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**Bill Asks Improved
Treatment of Addicts**

WASHINGTON (BP)--United States Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach urged Congress to enact a law to assist in the rehabilitation of narcotic addicts.

One of the aims is to speed up the "control of the nation's runaway crime rate."

The bill, introduced by Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.), is jointly sponsored by 14 Senators. Hearings are being held by the Senate judiciary subcommittee to investigate juvenile delinquency, of which Dodd is chairman.

The chief provision of the bill would empower federal district judges to offer a narcotic addict charged with a federal crime the choice of civil commitment for medical treatment prior to and instead of criminal trial.

Other provisions would enable a court to sentence an addict to medical treatment if he did not voluntarily choose it and if the court judged him likely to be rehabilitated. Shifts in the treatment of first time offenders and of marijuana offenders is also provided.

At the hearing, the bill was also supported by Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch of California and Roland Wood, superintendent, California Rehabilitation Center.

The new approach to narcotic addiction emphasizes treatment instead of punishment, Sen. Dodd said.

Pointing out past failures in dealing with addicts, he continued, "We have sent them to prison under unreasonable penal sentences instead of using more effective tools of rehabilitation and treatment."

Katzenbach testified that "under present law, we have no authorization to force any addicts to help themselves." He said that the straight prison sentence that follows criminal conviction denies society of the flexibility needed in the treatment of addicts.

The new concept of "civil commitment of addicts" has been in operation in California a little over four years. The two witnesses from that state said that the program has met with a high degree of success.

The California attorney general bitterly complained that the federal government has not done its share toward the solution of this problem, which has many interstate and international complications.

He appealed for a bill that would properly coordinate local, state and federal government efforts toward the control of narcotic addiction.

Katzenbach concluded, "The real question is how much longer can we allow the public safety to be endangered by continuing the primitive, strictly punitive, approach to addiction, which has spread like a plague through some areas even as penalties against it has stiffened.

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**Ethics Prof Champions
Birth Control Programs**

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WASHINGTON (BP)--A Christian ethics scholar told a Senate committee that man must choose between "blind and cruel" methods and "humane methods" of birth control.

Roger Shinn, Dean of Union Theological Seminary, New York City, testified before the Senate subcommittee on foreign aid expenditures on behalf of the Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ.

The bill under consideration provides for active participation by the United States government in foreign and domestic population programs.

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Introduced by Sen. Ernest Gruening (D., Alaska) and sponsored by seven other Senators, the bill is an attempt to face up to the world crisis created by the population explosion.

It provides: (1) instructions to the Department of State to cooperate with other nations that want aid for programs of population control; (2) creation of an office for population problems in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and (3) authorizes a White House conference on population in January 1967.

Shinn pointed out to the committee that "it took all of human history until 1850 for the world's population to reach the figure of one billion." But in the next 130 years the population jumped to three billion. The world is now doubling its population every 35 years.

The ethics professor pointed out that population would be controlled by the traditional methods of starvation and war. But since humane methods of voluntary regulation of population are readily accessible, it is immoral for the world to continue regulation of the population by blind and cruel methods.

Shinn said, "I see three important moral values at stake in this proposal: the contributions to freedom, to peace, and to the dignity of man."

He said that people should be free to choose the methods they use to control the size of families. But, he said, "This freedom is at present denied to some due to ignorance or poverty." The basic right of opportunity for family planning should be available to all "in accordance with the personal beliefs and purposes of parents," he declared.

One cause of war, Shinn indicated, is overpopulation. A world program for population control would contribute to the cause of peace.

"By extending the exercise of responsible freedom and reducing the mastery of fate and accident in human life, population planning increases the dignity of man," he asserted. Further, "The birth of unwanted children is hard to reconcile with the dignity of man."

