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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) -- The editor of the Southern Baptist Convention's largest state paper charged here that denominations taking federal grants for their institutions will "lose them ultimately anyway."

E. S. James, of Dallas, editor of the 375,000-circulation Texas Baptist Standard, made the charge in the opening address of the 18th National Conference on Church and State sponsored by Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU).

James said "if service to God and His churches" is not the first objective of the institutions "then they have no right to use the tithes of God's children." He added: "If this is their main purpose, then they have no right to tax money paid by people who do not even believe He lives."

James continued:

"The denominations that refuse government aid for their institutions may lose some institutions that might have been held for a while by accepting it.

"On the other hand, if we let them take it, we are going to lose them ultimately anyway; and in doing so we will lose some things we can never recover; our heritage, our distinctive, our spiritual influence, and our self respect."

James was one of a dozen speakers for the two-day conference. Some warned that the ecumenical trend endangers the church-state separation principle as Protestants surrender some of their distinctives.

Arthur W. Mielke, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Buffalo, N. Y., said Protestants in dialogue with Roman Catholics "might find it a little more difficult to carryon these dialogues if at the same time they keep up the discussion about the danger to separation of church and state.'

He paid tribute to several groups, including Baptists, for refusal to take federal grants, saying, "It costs something to make a pure witness, and it is heartening to know that there are many who are still willing to pay that price."

C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of Americans United, said the Vatican Council with its boost for ecumenism" is just the kind of strategy that fits our time and it is working." He said religious liberty gained from the Council but church-state separation lost in "a real tragedy."

Lowell said the religious liberty declaration "specifically maintains in force the various concordants or special agreements between the Vatican and various states which provide special privilege and tax support for the Roman Catholic Church."

Sen. Sam. J. Ervin Jr., (D., N.C.), addressing the conference's public rally, declared:

"Despite 180 years of continual remonstrances against establisment, our centralized government is endeavoring to relieve the church membership of the right and responsibility for its own support."

He deplored the trend toward grants, saying the federal government now administers "over 60 programs costing almost \$5 billion in which non-secular schools and colleges may participate."

Ervin expressed the hope that the Senate subcommittee on constitutional rights, of which he is chairman, in its hearings next month 'will officially recognize the need for resolving the first amendment conflict with which we are confronted."

Americans United presented him a certificate for "unparalleled devotion to this country's hallowed tradition of church-state separation."

Baylor Expands Religion Faculty Toward PhD Goal

WACO, Tex. (BP)---Baylor University will expand its department of religion faculty next fall with three new members in another step toward offering a doctor of philosophy degree in religion.

The doctoral program, already approved by the Baylor Graduate Council, is now awaiting recommendation by a consultant of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

If approved, the program will be the only course of study culminating in a degree of doctor of philosophy in religion offered by a Baptist school, according to Baylor officials.

New faculty members who will join the Baylor faculty in September, 1966, are Edward R. Dalglish, now professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.; Daniel B. McGee, assistant professor of sociology at Meredith College (Baptist), Raleigh, N. C.; and Bruce C. Cresson, instructor in Old Testament and Hebrew at Duke University, Durham, N. C.

Ray Summers, chairman of the department of religion at Baylor, said their addition will strengthen the religion department's graduate work as it works toward the Ph.D. program.

"The addition of these men to our faculty adds to its increasing stability and competence both at the undergraduate level and the expanding graduate level, Summers said.

Dalglish will be professor of Old Testament at Baylor. Since 1952 he has been professor at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He was professor at Gordon Divinity School, Boston from 1946 until 1952, and was a pastor for 10 years.

He received his bachelor's degree from Columbia University, his master's degree at Columbia-Union Seminary; and the Ph.D. at Columbia. He has done additional work at Harvard, the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Cambridge, Mass., the University of London, and at the University of Heidelberg.

Dalglish is the author of several books widely recognized in the scholarly world. He has 400 articles in The Interpreter's Bible Dictionary, 100 articles in the forthcoming Wycliffe Bible Dictionary, and is the author of Psalm Fifty-One in the Light of Ancient Near Eastern Paternism. His Concordance To The Hebrew Bible will be published soon.

McGee and Cresson will join the faculty as associate professors. Cresson will specialize in biblical languages, interpretation and archaeology, and McGee's area will be Christian ethics.

Both men are graduates of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., and Duke University, with bachelor of divinity, master of theology, and doctor of philosophy degrees. McGee received the bachelor of arts degree from Furman University (Baptist), Greenville, S. C.; and Cresson received a similar degree from Wake Forest College (Baptist), Winston-Salem, N.C.

Summers said that with the addition of McGee to the faculty, Baylor would offer religion courses relating to major social issues such as nuclear warfare, poverty and civil disobedience.

"McGee's coming meets a need long recognized by the faculty of the Department of Religion," Summers said. "He will share in the teaching of the basic courses in Old and New Testament and will offer new courses in the study of Christian responsibility in all areas of man's social life--political, economic, domestic and others."

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California Foundation Names Oblesby Assistant

FRESNO, Calif. (BP)---David Oglesby, business manager of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California here since 1963, has been elected assistant executive secretary-treasurer of the California Baptist Foundation, effective immediately.

He was elected to the position by the executive committee of the foundation according to an announcement by Carol Nichols, executive secretary of the organization.

Oglesby succeeds L. Bert Edwards who resigned as field representative and business manager to accept the presidency of an un-named corporation. The foundation accepted Edwards' resignation and elected Oglesby to the position unanimously.

He will be in charge of internal financial controls, personnel recruitment and supervision, documentation of trusts, contracts and other legal papers, and the detailed management of the office.

A native of Georgia, Oglesby is a graduate of Carson-Newman College (Baptist), Jefferson City, Tenn.; and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

He is a former minister of music and education for Baptist churches in California, Texas, and Decatur, Ga.

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250 Attend Southwestern Missionary Candidate Meet

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FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP)---Four area secretaries of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and seven members of its personnel department met here recently with about 250 Baptist missionary prospects from throughout the southwest.

The occasion was the second annual missionary candidate conference at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Participating on the program were area secretaries Winston Crawley, the orient; H. Cornell Goerner, Africa; John D. Hughey, europe and the middle east; and Frank K. Means, Latin America.

Jesse C. Fletcher, secretary for missionary personnel, said the conference was designed to provide prospective candidates with information which could be of use in determining candidates mission commitments.

He said the impression is at times given that missionaries are not "real people." He told his audience, "You're the kind we're looking for--warts and all."

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Baylor Scholarship Set To Honor Late Jet Pilot

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WACO, Tex. (BP)---A scholarship has been established at Baylor University here in memory of a Baylor graduate who is credited with giving his own life to save 800 children.

The scholarship will be in memory of Raynor L. Hubert of Port Arthur, Tex., who crashlanded his F105 jet in a residential area in North Las Vegas in 1964. The crash took five lives, including Hubert's, but the young pilot was able to narrowly miss a school building with 800 pupils inside.

The scholarship was established by the James Connally Angel Flight Chapter at Baylor, an organization of coeds that furthers activities of the Air Force Reserved Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program.

The Raynor L. Hubert Memorial scholarship will be awarded each year to an outstanding ROTC student attending Baylor, a Baptist school. Basis for selection will be scholarship, leadership ability, character and need.

Lt. Hubert was 26 at the time of his death. He was a 1960 graduate of Baylor, receiving the bachelor of arts degree.