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Tough Minds, Tender Hearts

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NEW YORK (BP)--A university professor told Southern Baptist leaders that on some major issues today, Baptists "have been soft-headed and hard-hearted. But we must become tough-minded and tender-hearted."

In the keynote address to a Southern Baptist seminar on "Christianity and World Issues," George Schweitzer, a professor at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, called upon his fellow Baptists and all Christians to be tough-minded beyond any previous generation.

Urging intelligent involvement in the problems prevalently affecting mankind, he said "It behooves a Christian every week to pray through Newsweek, U. S. News and World Report, and Time. We must be relevant to the day in which we live."

Scientific advances are such today, observed the chemistry professor and atomic energy scientist, "that man now has two alternatives---mass suicide or world community."

Another speaker in the Baptist seminar, David R. Mace, who spoke on "Christians Face Family Life in Transition," called attention to the consequences of "the moral revolution."

"We can no longer impose our Christian standards (of family life) on those who do not wish to accept them," Mace said.

He pointed to the necessity of educating young people to high personal standards of conduct in life.

"There is no question in my mind as to who should do sex education. It should be the church," Mace said.

Schweitzer earlier decried the lopsided expenditure of billions of dollars for military needs and space exploration.

"We give infinitesimally small amounts for research, cancer, heart diseases and other areas which are important to our well being. To support these causes, housewives must plead their cause from door to door," he said.

On world issues-poverty, hunger, economic instability, loss of individualism, urbanization, racial justice-he suggested that Christians have a responsibility "of startling magnitude."

He told the 200 Southern Baptist laymen and ministers from across the nation that Christians must move on from pronouncements in these areas to practice.

"The world is tired of our blab talk. The world is saying 'shut-up or put up.' It is high time for the word to be made flesh."

He said, "I really don't mind the religious institutions being neutral toward the program of Jesus and the world, if they only would not obstruct it."

"One of our problems," he said, "is what I would call 'Baptist panic.' We fear that if God's work doesn't get done exactly as we do it, it won't get done."

Christians generally have loved things and organizational structures and have used people to build and protect them, he declared.

"Jesus said we should love people and use (organizational) structures to express that love."

He called upon Christian leaders to abandon any "unconcern, self-serving, ego-centric spirit of pugnacity" and put the love of Christ into action.

"Our faith is not in a proposition, but in a person."

The seminar was sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and met in the Church Center for the United Nations.

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Revolutionary Times Said
Challenge to Christianity

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NEW YORK (BP)--Churches and church people must adapt quickly or be left in the backwash of history, Baptists were told here.

"Our God is a God of movement, a God of action, a fact pictured more strongly in Scripture than in the traditional piety of the church," said Roger L. Shinn, professor of applied Christianity at Union Theological Seminary here.

He was one of the speakers in a seminar on "Christianity and World Issues" sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In the midst of revolutionary developments--the upsurge of population, speed and travel, scientific advance, the availability of vast knowledge, rising nationalism--Christians cannot simply defend the status quo, he told Baptist leaders.

When the church gets complacent and prosperous, Shinn stated, "it tends to see every change as a threat."

There has been erosion of authority, especially the authority of the past, Shinn said. Shifts in the centers of powers, rising affluence, a fading identity for the individual--these can be viewed as either threats or opportunities.

Preachers can no longer decide issues for their congregations, he told the group of about 200 Baptist ministers and laymen. "Increasingly, the ethic of the church will be formed by laymen, and by the people who know what is happening in the world about us."

Harold E. Stassen, a political figure in Minnesota, Pennsylvania and nationally and former president of the American Baptist Convention, told the seminar group, "churches can develop the kind of climate which encourages men to build for peace."

He said, "My hope is that man can come through this atomic age in peace rather than in the tragedy of war."

The former governor of Minnesota called for observance of two guidelines in international affairs.

First, the principle of moral restraint should be followed in using violent force against our fellowmen.

