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LBJ Proposes National Plans For Coming Year

WASHINGTON (BP)--President Lyndon B. Johnson, in his State of the Union message, called for continued efforts for "building a great society at home" while still pursuing "our goals in the rest of the world."

The Viet Nam situation and the search for peace "must be the center of our concerns," he said. A major portion of the President's message was devoted to this struggle.

"But we will not permit those who fire on us in Viet Nam to win a victory over the desires and intentions of the American people," he stated.

In discussing the goals in the rest of the world, the President called for "a new and daring direction" in foreign assistance through education, combating hunger and disease, and helping those countries trying to control population growth.

One means of accomplishing this would be the International Education Act of 1966 which President Johnson said he would propose to Congress. Objectives of this program would be to (1) conduct a worldwide attack on the problems of hunger, disease, and ignorance, (2) assist countries in developing a modern agriculture, and (3) provide educational opportunities for children in other continents the same as are provided for children of this nation.

A second program the President proposed is the International Health Act of 1966, in which he included the controversial birth control assistance.

The projected international health measure would (1) bring modern medical skills and knowledge to the world's suffering, especially attacking smallpox, malaria and yellow fever, and (2) "help countries trying to control population growth, by increasing our research-- and by earmarking funds to help their efforts."

In continuing to build the "Great Society" at home the President called for the resources to carry forward the health and education programs enacted in the first session of the 89th Congress. Chief among these are the Medicare program of health care for the aged, and the elementary and secondary education programs. He further asked for funds to continue and speed up the war on poverty.

Additional proposals for the national interest included a new executive department of transportation, a four-year term for Congressmen in place of the present two-year term, and plans to develop a "creative federalism." The President announced that he would "take steps to modernize and streamline the executive branch" of the government.

The President said that three "roads" converge on the Great Society: (1) "growth in the economic health and abundance of our country," (2) "justice, to permit all our people to share the freedom and opportunity of America," and (3) "liberation of our genius and abundance to enrich the quality of our lives."

Under justice he proposed legislation that would assure nondiscrimination in jury selection in federal and state courts, strengthen court authority in cases of violence against civil rights workers, assure non-discrimination in the sale or rental of housing, and repeal the right-to-work laws under the Taft-Hartley Act.

The path of liberation, the President said, is "to use our success for the fulfillment of our lives." He urged Congress to complete action of the Teacher Corps, rent assistance, and home rule for the District of Columbia.

Other proposals included programs to combat water and air pollution, to strengthen law enforcement in the battle against crime, to provide consumer protection in packaging, and to assure safety on the highways.

In the area of international relations the President pledged faithfulness to "the five continuing lines of policy that America has followed under four presidents." They are (1) the principle of strength, (2) efforts toward control and reduction of armaments, (3) support of international associations, with special emphasis on the United Nations, (4) continuing programs of foreign aid, and (5) support for the policy of national independence for each people on the earth to govern themselves.

Baptist Helps Pierce
Diamonds With Laser

PRINCETON, N. J. (BP)--A Southern Baptist layman and a colleague at Western Electric Research Center here have developed a technique of using the laser (light) beam to pierce diamonds in the production of electrical wires.

James P. Epperson, an engineer who is superintendent of the Sunday School of Ewing Baptist Chapel in Trenton, N. J., is the Southern Baptist. His co-worker is Richard W. Dyer.

Western Electric will use the laser at its plant in Buffalo, N. Y., according to a report in "The Trenton Times."

The laser beam technique developed by Epperson is used to drill tiny holes in industrial diamonds. By conventional techniques, the process takes 20 hours or more. The laser does the job in about two minutes.

The hole is pierced by exposing the diamond to repeated bursts of laser light. Each burst lasts less than a thousandth of a second.

The laser beam is focused to a spot no larger than the diameter of a human hair. The light on this spot is many times hotter than the surface of the sun. The intense heat created actually vaporizes the diamond material.

After the hole is drilled, the diamond is used in a circular metal holder called a die. Copper wire is passed through a series of such dies, each with a progressively smaller hole, to work the wire to the desired size.

Western Electric is the manufacturing and supply unit of the Bell Telephone System.

Epperson and Dyer had been experimenting with the laser application for more than a year. The results of their work were announced at the introduction of the laser system at Buffalo.

Epperson was credited with having developed the diamond piercing technique while Dyer designed a unique closed-circuit television system to monitor and control the laser.

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South Carolina Board
To Raise Furman Funds

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COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP)--The General Board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention appointed a committee here to organize and execute plans for raising the \$611,898 which the convention promised Furman University when it instructed the Baptist school to return a federal grant for that amount.

Named to head the eight-member committee was Enock Brown, pastor of Shandon Baptist Church here.

In a separate meeting later, the new committee urged every Baptist church in South Carolina to set specific goals to raise the money to replace the government grant denied to Furman.

The committee recommended a goal of \$5 per resident church member, but urges each church to contribute "whatever amount a local church feels it can give."

The committee plans an all-out campaign, with completion date set for June 5. Tentative plans call for an organizational structure with a fund-raising chairman in every Baptist church and association in the state.

The board authorized its executive committee to borrow the necessary funds to make payments of \$100,000 per month on the new Furman science building. The fund campaign would repay any loans necessary to cover construction costs of the building.

In other major action, the board elected Delos Miles of Richmond, Va., as director of evangelism for the South Carolina Baptist Convention, effective April 1.

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Miles is now associate secretary in the department of evangelism and associational missions of the Virginia Baptist General Board in Richmond. Miles is a graduate of Furman University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and is a former pastor of Baptist churches in South Carolina and Virginia.

The general Board also authorized Furman University to borrow \$1.2 million for dormitory construction, approved lease-back arrangement plans for construction of a \$1.2 million dormitory by Baptist College at Charleston, allocated a total of \$168,000 in aid to Baptist pastors, churches and associations in South Carolina, and awarded a three per cent salary increase to General Board employees.