Shinn said that the proposed legislation properly took into account the problem of "conscientious objection" to birth control. On this he said:

"A respect for the dignity of man means that we need to respect the consciences of people. At this point we need to note that some people have conscientious objection, rooted in religious beliefs, to some methods of birth control, particularly the use of contraceptives. I speak from a faith that God wants men to use their scientific skills to enhance the meaning and richness of life, and I believe that the planning of population contributes to that end. At the same time I recognize the integrity of those with different scruples from mine. Society has a responsibility to respect their consciences, just as they have a responsibility to respect the consciences of those who believe that contraceptives are a contribution to responsible family planning."

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Hardin-Simmons Raises \$1 Million in Campaign

ABILENE, Tex. (BP)--Officials of Hardin-Simmons University here have announced that the first \$1 million in the Baptist school's current \$2 million endowment campaign has been reached.

The total includes more than \$750,000 in either cash or pledges raised by drive leaders, and a \$250,000 matching gift from Carr P. Collins Sr. of Dallas, board chairman of Fidelity Union Life Insurance Co.

Hardin-Simmons officials almost immediately announced plans to raise an additional \$1 million by the end of 1966, and said that a \$30,000 gift in stocks from a retired Baptist minister and his wife has helped push the campaign closer to the goal.

Ward B. Phipps Sr., and his wife gave the \$30,000 in stocks to Hardin-Simmons. Phipps is an 80-year-old Baptist minister who says he "officially retired" after 57 years in the ministry in 1957. Since then, however, he has preached nearly every Sunday.

He and his wife, a native of Kentucky, now live in Anson, Tex.

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Texas Baptist Students
Visit Nation's Capital

WASHINGTON (BP)--The development of a positive attitude toward government was one of the most important values as a result of a Texas Baptist student tour of the nation's capital, according to James Dunn, Baptist Student Union director at West Texas State University, Canyon, Tex.

Sixty-four Baptist students and their sponsors toured historic, religious and governmental centers here during their between-semester vacation for a "Christian Citizenship Seminar."

The ten days were packed full of lasting educational and religious experiences for these students, Dunn said.

Significant among the events were briefings at the Russian Embassy, the White House, the department of state, offices of congressmen and senators, and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Sources in Washington were amazed that the Russian Embassy would be open to such a group as this. Informed persons in government circles said that they do not know of anything like it at least in the past four or five years. However, the Russians claimed that a few other groups had been similarly received.

Dunn explained that the students themselves wrote a number of foreign embassies in Washington but that the Russian Embassy was the only one that responded.

During the briefing at the embassy, attache Vladimir Sinitsyn told the Baptist students that Russian policy is for "peaceful coexistence" with the United States. He stressed the importance of better understanding among nations.

Sinitsyn said that two important things must be done in this regard: (1) compliance with international law, and (2) self-determination among all peoples.

The Soviet Embassy attache also told the students that the presence of American troops in Viet Nam is unjustified interference in a civil war in another nation. Sinitsyn said that other nations did not intervene in the American Civil War and that the United States ought not to do so in Viet Nam.

A later briefing at the U. S. department of state explained the position of the United States in Viet Nam as a counter-action against Communist aggression and faithfulness to the commitment of the American government to help in the democratic processes in Viet Nam.

Olin C. Robison, assistant to undersecretary of state, U. Alexis Johnson, in charge of political and military affairs, refuted the Russian charge that the United States is unjustified in interfering with a civil war in Viet Nam.

The Baptist students visited Rep. George H. Mahon (D., Tex.), chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. He discussed personal morality in public life. He said that morality in public life will not be improved until the morality of the citizenry as a whole is improved.

Another congressman, James C. Wright, Jr., (D., Tex.) addressed the Baptist students on the role of the United States Congress in world affairs. He said some of the "stern realities" faced today are "the compression of time, or the speed of modern communications, the world population explosion, the advance of science and technology ahead of the humanities and the fine arts, and the revolution of rising expectations in many countries.

Other governmental officials who spoke to the group included Brooks Hays, associate director of the Community Relations Service; Rep. Walter Rogers (D., Tex.); Gen. Robert P. Taylor, chief of Air Force Chaplains; Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.); and Sen. Ralph W. Yarborough (D., Tex.).

