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**Senator Says Urban Renewal
Emphasis Needed on People**

WASHINGTON (BP)--A United States Senator, in a speech strongly supporting urban renewal programs, called for a greater emphasis on the individual and less on "bricks and mortar."

Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.), addressing the Institute of Scrap Iron and Steel Convention here, said that urban renewal programs must deal with "far more than the physical nature of the metropolis."

"Bricks and mortar alone don't build meaningful lives--especially when we tear down the old and move the helpless just to make room for the new," he said.

Urban renewal is much in the public discussion with the creation of a new department of urban affairs in the executive branch of the government. Urban renewal projects of slum clearance and new buildings have been under way for a number of years in the large cities.

Ribicoff charged that the success of some projects cover up the failures of the program, with new buildings and sweeping plazas rising over broken homes of former residents. He said that such projects have been concrete-conscious and not people-conscious, building great structures "without honestly relating our efforts to the needs of the people."

The Connecticut Senator said that as "the Bible wisely tells us: 'Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap'," the nation has reaped the whirlwind in the cities.

More than money is necessary to solve the problems existing in the cities--poverty, poor housing and education, unemployment, transportation crises, crime in the streets, racial inequality, air and water pollution, the senator said. These problems, coupled with the three quarters of the population affected by them, create a crisis in the nation, he stated.

Solution of the problems requires the cooperation of government, business, education, and labor, in using individual talent in wisely developed programs, he said.

"Everyone of us--government official, businessman, labor leader, citizen--must resolve that the city's problems are his problems. Everyone of us must answer 'yes' to the age-old question: 'Am I my brother's keeper?' For we are responsible for others."

"Our nation was built on the philosophy that we do for others what they cannot do for themselves--and that we do together what we cannot do alone," Ribicoff said.

Ribicoff is a former Governor of Connecticut and former Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. In the United States Senate he is chairman of the subcommittee on executive reorganization. He said he plans to review the government's programs, old and new, to assure that these concepts are included.

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Baptist College Plans
Unique Dormitory Units

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GEORGETOWN, Ky. (BP)--Georgetown College here is planning long-range construction of twelve dormitory units designed to house 86 students each.

Bids will be let on the first four units in the near future. Each unit will cost \$300,000 or more, and the total development will cost \$3.7 million, school officials said.

The small dormitory units will allow the small group of students to relate to each other better, said Georgetown President Robert L. Mills.

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Rockefeller Giver Ouachita
\$50,000 for Field House

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (BP)--Trustees of Ouachita Baptist University here have named the school's new field house in honor of Winthrop Rockefeller, who recently gave \$50,000 towards its completion.

The trustees adopted a resolution expressing appreciation for the Arkansas philanthropist and political figure, and named the building "Winthrop Rockefeller Field House" in his honor.

During the same meeting, the trustees elected Bill Vining, Ouachita's Basketball coach since 1954, as the school's new athletic director, and named Ouachita's baseball field "Rab Rodgers Memorial Field" in memory of the former athletic director and baseball coach who died Dec. 19.

Rockefeller's \$50,000 gift enabled the completion of the 3,000-seat field house, which had been built on a pay-as-you-go basis.

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Bible Class Establishes
Seminary Scholarships

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FORT WORTH (BP)--The business men's Bible class of Broadway Baptist Church here has contributed \$2,883 to establish a scholarship fund at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here in honor of the class' former teacher.

It was named the Albert Venting Memorial Scholarship Fund in tribute to the late Albert Venting who died last June at the age of 82. Venting taught at the seminary from 1921-34, and founded the department of church music at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., in 1952.

He was a former teacher of the men's Bible class and was pastor of churches in Texas, Iowa, and Ohio before joining the seminary staff.

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Southern Seminary Announces
Extensive Curriculum Changes

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--After months of detailed research on the needs of today's minister, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here has announced sweeping changes in its school of Theology curriculum.

Beginning next fall, the seminary will initiate the new program providing more flexibility in the choice of courses and allowing the student more opportunity to specialize within the same number of semester hours required for graduation.

Changes include the introduction of four interdisciplinary courses in the biblical, historical and practical divisions of the school. Each course will be taught by a team of three to five professors from different fields.

For example, the first interdisciplinary course offered next fall will be titled "Introduction to the Bible," and will cover a comprehensive orientation to biblical studies in a single eight-hour course instead of five four-hour survey courses in three different fields.

Entering students will be able to select either the new interdisciplinary courses or the traditional survey curriculum.

The other three interdisciplinary courses will begin in the fall of 1967.

Southern Seminary President Duke K. McCall called the new curriculum "a most creative solution to the problem of the variety of backgrounds seminary students bring to the campus and the variety of church vocations for which they are preparing themselves. This approach will provide a coherent, unified background for depth study," he said.

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American Baptists Plan
Convention May 11-15

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--The American Baptist Convention with offices in Valley Forge, Pa., has announced program plans for its 59th annual convention in Kansas City, Mo., May 11-15.

About 10,000 "delegates" representing 5,000 churches are expected to attend.

Theme for the convention will be "Be Disciples, Make Disciples." Following a program format instituted at its convention in Atlantic City in 1964, American Baptists will begin each session with a worship service, followed by convention business, and a major paper related to the theme for the day. Discussion groups are slated each afternoon.

Principal speakers will be Samuel W. Proctor of the Office of Economic Opportunity, New York; Gene E. Bartlett, president of Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y.; Charles L. Taylor of the American Association of Theological Schools; Franklin Clark Fry, president of the Luthernn Church in America; Kyle Haseldon, editor of The Christian Century magazine; E. Spencer Parsons of the University of Chicago; Gorden M. Torgersen, American Baptist pastor from Worcester, Mass.; and Edwin H. Tuller, general secretary of the American Baptist Convention.