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WE TOLD THEM -- BUT
THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE US

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.--(BP)--Managers of motion picture show houses across the country have protested to Hollywood's movie moguls that their pictures give too much emphasis to Catholicism.

"We have had a great deal of glorification of the Catholic and Jewish religions," said the survey of exhibitors by Allied States Association. Then the findings reminded: "We must not lose sight... that the vast majority of our people, and our critics, are of the Protestant faith."

The survey also revealed that the public is getting tired of sordidness, crime, and sex in the movies. Small-town audiences want more wholesome stuff, such as nature, children, and animals that the whole family can safely see.

And, the survey protested further, Hollywood has been lax in failing to clean up the private lives of sinful stars.

The survey's findings were handed to the movie moguls at the same time a nationally-known marriage counselor declared through the press that the instability of American families is due partially to Hollywood's "fantastic portrayal of family life." Dr. Clifford R. Adams, director of Marriage Counseling Service Pennsylvania State College, said that the movies lead to a "misapprehension of the goals to be achieved in marriage."

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INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES CANNOT
JOIN FEDERAL COUNCIL

NEW YORK--(BP)--Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, has declared that no Southern Baptist churches are members of the Federal Council.

Noting charges by some writers that individual Southern Baptist churches are "joining the Federal Council of Churches," Dr. McCrea stated that "this is constitutionally impossible, for the only bodies that can become members of the Federal Council are national denominations."

Dr. McCrea said the misunderstanding may have arisen "by virtue of the fact that a good many local churches of all denominations give financial support to the Federal Council and receive its publications even though they have no official part in its life."

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TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PREACHERS'
WIVES, BY ONE OF THEM

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Mrs. C. A. Maddry, wife of the pastor of First Baptist Church, of Wilmington, N. C., admits that being a preacher's wife brings a lot of responsibilities -- but she "would not exchange the joy and satisfaction that comes from service I can render as a pastor's wife for the advantages of having a husband of any other calling."

She writes of these responsibilities and joys in an article in the April, May, June issue of Quarterly Review, and lists the following "Ten Commandments for Preachers' Wives":

1. Thou shalt be and look thyself.
2. Thou shalt not be a drawback to thy husband.
3. Thou shalt keep an orderly house.
4. Thou shalt not neglect thy family.
5. Thou shalt not gossip.
6. Thou shalt use good judgment in dress.
7. Thou shalt not do all the work in the church.
8. Thou shalt visit.
9. Thou shalt be no respecter of persons.
10. Thou shalt not neglect thine own spiritual life.

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BAPTIST PRESS EXPANDS TO
INCLUDE COUNTY WEEKLY FIELD

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Regular mailings of Baptist news items to the county weekly newspapers of the Southern Baptist Convention territory is a new project launched by the publicity department of the SBC Executive Committee.

C. E. Bryant, director of publicity for the Executive Committee, said that the first release of material reached editors about March 1. Future mailings will be made on the first of every month.

"The great majority of Southern Baptists live in small towns and rural areas," Bryant said. "They depend on the weekly paper of their county for their basic reading matter. By the expansion of Baptist Press to include these papers, we hope to help the papers by furnishing them news of vital interest to the people they serve and to help the people by informing them on Baptist work.

"This publicity medium also places the Baptist message in the hands of thousands of people not enlisted by any church and who probably would not ever be touched by other religious influences."

Thirty-four hundred papers are on the mailing list.