funds?

No, says the trustee executive committee at one Baptist college which recently took a grant. Yes, says the alumni president of another Baptist college which has not taken a grant and seeks to finance itself without one.

The sharply contrasting opinions on the effect of federal aid and control were noted in correspondence received in the same morning's mail at Baptist Press news service offices in Nashville.

The executive committee of the trustees of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., was explaining to supporters why the university accepted \$611,898 to help expand science facilities.

The president of Oklahoma Baptist University Alumni was appealing for voluntary weekly personal support to help that university make up for the money it did not want to accept from the government.

Furman's trustee committee repeated its claim that its federal aid "is in the form of payment for services to be rendered in the national emergency." It alleged further "acceptance of this grant can bring no federal controls over the university's administration and academic program."

Ralph E. Smith of Tulsa, president of the Oklahoma Alumni, took the opposing tack. "History proves that in almost every case where aid is extended the controls will follow. Not at first, but slowly do they come. Are we standing on the threshold of federal control of education?" he argued.

Smith pointed out, "It has been said that Oklahoma Baptist University is the only university in the state that has not accepted federal aid in its building program."

He pleaded for alumni willing to give \$1 to \$10 per week to help pay the college's own way and at the same time preserve "freedom of education."

Furman's trustees contended the federal grant, as accepted, "does not in any way...weaken the wall of separation of church and state."

It counted out a number of illustrations of what it considers to be existing involvements between the Baptist denomination and the state. They are:

1. A church using a public school building while constructing its own meeting place.
2. A city church receiving tax-exemption benefits such as fire and police protection and garbage pickup.
3. A rural church receiving free help from public sources in cleaning its cemetery or paving a driveway and parking lot.
4. Low mailing rates for the church paper and other denominational literature.

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5. Pastors getting housing allowances exempt from income tax.
6. Pastors electing to receive Social Security coverage.

The Furman board said "each of these is a form of government subsidy...in theory...subsidizing the exercise of religion."

The conflict in Southern Baptist educational life and over federal aid is expected to get increasing attention in the coming months. Baptists in at least two states--Georgia and Texas--face questions involving their colleges and federal funds.

A Baptist college in Mississippi declined to sign compliance with the Civil Rights Act and lost about \$200,000 formerly available as aid to students in federal loans. It is seeking through its friends to make up the difference privately, but is still \$120,000 short of the objective.

A Baptist education study task at nationwide level will weigh the federal aid and control question as a part of its overall concern for the future welfare of Southern Baptist colleges and universities.

A religious liberty conference held in Washington for several Baptist bodies in October will grapple with the federal aid question also. (BP)

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Scales Resigns Post,  
Goes to Stillwater

SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP)--James Ralph Scales, president of Oklahoma Baptist University here, has resigned to accept a post with Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Effective Sept. 1, Scales was to become dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the state university.

Although he turned his resignation in to the Baptist school's trustees at a special July session, they had asked him to reconsider it.

After "earnest and prayerful thought and isolation from the campus and telephone," Scales decided to move to Oklahoma State University, where he had already been welcomed at a reception.

In another action, Oklahoma Baptist University trustees abolished the position of chancellor of the university, effective Sept. 1. Former President John W. Raley has held the post since it was created in 1961.

In his statement declining to remain in Shawnee, Scales said, "the relationship of the president, faculty and students is not unlike the pastor-congregation relationship and it is never easy to leave..."

"I have been repaid a thousandfold by my work at OBU, but the burdens of the presidency take a heavy toll, and I yearn to give more time to my family, students and my books."

PICKUP AT GRAPH 6 OF STORY MAILED JULY 30. Following is a retake of this copy as mailed previously, included for benefit of those who might have misplaced earlier story.

The announcement Scales would leave the university here brought letters and other messages from alumni, students and friends asking him not to resign. Expressing themselves by formal resolution, the Oklahoma Baptist University faculty urged Scales to stay on as president.

Scales accepted the presidency on June 1, 1961, being promoted from the post of executive vice-president. Except for military service in world war II, Scales has been at Oklahoma Baptist University since 1940, when he came as an instructor.

As a faculty member and as executive vice-president, Scales served under president Raley, who became chancellor when Scales became president.

Raley was named president emeritus. He was granted his full salary, personal benefits and house maintenance until he reaches age 65 on Aug. 15, 1967, after which retirement benefits are effective.

