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**Brooks Hays Announces
As Governor Candidate**

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)--Brooks Hays, a former United States Congressman from Arkansas and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced here he will be a Democratic candidate for governor of Arkansas.

Hays was president of the Southern Baptist Convention for two years, serving during 1958 and 1959.

For 16 years, 1942 until 1958, Hays was a member of the United States House of Representatives, as Congressman from the fifth district (Little Rock) of Arkansas.

He was a special assistant and consultant to both President John F. Kennedy and President Lyndon B. Johnson.

For the past two years, Hays has been Arthur Vanderbilt professor of government at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., and also taught at Rutgers Law School in Newark, N. J.

His announcement as a candidate for Arkansas governor came about two weeks before the deadline for filing. Only two other candidates had announced candidacy at the time.

They are Jim Johnson, a former member of the State Supreme Court, and Ken Sulser, a member of the state legislature. Both are Democrats.

Although he had not officially announced as a candidate, many observers expected Winthrop Rockefeller to announce as a Republican candidate for governor before the deadline April 27. Several others may also enter the race, observers said.

Gov. Orval Faubus has said he will not be a candidate for re-election.

Hays, 68, told the Baptist Press, "I think I can win."

"It would be a capstone for my career of service which began in 1922 when I was a young lawyer serving on county boards in Polk County (Arkansas)," Hays said.

"Since then I've had 16 happy years in Congress. I've served in the executive department as assistant to two presidents, and as director of the Tennessee Valley Authority."

"When I left Congress in 1958, I had a choice between going into private law practice or remaining in the public service. I chose the public service, and I feel that at this stage in my life, I can contribute more than ever to the happiness and welfare of the people."

Hays was defeated in his 1958 bid for re-election to Congress by Dr. Dale Alford, a Little Rock eye surgeon, who won in a last-minute write-in vote campaign. Dr. Alford, who campaigned as a segregationist on the Republican ticket, won by about 1,500 votes.

Hays had earlier received nation-wide publicity for his role in arranging a meeting between President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus to discuss the Little Rock school integration issue. Dr. Alford at that time was a member of the Little Rock school board.

After his defeat, Eisenhower named Hays as director of the Tennessee Valley Authority, filling an unexpired term of about one year.

During the Kennedy administration, Hays served as assistant secretary of state for Congressional affairs, and in 1961 was made a special assistant to the president. He also served as a White House consultant and assistant during the Johnson administration.

In 1951 he was elected vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and as president of the convention in 1957, and again in 1958.

He was chairman of the Christian Life Commission for the SBC from 1955-57, and last year was awarded the first "distinguished service award" by the Christian Life Commission for outstanding contributions "in the interest of world peace, racial justice, and Christian citizenship."

Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, official publication of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, said that many Baptists in Arkansas are supporting Hays for governor, but added Hays would not seek to exploit his denomination or any other denomination.

"He has support from many religious groups, not just Baptists," said McDonald. "He's got strong support among the Jewish people, but his backing is not just across religious lines."

McDonald said that his paper would probably have an editorial about the election, but "of course my paper cannot come out for or against anybody."

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Photo of Hays and McDonald to be mailed to state Baptist papers.

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D. C. Baptists Elect
Woman's Group Leader

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WASHINGTON (BP)--Mrs. Harold Tillman has been named executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Missionary organization of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Tillman was elected to the position by the convention's Executive Board meeting in quarterly session here. She will assume her new duties July 1.

She succeeds Mrs. Carlton M. Long who resigned in September 1965. Mrs. Long directed the work of the missionary organization for 13 years.

A native of Arkansas, Mrs. Tillman is Girls' Auxiliary secretary for Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. She has served the Virginia WMU since 1958.

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention is dually aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Convention. M. Chandler Stith is the executive secretary.

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Baptist School Gets
College Housing Loan

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WASHINGTON (BP)--A Baptist college is one of 11 church-related schools approved for \$6,317,000 in college housing loans, according to announcement from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Morris College, a Negro Baptist school in Sumter, S. C., was approved for a \$150,000 loan to finance construction of a new dormitory. The school was established by the State Baptist Education and Missionary Convention of South Carolina.

Earlier Morris College was approved for a \$157,000 loan under the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963, for construction of an academic facility.

Other church-related schools approved for college housing loans were four Roman Catholic, three Methodist, and one each of Congregational, Church of the Brethren and Presbyterian.

Funds totaling \$1,169,000 were announced as reserved for four other schools: Roman Catholic, Adventist Christian, Church of Christ, and Methodist.

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Four Get Doctorates
At Georgetown College

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GEORGETOWN, Ky. (BP)-- A former vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention and a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board worker are among four selected to receive honorary doctoral degrees at Georgetown College (Baptist) here.

They are Gregory Walcott, motion picture and television personality who was second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1964-65; and W. Wendell Belew, program secretary in the department of pioneer missions for the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Also named to receive honorary degrees were Culbert Rutenber, professor at Andover Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Mass.,; and John Gordon Mein, Ambassador to Guatemala.

Mein, Rutenber, and Belew each attended Georgetown College, Belew receiving the bachelor of arts degree in 1943. Belew is also a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Walcott is currently working on producing a movie of the life story of Dr. Bill Wallace, a martyred Baptist missionary to China.

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Trent Resigns Alabama
Baptist Retirement Post

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP)--Earle Trent, recently elected head of the Alabama Baptist ministers retirement programs, has resigned to re-assume his position as secretary of missions and promotion of the Colbert-Lauderdale Baptist Association with offices in Florence, Ala.

Claude T. Ammerman, who served in the post before Trent's election, will again assume the retirement program administration duties, in addition to his work in stewardship promotion, announced George T. Bagley of Montgomery.

Bagley, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist Executive Board, said: "We regret exceedingly that Trent found it impossible to continue in the work. We pledge our prayers and cooperation to him as he returns to his work in Florence."

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