Re-elected as new president of the board was James A. Howard of Greer, S. C. Other officers of the board were also re-elected to continue their present offices.

In a report on Christian Education, Furman University President Gordon W. Blackwell announced the appointment of a state-wide committee of 43 Baptist ministers who will seek to reverse the trend of decreasing enrollment of students in Baptist seminaries.

The group, called the committee on Christian vocational recruitment and training, will seek to devise ways of providing information about Baptist colleges to young people planning to enter vocational Christian service, to plan ways to spark interest, dedication and commitment to Christian service among high school youth, and to advise Furman University on ways of improving education of ministerial students and others preparing for vocational Christian service.

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Stewardship Group Elects
Officers, Adopts Budget

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NASHVILLE (BP)--The Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting here for its annual session, elected an attorney and state legislator from South Carolina, Preston H. Callison of Columbia, as its new chairman.

Callison, who made an unsuccessful bid for Congress in the last election, is a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives and is in private law practice in Columbia.

The new chairman succeeds "Prof" W. C. Ribble, chairman of the commission for the past two years and executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

Elected vice-chairman was George Bagley, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist Convention, and re-elected secretary was William H. Pitt Sr., secretary of the stewardship department for Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville.

The 1966-67 commission budget was adopted, with increases totaling \$9,025 over the current operating budget approved. The new budget totals \$390,500 and includes expenditures for primary commission programs plus production of stewardship merchandising materials distributed through the SBC stewardship services.

Increases in the budget went for office rent, stewardship development, Cooperative Program promotion and some salary increases. A \$15,000 allocation approved for 1966-67 for a special mailing was transferred to the commission's reserve funds.

In other major action, the 26-member commission adopted a resolution commending the two-year Baptist Education Study Task (BEST) program being led by the Christian Education Commission of the SBC in an effort to study the problems and total educational programs of Southern Baptists.

The commission voted to promote Paul Darden from production assistant to publishing supervisor on the commission staff here, effective Feb. 1. Darden has been production assistant for the past two years.

Changes in the commission bylaws were approved, outlining the responsibilities of three major committees within the 26-member commission.

The commission elected two men to fill vacancies on its membership to serve until the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Detroit next May. They are H. C. Croslin, executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Illinois and interim executive secretary for the Illinois Baptist State Association, and Edd L. Brown, pastor of Michigan Heights Baptist Church in Stockton, Calif.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Here is a wrapup story on the missions conferences of five SBC seminaries. Each seminary public relations office is sending to you separate stories about its missions conference to give you a choice. --Baptist Press

Five Seminaries Plan
Missions Conferences

By the Baptist Press

Five of the six theological seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention have announced plans for world missions conferences slated for college age students during February and March.

A total of nearly 4,000 students are expected to attend the missions emphasis conferences at the five seminaries.

Seminaries staging the conferences are Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif.; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C.; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans; and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Although each seminary's conference is distinctly different, most are designed to provide information and inspiration about missions for college students who have made personal commitments to serve in church-related vocations or for others interested in missions. In most cases, there is an opportunity for the students to make a commitment of life to missions.

Biggest of the five conferences will be the 17th annual College Student Missions Conference at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, March 11-13. About 1,600 students are expected to attend.

Principal speakers will be J. W. MacGorman, professor at Southwestern; Gerald Palmer of the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Charles Campbell, missionary to Argentina; and Louis R. Cobbs, of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond.

Up to 1,000 students are expected for the missions conference at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Feb. 25-27, in Louisville, Ky.

Principal speakers for the Southern seminary conference will be Kenneth L. Chafin, professor at Southern; J. P. Allen, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth; and James D. Belote, former missionary to Hong Kong and professor of missions at New Orleans Seminary.

Belote is also in charge of the missions conference at his own seminary in New Orleans. The conference at New Orleans seminary is slated March 25-26, with 450 students from 38 colleges expected to attend.

Principal speakers at the New Orleans conference will be Jesse C. Fletcher, personnel secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board; W. Bryant Hicks, missions professor at Southern Seminary in Louisville; Cobbs of Richmond; and Joe Dick Estes and Nathan Porter, both of the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C., will hold its ninth annual missions conference Feb. 25-27, with about 200 students from surrounding states expected to attend.

Principal speakers, not including conference leaders, will be Charles Boddie, president of the American Baptist Theological Seminary (Negro), Nashville; Culbert Rutenber, professor at Andover Newton Theological Seminary in Newton Center, Mass.; and James Stertz, pastor at Wake Forest and former missionary to Germany.

Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., expects 700 students from 15 states for its sixth World Mission Conference, Feb. 4-6.

Principal speakers will be John Killinger, professor at Vanderbilt University, Nashville; Winston Crawley, of the SBC Foreign Mission Board; and Hugo Culpepper of the SBC Home Mission Board.

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., the sixth SBC-owned seminary, holds its annual missions conference in the fall rather than in the spring.

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NIGERIAN MISSIONARY TO UNITED STATES: Samuel Lawanson, a product of Southern Baptist foreign missions work in Nigeria, is now something of a Baptist missionary to students in America. As a student at College of the Sequoias in Visalia, Calif., Lawanson recently led college students from Hong Kong and Samoa to Christ. While he watched his converts being baptized, a Buddhist student from Japan and a Moslem from Lebanon sat beside him. (BP PHOTO)

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NEW STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION OFFICERS: New officers of the Stewardship Commission of the SBC are; Chairman Preston H. Callison (center), state legislator in South Carolina; Vice-chairman George Bagley, (left), executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist Convention; and Secretary William H. Pitt Sr., stewardship department secretary for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. (BP PHOTO)