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Trustee Chairman Warren C. Hultgren of Tulsa said the action on the chancellor's position was taken "in view of the recent illness of Raley and in order to relieve the pressures and responsibilities of the office." Raley suffered a heart attack in January.

The Oklahoma Baptist University board voted to reaffirm all faculty contracts and to grant a \$500 salary increase this year to all full-time faculty members.

During his career at Oklahoma Baptist University, Scales has served as instructor in history and government, as dean of men, as vice-president and as executive vice-president. He also attended Oklahoma Baptist University as a student.

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Ohio Stretches Total  
Budget to \$874,002

8-5-65

SENECAVILLE, Ohio (BP)--The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio will be asked to approve a 1966 budget of \$874,002 when it convenes in November.

The budget figure was passed by the convention's Executive Board at its summer assembly meeting here. The budget--a total of giving through the state Baptist office--tops the 1965 total by \$120,000.

This total counts Cooperative Program gifts through the churches and all types of designated gifts, including special offerings for state, nationwide and worldwide missions. It also includes funds from Southern Baptist Convention agencies for jointly promoted work.

The Cooperative Program gifts from the churches during 1966 are expected to reach \$476,198. Of this the SBC will receive 31 per cent. During 1965, the SBC share is 30 per cent.

The Ohio convention is working toward a 1974 goal of a total budget of \$1,260,000 and a year-round program at its Seneca Lake Assembly here.

The Executive Board also approved purchase of 30 acres across the highway from this assembly. This increases to 205 the number of acres owned for assembly use and expansion.

The board, in two other actions, provided for attention to Baptist students on two state university campuses. It will employ a full-time director of Baptist Student Union work for Ohio State University at Columbus. It also employed a seminary student for Baptist student work on the campus of Ohio University in Athens.

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Five Baptist Ministers  
Plan Russia Peace Trip

8-5-65

DALLAS (BP)--The pastor of the largest church in the Southern Baptist Convention, W. A. Criswell, disclosed here that he and four other Baptist ministers are going to Moscow, hoping to plead with top Russian officials for world peace and religious liberty.

Criswell, pastor of the 13,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas, told newsmen here he hopes to confer with Russian Premier Alexei Kosygin and the head of the Russian Communist Party, Leonard Brezhnev.

Also making the trip will be W. O. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark.; Bob Ramsey, pastor of First Baptist Church in Brookhaven, Miss.; Kermit Canterbury, pastor of Griffith Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss.; and J. B. White, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in West Monroe, La.

In addition to the Russia visit, the group will preach in London, England; Edinburg, Scotland; Oslo, Norway; Stockholm, Sweden and Helsinki Finland.

Criswell said he wants to arrange a conference with the top Russian leaders so he can plea for religious liberty for the Baptists of Russia, and tell the Russians of the futility of war.

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He conceded to reporters that his aspirations bordered on the impractical, but he said he was convinced that his pleadings might bear fruit.

Vaught, who toured the Soviet Union in 1959, and Criswell have said that the plight of Baptists in Russia is bad. "We want to assure them that millions of us around the world pray for them every day, and to try to encourage them in every way," Criswell said.

Criswell said he is disheartened over reports of ill treatment of all religious groups in Russia, especially Russian Jews.

The three hope to see first-hand the Baptist work in Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev, Kharkov, Odessa, and other cities.

"We want to look at the Communist world, not as tourists ordinarily look at it, but really from the inside," Criswell said.

If the group is successful in arranging a conference with Premier Kosygin, Criswell said he plans to tell him that the 500,000 Baptists in Russia are a blessing to the country, and that they are fine, hard-working religious people.

"For them to do their good work," Criswell said, "they need to have liberty to preach the gospel and teach the children and to make the message of Christ known among all nations of the world."

Criswell added that he would also tell Kosygin that war is nothing but wretched futility and indescribably human misery, and that the alternative to Christ is war and destruction.

The three ministers were to arrive in Russia on Aug. 19, and stay for a three-week tour of the Soviet Union.

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Kentucky Southern  
Has First Graduation

8-5-65

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Kentucky Southern College, a Baptist school here completing its third year of operations, has held its first graduation.

This was possible, President Rollin S. Burhans explained, because the college uses the trimester schedule. This permits students to complete three semesters of study, rather than two, during a calendar year.

