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On Dirksen Amendment**

WASHINGTON (BP)--Sen. Birch Bayh (D., Ind.) inserted into the Congressional Record the resolutions of three national Baptist conventions in opposition to the proposed Dirksen Prayer Amendment.

These were among testimonies the Indiana Senator put in the record giving the arguments on both sides of the issue. The arguments were given during a week and a half of hearings on the proposed amendment by the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments, of which Bayh is Chairman.

The Baptist viewpoints were presented to the Judiciary Subcommittee in testimony given by C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.

Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R., Ill.) previously announced that he would force the issue to the floor of the Senate on Aug. 30 without waiting for action by the Judiciary Subcommittee. Since printed copies of the record of the hearings were not available for the Senators to study, Bayh put selected testimonies in the Congressional Record, a daily record of Senate and House activities.

In announcing this procedure, Bayh said that he agreed with the Illinois Senator that Congress should do something to clarify the mis-information that the public has about the Supreme Court decisions on prayer and Bible reading in public schools.

Bayh said that he was not convinced that a constitutional amendment is the proper way of clarifying the issue. He hopes that some resolution or statement from Congress can be made to explain exactly what it was the court did and did not do.

"Some of the interpretations which have been placed on the Supreme Court decisions of this subject are ridiculous, to say the least," Bayh declared.

He said that the court did not rule out the singing of the last verse of the Star Spangled Banner, certain verses of America, the reference to God in the pledge of Allegiance, and "In God We Trust" on coins and currency.

"All these claims have no substance at all when one carefully examines the Supreme Court decisions," he said. "The court merely held that a state governmental agency cannot prescribe a prayer to be said in a public school classroom," he continued.

Dirksen's proposed amendment would give power to certain public authorities to "provide for" and "permit" the recitation of voluntary prayers in schools and other public buildings.

Among the inserts in the Congressional Record the first two days were included the testimony by Paul A. Freund, teacher of constitutional law at Harvard University. He recited a long list of "compelling objections" to the proposed Dirksen amendment.

Along with this was the testimony of Leonidas C. Contos, for the archdiocese of North and South America. He was in favor of the Dirksen amendment.

Another testimony was that of Robert McNeill for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (commonly called Southern). He proposed alternate suggestions for clarifying in the public mind the impact of the Supreme Court decisions. If these failed, then he favored a constitutional amendment.

Carlson appeared on behalf of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and presented resolutions by the American Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the North American Baptist General Conference.

All of these resolutions affirmed the adequacy of the First Amendment as it now stands to protect the religious freedom of the people. Although opposed to a constitutional prayer amendment, Carlson was favorable to some type of resolution or statement by Congress, stating the issues decided by the Supreme Court.

Committee To Study
Kentucky Education

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--The Kentucky Baptist Convention will make a study of the future and problems of its Baptist schools and colleges, the Western Recorder, state Baptist paper, reported here.

The Christian Education Committee of the convention's Executive Board decided such a study was needed following a special session of the convention last June when financial problems of Kentucky Baptist schools were in the spotlight.

At the convention, Kentucky Baptists denied permission for their educational institutions to accept federal loans, and instead approved a \$300,000 additional capital funds allocation from the state Baptist budget to retire \$3.5 million in private loans to the colleges.

The study, patterned after the Baptist Education Study Task (BEST), a two-year program of the Southern Baptist Convention to study the future of Baptist higher education, will be made by a sub-committee on evaluation of the convention's Christian Education Committee.

Edwin F. Perry is chairman of the sub-committee which will make the study. Perry is pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.

An editorial in the Western Recorder issue (Aug. 25) which reported the decision said the study makes sense. "Indeed," the editorial said, "this should be a continuing function of this committee considering the complexity of this problem for Baptists in Kentucky and in every state which has Baptist schools."

"It is almost certain that the fate of Baptist higher education in Kentucky will be decided in the next decade," said the editorial, written by C. R. Daley, editor.

"Periodic studies have been made through the years but most recommendations coming out of these studies have been turned down by the convention messengers.

"We have refused to face up realistically to education problems and have kept putting off and putting off difficult decisions," the editorial said. "Emotion has often replaced reason and short-range expediency has overruled long-range welfare," the editorial said.

"Some day we will agree to follow carefully wrought-out education policies if we are not already out of the education business," the editorial concluded.

The 650,000-member convention owns and operates four senior colleges, a Bible school, and a high-school level institute.

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Howard Payne Awards
Two Pastors Doctorates

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BROWNWOOD, Tex. (BP)--Two Southern Baptist pastors received honorary degrees at the Howard Payne College (Baptist) summer commencement exercises here.