He advocated the principle of moral responsibility for every man to work under God for the maintenance of peace.

Stassen said, "We are not at this time showing sufficient restraint in our use of forces."

He said it would be morally irresponsible for the United States to abandon Southeast Asia to the Communists, but the war should be "quietened down."

This should be followed by more energetic efforts to help stabilize the government and the economy of South Viet Nam. Then we would be in a position, he said, to do something constructive such as assisting with education, agriculture, health problems, and industrialization.

Stassen called upon the church leaders to help develop institutions which make war unnecessary. "War," he said, "makes no rational sense at all as a final arbiter among nations."

Another speaker, Richard M. Fagley, speaking on "Christian Ethics and the Population Explosion," pointed out that during the group's two hour seminar session in which he participated, world population had increased by as much as 16,000.

Fagley, executive secretary of the commission of the churches on international affairs for the World Council of Churches, pointed out that in spite of greater prosperity in many lands there are more hungry people in the world than ever before.

Food production is not keeping pace with the incoming tides of population.

Fagley stated that world population crossed the one billion mark around 1830. The second billion mark was crossed around 1930, the third billion mark was reached around 1960. In 1966 there are approximately 3 1/3 billion people inhabiting the earth.

He called upon church leaders to bring to bear the principles, ethics and morality on birth control, family planning and the problems of a rapidly mounting population.

Mrs. James Duncan Dies
After Two-Year Illness

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WASHINGTON (BP)--Mrs. James O. Duncan, wife of the editor of the Capital Baptist, died here March 30 after an illness extending over the past two years.

Memorial services were (to be) conducted at the Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Md., April 1.

Officiating at the funeral were John A. Holt, pastor of the church; M. Chandler Stith, executive secretary of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention; and Wilfred E. Cholerton, pastor of Hillandale Baptist Church.

Mrs. Duncan is survived by her husband and two children, Suzanne, 19, a student at Campbell College (Baptist), Buies Creek, N. C.,; and James O. Duncan Jr., 12.

Friends wishing to memorialize Mrs. Duncan were requested to make contributions to the American Cancer Society.

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NOTE TO BAPTIST EDITORS: The Warner E. Pumphrey Funeral Home in Silver Spring, Md., is in charge of arrangements. Funeral services are at 1:00 p.m., Friday, April 1. (Please note verb tense in graphs two and three)

Racism Seen Hiding
Behind Christianity

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NEW YORK (BP)--Racism in the United States is based on a perverted Christianity, a Negro educator told a group of Southern Baptist laymen and ministers here.

"Racism is a faith, a system of idolatry at home inside the churches," said George D. Kelsey, professor at Drew University, Madison, N. J.

Speaking to a seminar on "Christianity and World Issues" sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Kelsey stated, "In racism the word of man is found, not the word of God."

"Racism is self-deification. It is autonomous man gone mad. It is a decisive turning away from God. Racism is sinful man's final expression that he is by himself and for himself."

"In this distorted form," Kelsey observed, "Christianity contributes to the alienation of men."

"Only racism, of all the ideologies of our time, disputes the wisdom of God in creation. The racist is really offended by God himself. It never occurs to him to confront God directly in this issue. He is saying however that God made an error in creating some people."

Furthermore, Kelsey stated, "The idolatry of racism is ultimate and anything can be done in its name. Like Communism, it says the end justifies the means."

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Ex-Governor, Geneticist
Receive Baylor Awards

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WACO, Tex. (BP)--A former Texas governor and the chief academic officer of a fast-growing New York university have been named recipients of outstanding alumni awards this year at Baylor University, here.

Price Daniel, who served three terms as Texas governor after resigning from the United States Senate, and Dr. H. Bentley Glass, an internationally acclaimed geneticist who last September became academic vice president of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, will receive the awards as part of Baylor homecoming activities next fall.

Daniel and Glass were among five Baylor graduates nominated for the recognition by Baylor ex-students. Final selection was made by a 10-man Baylor Ex-Students Association Committee.