The graduating class numbered 17, including 13 students who were members of the first freshman class to enroll at Kentucky Southern in September, 1962. The graduates received bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degrees.

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Summer Slump Fails  
To Hit SBC Receipts

8-5-65

NASHVILLE (BP)--The old bugaboo, the summer slump, hasn't affected Southern Baptists' gifts to missions.

Cooperative Program receipts for the Southern Baptist Convention during July approached the \$2 million mark, topping by over \$100,000 receipts for July, 1964.

According to SBC Treasurer Porter Routh here, Cooperative Program receipts during July this year amounted to \$1,936,884. This also topped the receipts for June, 1965 by \$283,000.

The \$1,936,884 in July brought the year to date--seven months' figure--to \$12,740,952. This is 5.54 per cent above the seven-month sum for 1964.

Designations also continued at a pace ahead of the 1964 schedule. They stand at \$16,043,350 for the seven months of 1965, including \$441,806 received in July earmarked for certain SBC agencies. Designations are 7.52 per cent higher than for 1964 at this state.

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The July income through designations ran about \$20,000 above the July before, but \$363,000 under what came in during June, 1965.

So far in 1965, the SBC Foreign Mission Board has received over \$18.5 million to support its work. This includes Cooperative Program income and designations.

The Home Mission Board's receipts approached \$5-3/4 million for the year through both phases of giving. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary was third in line among SBC agencies for the seven-month span with \$926,650.

Figures do not include Cooperative Program money and designations for state Baptist convention use. Neither does the SBC figure reflect total offering plate collections in the 33,500 cooperating churches.

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Baylor Development Offices  
Set Up in Houston, Dallas

8-5-65

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Baylor University with its main campus here has established new development offices in both Dallas and Houston and named development officers to man the posts.

The Dallas office, located on the 16th floor of the Ling-Temco-Vought Tower, will be directed by Victor K. Cooper, former minister of education at Gaston Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas.

The Houston office at the Lincoln Liberty Life Building will be staffed by David Hawkins, former assistant treasurer of the Krafcor Corp., before joining the Baylor staff.

Both men will be assistant directors of development, serving under Baylor Development Director Tom Parrish of Waco, and their work will supplement the activities of the main office here.

Cooper has served as minister of education for the First Baptist Churches of Springfield, Mo.; Miami, Okla.; Waco, and Austin, Tex., before going to the Gaston Avenue church in Dallas. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Hawkins, a 1961 Baylor graduate, had recently joined the Baylor development staff in Waco.

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Plumber-Professor  
Draws Amazed Stare

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MURFREESBORO, N. C. (BP)--A pretty coed at Chowan College (Baptist) here blinked twice at the man walking across campus in work clothes lugging a plumber's tool box.

She should have been amazed. A few minutes before, in a suit and tie, he'd lectured to her morning history class!

Every morning during the summer, professor Charles L. Paul taught his early history class, then donned work garb and went off with the maintenance crew remodeling the Columns Building.

The Columns Building, built in 1851, is the main administrative building at this junior college.

A college official explained this was a summer-time only arrangement for the history professor. Paul had only one history class to teach during the six-week summer term.

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Since Paul had gained plumbing experience installing bathroom fixtures in his home town of Davis, N. C., before entering Chowan as a student years before, the college found his services handy doing the same thing as the Columns Building's plumbing and fixtures were modernized.

He was paid additionally for his services with the maintenance crew, the college official explained. Unusual as it is, this is not the first time a professor has helped the college rush through a building project during the slack summer months, when he had the necessary know-how, it was explained.

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Cornett Takes Post  
At Gallaudet College

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WASHINGTON (BP)--A former executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission has been named vice-president of Gallaudet College here.

The new Gallaudet official is R. Orin Cornett. Gallaudet is the world's only college for the deaf.

Cornett was executive secretary of the SBC agency from 1951 through 1958. He left its office in Nashville, Tenn., to join the United States Office of Education here. Cornett has held a number of posts in the federal agency.

His latest position in the office of education has been as director of the division of educational organization and administration. The change of positions was to take effect Aug. 16.

Cornett was vice-president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, before becoming executive secretary of the SBC Education Commission.

He said a major factor in his decision to take the Gallaudet position was 25 years of interest and research in the theory of hearing. One of his inventions, called a diaplacusimeter, is used by ear specialists to study and diagnose hearing disorders.