They are Henry C. Garber, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Denison, Tex., and James L. Cooper, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oak Cliff, in Dallas.

A native of Beaver Falls, Penn., Garber has been pastor of the 2,000-member First Baptist Church of Denison since June 1960. He is now a member of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is a member of the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Cooper has been pastor of the 2,500-member church in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas since 1956. A former president of the Dallas Baptist Pastor's Conference, Cooper is also a member of the Texas Baptist Executive Board.

Both Cooper and Garber and their wives attended Howard Payne, and both pastors have served on the board of trustees. In addition, Cooper's father, two uncles, an aunt, and a brother are also Howard Payne graduates.

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Former North Carolina
Editor Dies of Stroke

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)--L. L. Carpenter, 74, editor for 17 years of the Biblical Recorder, state Baptist newspaper published here, died in Greenville, S. C., of a stroke.

Funeral services were held here Aug. 16 for the retired Baptist editor, who edited one of the largest state Baptist weekly newspapers in the Southern Baptist Convention from 1942 until retirement in 1959. He had been living in Greenville for several years.

During the 17 years he was editor, circulation at the Biblical Recorder rose from 11,264 to 62,756. Marse Grant succeeded him as editor in 1959.

A graduate of Wake Forest College (Baptist), Dr. Carpenter earned the doctor of theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and the doctor of philosophy degree from Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

A former pastor of several Baptist churches in North and South Carolina and in Texas, Dr. Carpenter held teaching positions over a period of 20 years at the University of South Carolina, Columbia; Furman University, (Baptist), Greenville, S.C.; Limestone College, Gaffney, S.C.; and Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex.

Survivors are two sons, Robert O'Brian of Boston, Mass., and William L. Carpenter of Greenville, S. C.; a brother, two sisters, and six grandchildren. Mrs. Carpenter died in 1960.

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New Course in Bible
Background Offered

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NASHVILLE (BP)--A new course giving "a systematic study of the geography and archaeology of the Bible" is being offered by the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The new course was prepared recently by Joseph A. Callaway, associate professor of Biblical archaeology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, who has participated and led several archaeological expeditions in the Holy Land.

Entitled Biblical Backgrounds 101, Callaway said the objective of the course is "to recapture the ancient world of the Bible engaged in its daily life, acting and thinking in the political, cultural, economic, and religious tensions of the time.

"In short," Callaway said, "it causes the world of the Bible to live again on the stage of history in its native dress."

The course covers the period of time from "the patriarchs until the gospel of Jesus Christ was preached by the early church in the Roman World," he said.

Text for the study, Biblical Backgrounds by J. McKee Adams, was revised in 1965 by Callaway. It contains 68 full-page pictures, eight line maps, and 16 color maps.

Ralph A. Herring, director of the Seminary Extension Department, said the new course offers an "opportunity to take an armchair journey with an experienced guide to the Holy Land."

Herring urged those interested in taking the course in home study to write to the Seminary Extension Department, P. O. Box 1411, Nashville, Tenn. Cost of the complete course is \$14.50.

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Cobb Named To
Academy Staff

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SAN MARCOS, Tex. (BP)--Jimmy Gene Cobb of Corpus Christi, Tex., has joined the staff of San Marcos Baptist Academy as chaplain and Bible teacher.

Cobb is a graduate of the University of Corpus Christi (Baptist), and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

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SBC Missionary Named
College's Man of Year

BROWNWOOD, Tex. (BP)--A Southern Baptist medical missionary to Mexico, Dr. E. Lamar Cole, has been named "Man-of-the-Year" by the Howard Payne College (Baptist) Ex-Student's Association.

Dr. Cole, who built and operates a mission hospital at Guadalajara, Mexico, will be honored at homecoming activities at the Baptist college here Nov. 19.

The selection was made by a committee of the college's Ex-Student's Association. President of the organization, Jimmy R. Allen of Dallas, said that Dr. Cole's "contribution to missions and the cause of Christ has been more than can be measured."

Dr. Cole attended Howard Payne from 1935-39, and then went to Baylor University College of Medicine in Houston. Both his wife, Oneita, and his oldest child, Cholanne, also attended Howard Payne.

Dr. and Mrs. Cole have been SBC missionaries to Mexico since the late 1940's. He is presently on a year's furlough, working in orthopedics at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

Dr. Cole will bring the main address at the annual Man-of-the-Year Banquet at Howard Payne College during the school's homecoming weekend.