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Baptists To Observe
Cuba Raid Anniversary

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ATLANTA (BP)--One year ago in Havana, a government security force rounded up 40 pastors and 13 laymen affiliated with the Western Baptist Convention of Cuba.

Included in the group of arrested Christians were two Southern Baptist missionaries, Herbert Caudill and David Fite, who later were convicted by a revolutionary tribunal on charges of illegal currency exchange, counterrevolutionary activities, and ideological diversionism.

To add the prayer support for the year-long heroic stance by Caudill and Fite, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Executive Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta has called for a day of prayer on April 8, anniversary of that early morning raid a year ago.

"Southern Baptists should observe this anniversary in a day of prayer, not only for the release of these missionaries and other imprisoned Christians, but for a strengthening of God's work on this strife-torn island," Rutledge said.

"We shall pray and continue to exert every effort for their release," he said.

Clifton E. Fite, father of David Fite and pastor of the Rosemont Heights Baptist Church in Waynesboro, Ga., has waged a constant campaign for a Cuban visa to make a personal appeal for his son's and Caudill's release.

The Czechoslovakian Embassy, Cuba's intermediary in negotiations with the United States, has denied his application for visa once, but Fite has re-applied. He already has a special passport from the U. S. Department of State, but must also have Cuban permission to enter the country.

Caudill had served as a missionary in Cuba for more than 35 years, and at the time of his arrest was superintendent of mission work in Cuba for the Home Mission Board.

His son-in-law, Fite, was a teacher in the Cuban Baptist Theological Institute in Havana, and had been serving as pastor of the Buena Vista Baptist Church in Marianao.

During the year, Mrs. Caudill and her daughter Margaret Fite, who have remained in Havana, have been allowed to visit their husbands once a month at La Cabana Fortress, just across the bay from the capital city.

At last report by telephone, Mrs. Caudill said Baptists of Western Cuba had held their week-long annual convention "in very good spirits, but with a deep undertone of sorrow."

That, apparently, also is the attitude of the two imprisoned men, who continue to instruct their wives "not to panic."

Caudill, 62, has had some health problems, once a bout with the flu. He is blind in one eye and a cataract is growing on the other. A doctor in the cell block has been helping him with salt-water treatments.

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Marney Says Man Must
Have Concept of God

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--A North Carolina Baptist pastor speaking at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here said in reference to the highly-publicized "God is dead theology," that it is psychologically impossible for man to be man without the concept of God.

Carlyle Marney, pastor of the Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C., made the statement here during the annual Layne lectures at New Orleans Baptist seminary.

"Some young theologians do not recognize the difference between negative theology and negating theology," Marney said. He contended that the issue at stake is not Godhood, but manhood.

Marney also stated that the individual today "has a choice between suicide, which may take 30 years, and a crucifixion, which may take even longer."

Discussing the "Dimensions of Atonement," Marney said that the atonement "is not something which saves me from suffering, but something which introduces me to suffering. The death of Christ is not something done for me unless it is something done to me."

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Foundation Trusts
Top \$8.7 Million

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NASHVILLE, (BP)--Total trust funds held and invested by the Southern Baptist Foundation reached a record \$8,737,000 during 1965, a report to the Foundation's annual board of directors meeting here has revealed.

The trust assets increased during 1965 by \$985,442 over assets reported by the Foundation during 1964.

J. W. Storer, executive secretary-treasurer of the Foundation, and Mrs. E. W. Bess Jr., administrative assistant, reported the gains during the Foundation's annual meeting.

"The Foundation has reached the level of nearly \$1 million in annual growth, providing income of approximately one-half million dollars annually benefiting Baptist causes," said Mrs. Bess in the report.

Income from investments by the Foundation on behalf of Baptist causes totaled \$359,000 during 1965, they reported.

The Foundation invests reserves, endowments, and trusts for all Southern Baptist Convention agencies, and for the Baptist World Alliance and convention's Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary.