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Home Mission Board  
Creates New Office

8-6-65

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board meeting here created a department of work related to non-evangelicals and asked Kentucky Educator Joseph R. Estes of Louisville to lead it.

The new department groups within it the ministries of Jewish work and Roman Catholic information, which presently have personnel assigned to them.

"In addition, the personnel of this department will work with adherents of non-Christian world religions, such as Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Judaism," said Hugo Culpepper of Atlanta, director of the missions division, in which the new department was placed.

"Also, they will work with adherents of non-evangelical cults and sects, such as Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Bahai, Christian Science, and Unity, plus work with Catholics," he added.

The new department will seek to lead Southern Baptists to an awareness of their increasing confrontation with peoples of non-evangelical religions," Culpepper said.

Estes takes directorship of the new department on Jan. 1, but the board has asked him to be interim director of a cooperative study of downtown churches made with the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, starting Sept. 1.

Culpepper said Estes, who has been a pastor, professor, and administrator, is "uniquely qualified" to lead the new department.

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He is presently assistant to the president of Kentucky Southern College (Baptist) in Louisville, Ky. He served the past year as secretary of the Christian Education Advance, an educational and fund campaign for schools of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Estes is a graduate of Georgetown College (Baptist) in Georgetown, Ky., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville where he earned a doctorate in theology. He has taught at Southern Seminary, Kentucky Southern, both in Louisville; and at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland.

He was pastor of Kentucky churches in Mercer County, and Wilmore, Carrollton, Crestwood, and Bowling Green.

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#### Downtown--A Baptist Review Analyzes Change

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board announced here the appointment of a newly-elected staff person to direct a study of the needs of downtown Baptist churches.

The study, a cooperative venture with the church administration department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, is being undertaken by the two agencies at the request of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Hugo Culpepper of Atlanta, director of the mission division of the mission board, said responsibility for the downtown church study was that of the board's metropolitan missions department.

"However, this department is without staff leadership since Harold Bennett moved to the missions division of the Baptist General Convention Of Texas in Dallas," he said.

"Therefore, we have asked J. R. Estes of Louisville, recently elected to be secretary of the new department of non-evangelical religions, to undertake this study effective Sept. 1. (See separate story on Estes.)

"The new department does not become effective until Jan. 1, and Estes will be able to give four months to this important study," he said.

Culpepper cited the rapid trends within the nation toward urbanization, and said many churches within these urban areas suffer from inadequate ministries for the changing needs of the people.

He said as many as 1,000 churches face changing neighborhoods, and these need the knowledge which this study can give in adapting their ministries.

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#### Kenneth Day Directs Schools Of Missions

8-6-65

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board, meeting at the Baptist assembly here, asked D. Kenneth Day of Dallas to assume national direction of the denomination's schools of missions.

The Greenfield, Tenn., native succeeds Lewis W. Martin of Atlanta as secretary of the department of missionary education, effective Jan. 1.

However, Day will begin work with the mission agency in October to allow for a period of transition before Martin's retirement.

The missionary education department is in the mission agency's division of education and promotion.

L. O. Griffith of Atlanta, director of the division, said, "While direction of the schools of missions for approximately 2,500 churches each year is his major task, Day will also enlist mission speakers for camps, state meetings, and other Baptist gatherings as requested."

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A school of missions in a Baptist church is usually a week of study of mission books and an opportunity to hear missionaries from state, home and foreign fields.

The national promotion of these schools by the Home Mission Board is done in cooperation with the SBC Foreign Mission Board and state mission groups.

Day, now associate secretary of the direct missions department for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has promoted schools of missions for Texas.

In addition, he worked on special assignment with National (Negro) Baptists, Jews, and with Baptist Goodwill Centers.

He attended Union University (Baptist) at Jackson, Tenn., and graduated from Bethel College at McKenzie, Tenn., and from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville.

He was pastor of churches in Tennessee and Michigan, and then served as superintendent of missions for the Baptist State Convention of Michigan before going to Dallas.

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Kilgore to Direct  
Mission Loan Division

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GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)--Robert H. Kilgore of Dallas, loan manager for the Baptist Foundation of Texas, was named here to direct the church loans division of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Waxahachie, Tex., native on Jan. 1 assumes direction of mission loan funds in excess of \$14 million.

Kilgore succeeds the retiring director of the division, G. Frank Garrison, who has also been assistant executive secretary for the mission agency.

