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**Senator Says 'Conflict'
Is Necessary And Good**

WASHINGTON (BP)--A United States Senator charges his colleagues to examine the "moral obligations" imposed upon them by the "inevitable" conflict of life.

Addressing the Senate prayer breakfast on "The Inevitability of Conflict," Sen. Wallace F. Bennett (R., Utah) said that opposition is a necessary good. Without opposites there could be no choice, and without choice there could be neither freedom nor happiness, he said.

The prayer breakfast is a weekly meeting of interested Senators, with each one speaking to the group at some time. Sen. John C. Stennis (D., Miss.) has spearheaded the gathering for a number of years. The group promotes an annual prayer breakfast, usually attended by the President.

Looking at the position they fill as members of the United States Senate, Bennett called attention of his fellows to some "obvious" moral obligations:

1. Each has the responsibility for developing the highest possible standard of personal values, both temporal and spiritual.
2. Each has the responsibility, to himself and to God, to be "active rather than passive in the inevitable conflict."
3. As seen in the Revelation reference to being "neither cold nor hot," it is not enough to engage in good causes. "We must also be concerned with the depth of our commitment."
4. The tendency of the American people, in their abundance, to "take their ease," similar to the Biblical account of the rich man, could possibly mean that their "soul--our existence as a nation" is also in danger.
5. The question of motive, recognizing that "ultimate opposition is between selfishness and unselfishness" and that "we never react from either motive purely."

Bennett said that international conflict and war reflect the inner struggle of every man. Before one can ask how the battle goes in Viet Nam or how the program goes in Congress he must find out "where he stands in the conflict that is taking place in his own heart," he continued.

"Until the majority of men can swing the balance of their separate internal personal battles to the side of the ultimate values of the great spiritual truths contained in the gospel of Christ, there can never be any hope for a time when all conflicts will be waged to show who can do the most for human progress rather than for power and domination over mankind," he said.

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Baptist BP Workers
Elect Morris Prexy

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--The Baptist Public Relations Association meeting here for its 12th annual workshop, elected David A. Morris Of Montgomery, Ala. as its new president. Morris is Public Relations Director for the Alabama Baptist Convention.

Other officers for the Public Relations group elected here included Joe Abrams, Director of Mississippi Baptist's News Service as program vice-president; John Bloskas of the Southern Baptist Annutiy Board in Dallas, as membership vice-president; Floyd H. North of Richmond, Va., editor of the Commission as secretary-treasurer; and Dick McCartney, Texas Baptist Public Relations Director as SEC inter-agency council representative.

Floyd Craig, Communications Director for Oklahoma Baptist, was re-elected as editor of the association's newsletter.

The Baptist Public Relations workers voted to hold their 1967 session at Edge Water Park, Mississippi and to meet following the Religious Public Relations Council sessions in St. Louis, Mo. in 1968.

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Southwestern, Texas
Win Top PR Awards

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas won top honors in the annual awards competition of the Baptist Public Relations Association here.

The Public Relations offices of the seminary and the Texas Convention each received six awards for outstanding accomplishment in Public Relations during 1965.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board won four awards, and the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma received three.

During the association's annual awards banquet here, honors were bestowed on public relations workers from the 16 different Southern Baptist related organizations, institutions, and agencies.

A record 185 entries submitted by 31 different Baptist groups were judged in the competition.

Entries were submitted in 16 different categories, including such things as production of booklets and brochures, programs and folders, advertisements, magazines, news and feature stories, photography, motion pictures, film strips, and projects.

Winners were rated by the judges as awards of exceptional merit (best in category), awards of merit (runner-up), or awards of honor.

Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth won four awards of exceptional merit and two awards of honor. Texas Baptists got two exceptional ratings, one of merit and three awards of honor. The SBC Foreign Mission Board received two exceptional awards and one merit and one honor award each. Oklahoma Baptists won three merit awards.

Twelve other Baptist organizations, institutions, or agencies received one award each.

Other winners are: SBC Annuity Board, Dallas; Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; Missouri Baptist Convention, Jefferson City, Mo.; Georgia Baptist Children's Home, Hapeville; Chowan College, Mufreesboro; Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.; North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, N. C.; Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; SBC Radio and TV Commission, Fort Worth; Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria, La.; and the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

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Roberts To Succeed
Jones As S. C. Editor

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GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)--S. H. Jones, editor of The Baptist Courier since 1948 will retire March 1. Succeeding him will be John E. Roberts, who joined the staff last July 1 as associate editor and business manager.

Announcement of the change appears in the Jan. 27 issue of the Courier, along with the statement of the board of trustees and an editorial comment on his plans by Jones.

"I have been contemplating this move for several months," said Jones, "but I did not want to announce it until near the actual date."

A native of South Carolina, Jones was president of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo. before assuming the Courier editorship. Prior to that, he held pastorates in Mississippi and Alabama and was a professor at Judson College (Baptist), Marion, Ala.

Roberts was editor of Charity and Children, publication of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina for five years before moving to the Baptist Courier. He is a native of Shelby, N. C. and a graduate of Gardner-Webb College (Baptist), Boiling Springs, N. C., Furman University (Baptist), Greenville, S. C., and holds the master of arts degree from George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.

Trained and experienced in religious journalism, Roberts was director of public relations at Gardner-Webb for six years before becoming editor of Charity and Children in 1960.