During 1965, the investments in the Foundation's general fund yielded an average return of 5.01 per cent. For the last eight years, the average rate of return on investments by the Foundation has exceeded five per cent.

Average rate of return on the Foundation's annuity funds was 5.91 per cent, adequate to pay all annuitants, with a year-end income balance of \$3,000.

Mrs. Bess and Storer also told the Foundation "a thrilling story of Christian stewardship" performed by the late Dr. and Mrs. James B. Bridges of Charleston, Mo., and Phoenix, Ariz.

Mrs. Bridges, who died in March of 1965 and was preceded in death by her husband, left more than \$1 million to charitable institutions--her entire estate. About one-half million benefited Southern Baptist causes through the Foundation.

"Yet Mrs. Bridges lived very conservatively, saying she wanted to give all she could to foreign missions," said Mrs. Bess.

The estate deeded 678 acres of farm land in Mississippi County, Mo., to Baptist causes through the Foundation. Sale of the land, consummated shortly after the Foundation meeting, resulted in about \$400,000.

All forms of estate planning were used by the Bridges. In addition to the land, a total of \$162,000 in gift annuities was left to benefit foreign missions.

Most of the estate will support foreign mission causes, to be used for Bible distribution and literature production.

Other Baptist causes to benefit from the estate include the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, providing funds to finance construction of new churches and missions.

Re-elected president of the Foundation board of directors was Stirton Oman, a Nashville contractor. L. B. Stevens of Nashville, an investments counselor, was re-elected vice president; and John P. Gifford of the Genesco Corp., in Nashville, was elected recording secretary.

Storer and Mrs. Bess were re-elected to their administrative positions.

Harvard Dean Asks For
New Kind of Saints

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NEW YORK (BP)--The world must have a new type of Christian man, according to the dean of the Divinity School of Harvard University, Samuel Miller.

Speaking to 200 Southern Baptist laymen and ministers here, Miller said, "We need a new kind of saint. We need people who will face the world, not turn away from it."

He called for churchmen to move to the marketplaces with their message.

The attitude today seems to be "that God is allowed to speak only in churches and if he should speak anywhere else it would be highly improbable," he said.

"We need to identify the unecclesiastical activity of God today," he stated.

Miller related a conversation with a theological student who wanted to know which churches in New York City were dealing meaningfully with current issues and where the student might be "shaken to the ground."

Miller stated that he could not name a single church where this kind of experience was commonplace but that he gave the student the names of four Broadway plays which might do the same thing.

"We must have today," he added "some transcendental points of reference. We have to find some way to talk about God more interestingly, more excitedly than ever before."

In calling for Christians to be alive to current issues, Miller charged that "for three centuries Protestantism has not done its homework since the Reformation hardly moved an inch."

"Faith is not closure. Faith is openness."

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California Baptists Elect
Child Care Center Head

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FRESNO, Calif. (BP)--The California Southern Baptist Board of Child Care has elected an area director to head the Fresno Child Care Center operated by Baptists here.

Named to the position was E. K. Huddleston, who is presently completing requirements for the master of social work degree at the University of Kansas.

The board also voted to employ a part-time summer worker, Travis Lipscomb, as a juvenile rehabilitation worker, in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Lipscomb, a social work student at Fresno State College here, will enlist foster homes in the Fresno area this summer.

Members of the California Southern Baptist Board of Child Care also expressed hope that Baptists can begin child care work in the Los Angeles area this fall.

Such a program in Los Angeles would become the second of several projected child welfare and placement centers planned by Southern Baptists in California.

Huddleston, a native of Missouri, served as minister of education, pastor, and social worker in California before leaving the state in 1964 to seek advanced social work training.

In addition to serving several churches, Huddleston was a boys leader for the Denver Christian Center in Denver, Col., and was assistant field director for the American Red Cross at Ford Ord, Calif. He also has served as executive director of the 100F Children's Home at Paso Robles, Calif., and as a social worker for Stanislaus County, Calif.

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