Kilgore will join the boards' staff Sept. 1 to work with Garrison the remainder of the year to effect a smooth transition.

"Kilgore will work only in the church loans area," said Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, executive secretary for the board which held its summer session at Glorieta Baptist Assembly.

"Our expanding division of church loans is a vital part of our national mission strategy, especially in starting churches," he said.

"We feel Mr. Kilgore's experience will enable him to lead this division to assist churches and state conventions in meeting building and site fund needs," he added.

The church loans division primarily serves churches in the pioneer areas (states without Baptist conventions or with new conventions) where loans from other sources are not readily available.

Last year 421 churches were served by the loans division for a total of more than \$6 million.

Kilgore has been manager of the mortgage and church loan department for the Baptist Foundation of Texas since 1957. In the four years before that he worked for other financial institutions in Dallas.

He is a graduate of West Texas State College at Canyon, Tex., did graduate study at Baylor University (Baptist) in Waco, Tex., and graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

He was education and music director for churches in Arkansas and Texas before going to Dallas.

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Agency Creates  
Business Division

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board meeting here, pulled together a number of business departments and services to create its sixth division--administrative services.

The agency asked Lewis W. Newman of Atlanta, now secretary of its urban-rural missions department, to become director of the division effective Jan. 1.

Other divisions for the board are missions, chaplaincy, evangelism, church loans, and education and promotion.

Newman will act as secretary of the board's urban-rural missions department until the first of the year, while at the same time assuming some of the functions of his new role, effective Sept. 1.

Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, executive secretary of the mission board, said Newman was picked for the task because of his experience in business and church administration and in mission work.

"We want our business services to continue to support the mission work of the board," Rutledge said, "and Newman's experience in both areas could strengthen this."

The new division places under Newman's direction such services as insurance, office personnel, accounting, purchasing, and other such functions.

All of these have been directly related to the executive secretary or to the assistant executive secretary.

The new director, a native of Corpus Christi, Tex., came to the board in 1960 as assistant secretary of the associational missions department.

Then in 1963 the department was divided, and he was asked to serve as secretary of urban-rural missions.

Before coming to the Home Mission Board, he taught at the University of Corpus Christi (Baptist), pioneering in an inservice training ministry for students preparing for church-related vocations.

He also taught principles of business management and related subjects, for five years in Fort Worth and has had other business experience with Texas firms. He was pastor of churches in Texas.

Newman received both his bachelor and master of arts from Baylor University (Baptist) in Waco, Tex., and then earned three degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

His last degree was the doctor of religious education, with a major in administration.

He has two sons, Lewis Michael and Spruce Lee (Pat) in college, and a wife who is working for her doctorate in education at the University of Georgia at Athens.

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Photo available from HMB on request.

Grigg Takes Mission  
Post For Negro Work

8-6-65

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)--Southern Baptist Convention work with Negroes, led by the denomination's Home Mission Board, got fresh attention here with the staff addition of W. R. Grigg of Raleigh, N. C.

The mission agency, meeting in mid-year session, asked Grigg, who is a native of Bond County, Ill., to become associate secretary of its department of work with National (Negro) Baptists.

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Grigg has been secretary of work with National (Negro) Baptists for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, "one of the most successful" of Southern Baptists' programs of interracial work, according to mission board officials.

With the mission agency, he fills a position vacated by Victor T. Glass who became secretary of the department.

Grigg led North Carolina Baptists to the point where last year both National Baptists and Southern Baptists held a joint session of their conventions.

"While others are experiencing open conflict, North Carolina Baptists have quietly but surely found ways of keeping lines of communication open and have discovered methods of cooperation," reads one of his department's recent reports.

The SBC mission agency, through the department of work with National Baptists and in cooperation with state Baptist conventions, employs 89 persons for work with Negroes and spends more than \$300,000 a year for the work.

Grigg, whose responsibilities will include all phases of the work of the department, will give special attention to states where Baptists lack full-time directors of work with Negroes.

In these states he will aid in establishing state committees and extension classes, and in conducting simultaneous revivals and stewardship conferences.

He will work with the SBC Christian Life Commission in developing a strategy to relate its emphasis on race relations to the work of the department.

Grigg was no newcomer to this work when he took the North Carolina position in 1957. He became known as a leader in the field in that state while a pastor in Winston-Salem's Southside Baptist Church.