In response to a question about the chief values to the students of such a tour, Dunn listed the following:

1. An increased awareness of government, world affairs, and the real issues facing the nation today.
2. Personal acquaintance with public officials does much to remove fear, awe, remoteness, thus giving political life and government a warmth not experienced before.

3. A recognition that men of different political parties and philosophies are honestly trying to relate their Christian convictions to public life.

4. A realization of the pettiness of the things people are usually concerned about and a challenge to be more involved in the big issues of the day.

5. Stimulation to be better citizens and in some cases to consider public life as an outlet for Christian service.

6. The students learned to think positively about government and politics as a necessary means for carrying on the life of the nation.

In addition to Dunn, sponsors of the Texas Baptist student group were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Peak Jr., minister of youth for the Seventh and James Baptist Church, Waco, Tex., Straus Atkinson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Canyon, Tex., Mrs. Bill Wimberly and Mrs. A. C. Cunningham, members of the First Baptist Church, Canyon, Tex.

The trip was financed by the students themselves with supplemental gifts from friends of the Baptist Student Union. The students paid \$80 each, which figures \$.02 a mile for transportation, \$.33 a meal, and \$.70 per night for lodging. The difference in cost was made up by the gifts from friends.

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Two Seminary Profs Return From Abroad

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)--Two professors of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here have just returned from overseas missions which took one to Brazil and another to England.

J. Leo Green, professor of Hebrew and Old Testament, was guest preacher at the Equatorial Baptist Mission retreat on Mosquero Island in the mouth of the Amazon River.

John I. Durham, associate professor of Old Testament and acting dean, read a paper to the Society for Old Testament Study in Great Britain at London, and lectured at Exeter University and Oxford University in England.

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Here is the single outline for both photos:

SOUTH CAROLINA EDITOR RETIRES, SUCCESSOR NAMED: S. H. Jones (left), editor of the Baptist Courier in Greenville, S. C., for the past 18 years, has announced his retirement effective March 1. New editor of the Baptist state paper in South Carolina will be John Roberts (right), promoted from associate editor and business manager. Roberts is a former editor of Charity and Children, publication of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes. (BP PHOTO)

--Jim Newton, Baptist Press

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BAPTIST PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS: Newly-elected officers of the Baptist Public Relations Association are (left to right) Program Vice President Joe Abrams, of the Mississippi Baptist Convention news service; President David A. Morris, public relations director for the Alabama Baptist Convention; Newsletter Editor Floyd Craig, communications director for the Southern Baptist Annuity Board. Other officers (not pictured) are Secretary-Treasurer Floyd North, editor of the Commission magazine; and Dick McCartney, BPRA representative on the SBC Inter-Agency Council. McCartney is public relations director for Texas Baptists. (BP PHOTO)

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PASTOR PROUD OF ALL STAR: Pastor Arthur Patterson (left) of the First Baptist Church of College Hill in Cincinnati, Ohio, proudly shows pictures of the National Basketball Association All-Star Game to Adrian Smith, a member of his church, who won the most valuable player award at the game. Smith is a guard on the Cincinnati Royals' professional basketball team. (BP PHOTO)

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NEW SOUTH CAROLINA EDITOR: John E. Roberts has been promoted from associate editor to editor of the Baptist Courier, state Baptist paper in South Carolina, effective March 1. Roberts was for five years editor of Charity and Children, publication of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes, before joining the Courier editorial staff in Greenville, S. C., last July. (BP PHOTO)

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SOUTH CAROLINA EDITOR TO RETIRE: S. H. Jones, editor of the South Carolina state Baptist newspaper, the Baptist Courier, for the past 18 years, will retire March 1, devoting his time to speaking and serving as a supply or interim pastor. Jones, 65, is a former president of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., and pastor of churches in South Carolina, Mississippi, and Alabama. He is a former president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention and former president of the Baptist Press Association. (BP PHOTO)