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The Baptist Courier was founded in 1869 and has a current circulation of 78,000. "We must strengthen our news coverage and editorial policies," said Roberts in looking ahead to his new responsibility, "in an effort to become the best possible Baptist publication."

The retiring editor was president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention in 1965 and president of the Southern Baptist Press Association in 1961-62. He served on the board of trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for 10 years and was chairman of the committee which recommended to the board the current president of that seminary, H. Leo Eddleman.

In both Alabama and Mississippi, Jones served on the general board of the state convention.

Jones is a graduate of Mars Hill College (Baptist), Mars Hill, N. C. and Furman University. He holds the doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary. In 1947, Furman University conferred on him the honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Being an editor will not be a new experience for Roberts. His work at Charity and Children reached a state wide readership of 55,000 with general denominational news.

He was president of the Southern Baptist Public Relations Association in 1962-63 and last week completed four years as a member of the Southern Baptist Inter-Agency Council.

Roberts is married to the former Helen Goodman of Greenville, also a Gardner-Webb and Furman graduate. They have six children.

In retirement Jones says he expects to be busy as interim and supply pastor and speaker. He and Mrs. Jones will continue to live in Greenville.

The board of trustees named Jones Editor Emeritus with a monthly cash income in addition to his retirement benefits. "We express to him our sincere appreciation for his long tenure of dedicated and effective service to South Carolina Baptists and to the kingdom of our Lord," they said in a prepared statement.

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President Affirms Aid To Curb Population Explosion

WASHINGTON (BP)--President Lyndon B. Johnson, in a prepared speech, committed his administration more firmly than ever to support of birth control programs in those underdeveloped countries that want them.

In an address delivered at Independence, Mo., celebrating the establishment of a Harry S. Truman center for peace studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the President discussed some details of his expanded international aid program and promised an attack on world population problems.

The explosive issue of the government's participation in birth control activities was sparked in President Johnson's 1965 State of the Union message. In his 1966 message to the Congress in early January the President specifically included birth control assistance as a part of his proposed International Health Act of 1966.

There has been some activity within the Congress on the issue. During the first session of the 89th Congress Sen. Ernest Gruening (D., Alaska) introduced legislation to coordinate and disseminate birth control information upon request and authorizing the President to call a White House conference on population.

In his Independence, Mo., address the President said each nation must decide for itself whether it wants birth control aid, but the U. S. position is clear.

"We will give our help and support to nations which make their own decisions to insure an effective balance between the numbers of their people and the food they have to eat," he stated.

Senate hearings were conducted on the Gruening Bill last year and have resumed during this session of the Congress. At a January hearing four Nobel Prize winners presented testimony supporting the program, and written testimony was received from others.

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The four Nobel Laureates had appealed to Pope Paul VI last year to urge him to reconsider the Roman Catholic Church's position on birth control. They are: E. L. Tatum, 1958 Nobel Prize winner for medicine and physiology, associated with the Rockefeller Institute; Dickenson W. Richards Jr., of Columbia University, 1956 Nobel Prize winner in medicine and physiology; Albert Szent-Gyorgyi (correct), associated with the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass., 1937 Nobel Prize winner in medicine; and Polykarp Kusch, Columbia University, 1955 Nobel Prize winner in physics.

Sen. Gruening said the Nobel Laureates shared the President's concern about the dangers caused or created by the population explosion. Gruening's bill is cosponsored by 12 other Senators.

A companion bill was introduced in the House of Representatives last year by Rep. Morris Udall (D., Ariz.) and a similar one by Rep. Paul Todd (D., Mich.). No hearings have been held in the House.

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New Bill Would Expand
Library Services Act

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WASHINGTON (BP)--A bill which would authorize grants to develop "cooperative library services and joint use of facilities" has been introduced in the U. S. House of Representatives.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Carl D. Perkins (D., Ky.), would extend and amend the Library Services Act which expires this year. A sponsor of the original Library Services Bill in 1956, Perkins is chairman of the House General Subcommittee on Education.

As now in effect the Library Services Act authorizes matching grants for public library services in rural, urban and suburban areas, and matching grants for construction of public library buildings.

In introducing the new bill Perkins praised the significant growth of library programs and services during the 10 years the act has been in effect. However, he said it is obvious that public libraries are still lacking in the necessary financial support "to enable them to provide educational services to all or to provide anything but limited services to many millions."

His bill would extend the existing features of the Library Services Act and would amend it to add a new title for developing cooperative library services and joint use of facilities. This would involve "public libraries, school libraries, higher education libraries, and research libraries in the states." A total of \$50 million over a five-year period would be authorized for this purpose.

"The concept of cooperative library services is based on the recognition that every person in the United States should have available to him, no matter where he is, library collections and services of high quality," Perkins said.

The new title would encourage and foster planning for coordination of total library services within a state, according to the Congressman. Centralized planning may involve such matters as "development of cooperative purchase policies, interlibrary loan policies, and reciprocal borrowing arrangements."

In addition it would "permit joint activities including such matters as centralized processing, equipment acquisition, film co-ops, inservice training, and rapid communication ranging from extended telephone and TWX service to information retrieval."

The bill defines the term "interlibrary cooperation" as the establishment and operation of systems or networks of libraries, "including state libraries, school libraries, college and university libraries, public libraries, and special libraries, working to provide more effective and more economical services to all library users."

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