From 1954-56, he served as director of a state Baptist interracial department in Louisiana, one of the first of its kind in the nation.

Before and after the Winston-Salem pastorate he served churches in Illinois, North Carolina and Georgia.

He secured degrees from Wofford College at Spartanburg, S. C., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Shaw University in Raleigh awarded him the honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1959 for accomplishments in the field of human relations.

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Evangelism Division  
Adds Harold Lindsey

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GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)--The evangelism director for South Carolina Baptists, Harold E. Lindsey of Columbia, accepted here the position of associate director of the division of evangelism with the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board.

Lindsey, a native of Greenville, S. C., fills the vacancy left by Newman McLarry when he became pastor of Northwest Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

"We will look to Lindsey for new ideas and methods, particularly in metropolitan evangelism," said C. E. Autrey of Atlanta, director of the division. The action came at the board's summer session at Glorieta.

He said the new associate would study and lead in experiments to discover ways to reach people in apartments, working closely with the mission agency's metropolitan missions department.

Lindsey joins four other associates in the division (C. Y. Dossey, Eual Lawson, Jack Stanton and John Havlik) whose work has helped make Southern Baptists one of the fastest growing of major denominations in the United States.

The influence of the division of evangelism reaches worldwide; the staff presently is planning evangelistic crusades in New Zealand, South Africa, Alaska, Panama and Hawaii. They recently led or assisted with crusades in Brazil, Australia and Japan.

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Lindsey's education includes degrees from Mars Hill College, (Baptist) Mars Hill, N. C.; Furman University, (Baptist) Greenville, S. C.; and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, where he received a doctorate in theology.

Before leading South Carolina Baptists in evangelism, a position he assumed in 1961, he was pastor of First Baptist Church at Waco, Tex.

Other pastorates included First Baptist Churches at Shawnee, Miami, and Okmulgee, Okla. He was a teaching fellow at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and taught Bible Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College, Miami.

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Keep Spiritual Objective  
Rutledge Asks Baptists

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GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)--The national mission leader for the 10 million-member Southern Baptist denomination called here for a continued, compelling emphasis upon spiritual objectives.

Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, executive secretary of the denomination's Home Mission Board, was presenting his first midyear report to the agency in session at Glorieta Baptist Assembly.

Rutledge, who became executive secretary in January, heads an agency which annually spends \$7 million and employs nearly 2,500 missionaries in Baptist work in the United States, Cuba, Panama, and Puerto Rico.

He called for the continued spiritual emphasis in the face of lengthy study of technical matters, such as program structure and organization.

These are not incompatible with spiritual warmth," he said. "While involvement in these studies sometimes makes it difficult to see their direct relation to a spiritual ministry, they are necessary.

"But let it continue to be our purpose, under God, to keep clearly in focus the compelling spiritual objective expressed in the motto of this historic board to make our land for Christ."

The mission agency elected Edgar M. Arrendall, pastor for 18 years of the Dawson Memorial Baptist church in Birmingham, Ala., to serve as its president.

Arrendall, a native of Richmond, Va., graduated from the University of Richmond and from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Howard College in Birmingham honored him with the doctor of divinity degree.

Nearly 700 Southern Baptist chaplains, serving in the military, hospitals, prisons, industry, and other institutions, became eligible for participation in the retirement program of Southern Baptists following action by the mission agency.

The agency voted to pay \$200 annually toward the retirement of a chaplain who has been endorsed or approved by the denomination's chaplains commission and elects to participate in the retirement plan.

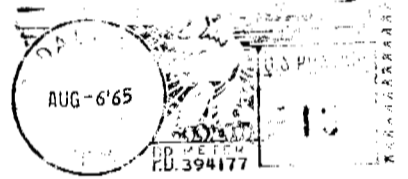
In another action the board voted to extend many of its fringe benefits to associate and student missionaries, and the board added to its retirement and disability benefits.

Rutledge feels the mission agency occupies a strategic place of leadership in the advancement of Christianity. He said the evangelism division of the agency has led Southern Baptists to become one of the fastest growing of major denominations.

The mission executive said the board is entering a number of unprobed areas of evangelistic and mission need.

He cited projects undertaken recently by the board, including studies of the need for ex-prisoner rehabilitation, ministries to persons in apartments, mission projects in resort communities, the effect of racial changes upon the churches in the inner cities, plus various state-wide and associational-wide surveys.

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