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**SBC President Urges  
Prayers for Peace**

NASHVILLE (BP)--A plea for Baptists to pray for world peace was issued by the president of the Southern Baptist Convention during sessions of the SBC Executive Committee meeting here.

H. Franklin Paschall of Nashville, president of the 10.7 million-member convention, asked Southern Baptists to join with Roman Catholics in praying for a just peace in the world.

"The Roman Catholic Church will be praying for peace during the month of October," said Paschall. "I should like to see Christian groups and all concerned individuals join in this special prayer.

"Together," he said, "we may achieve amazing results."

In his first report to the SBC Executive Committee since his election in June as president of the convention, the Nashville pastor told of an around-the-world missions tour this summer when he saw Southern Baptists missions in action.

Saying he had seen a lot that was encouraging and a lot that was discouraging, Paschall said he saw the poor, the starving, and the war in Viet Nam.

"The Viet Nam war is an increasing burden and grief to us all," said the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville.

"To debate the question of whether we should be in Viet Nam does not change the hard fact that we are there, and that the casualties on both sides of the conflict are mounting every day.

"It is imperative for Christians to pray and work for a just and enduring peace," the SBC president declared.

He told the Executive Committee he had asked the presidents of each of the 28 Baptist state conventions meeting in October and November to include on each convention program a special time of prayer "for just peace in the world."

Then he told about Roman Catholic plans for an emphasis on prayer for world peace. On the same day, Pope Paul in Rome issued an encyclical letter calling on the world's one-half billion Catholics to pray for world peace during the month of October.

Paschall ended his statement by saying simply: "Together, we may achieve amazing results."

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Tribute Paid Routh  
On 15th Anniversary

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NASHVILLE (BP)--The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention interrupted its opening semi-annual business session here to pay tribute to Porter W. Routh of Nashville on his 15th anniversary as executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee.

Four speakers came to the platform to praise the denomination's top executive, citing him as a man of impressive stature, a denominational statesman, and a respected and beloved leader.

Speakers included Harry P. Stagg, executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico representing state Baptist convention leadership; Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union representing SBC agency leaders; and Albert McClellan and W. C. Fields, both representing the Executive Committee staff.

Then the chairman of the Executive Committee's administrative sub-committee, R. Archie Ellis of Columbia, S. C., presented to Dr. and Mrs. Routh expressions of appreciation for his 15 year's service.

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The presentations included an engraved plaque, a silver pitcher and matching goblets, and a check for the purpose of buying a new suit.

Quipped Ellis in presenting the check: "We did a little snooping and found out where you buy your clothes, and I tried to get the administrative committee to send me to get you one over in Hong Kong. But they wouldn't do it."

"With all of this," said Ellis seriously, "goes the love of Baptists all over this land of ours."

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New Plan Outlines  
By Annuity Board

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Plans for a new Southern Baptist Protection Program which provides for more and larger retirement, widow and disability benefits, plus some new ones were outlined here by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Executive secretaries of state Baptist conventions gave encouragement to the SBC Annuity Board to proceed with its plan to offer the new protection plan to Baptist ministers, church and denominational workers.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Dallas-based board which administers the protection program for Southern Baptists, said the secretaries informal commendation is the first step to initiating the program early next year.

All Baptist state conventions must approve it individually during their annual meetings this fall. "One state failing to approve the new Program could block its beginning," Reed said.

Reed outlined the new program during a meeting of the state secretaries, and later to the SBC Executive Committee here.

He called the board's proposed program a "history-making effort" to provide outstanding benefits for all participating members--ministers, church and denominational employees--at no extra cost for basic coverage.

"Under the proposed new program," he said, "disability benefits will jump to the same amount a member would have received if he had participated until he retired at age 65. Under the present plan disability provides for a maximum of \$900 a year.

Widow benefits will be the full 40 per cent of the amount of what the normal retirement benefit at age 65 would be. This maximum benefit, as does the other benefits, begins after the initial year of participation. In the current plan widow benefits are on a step-up formula, taking six years to reach the 40 per cent maximum.

Highlighting several of the new benefits, Reed pointed out that up to four unmarried dependent children under age 18 would be eligible for the children's benefit. This benefit amounts to 15 per cent of what the normal retirement benefit at age 65 would be.

"In early retirement cases, it would be 15 per cent of the accrued credits a member earns before his early retirement is figured," Reed said.

The educational benefit provides for a maximum of \$2,400 for each unmarried dependent child, payable at the rate of \$600 a year for the initial four years of full-time study beyond high school. This benefit, like the child's benefit, is payable during early or normal retirement, disability or under widow provisions.

Reed said the new program will also simplify participation and strengthen the over-all program actuarially.

Only one certificate will be issued, although a member may participate in one of the two supplemental plans to build larger retirement benefits. "Neither will a member have to get a new certificate when he transfers from one state to another, as is now required," Reed said.

He indicated that actuarial strength would result by having the resources of all plans united to give added financial stability and by having a larger spread of lives to help determine mortality.

He said the new program would mean a change in promotion also.

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Individual churches will be encouraged to put a minimum of ten per cent of their ministers salaries into the program. Dues on the first \$4,000 would go into the basic part with the remaining dues in one or both of the supplemental plans, as selected by the member.

Under the new program, a member would keep his certificate for benefits, even if he left denominational service. His account would simply be "frozen." If he re-entered active service he would need only to resume participation by having dues paid for him.

Reed told the secretaries that the steady rise in cost of living created the pressing need for broader benefits.

"This new program will definitely help our people meet these needs without increasing the cost of the basic coverage," he said.

Paradoxically, Reed added that the growth of the economy--the same force which created the need for larger benefits--also is helping make possible these increased benefits without increasing the cost.

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Baptist Professor Asked  
To Co-Edit Military Manual

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--A professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here has been requested to co-edit a Protestant manual for the armed forces.

Co-editors will be Clifford Ingle, professor of church administration and religious education at Midwestern Seminary here, and Lawrence P. Fitzgerald, editor of The Link, an interdenominational magazine for armed forces personnel.

The 32-page book, to be given free to military personnel, will "set down the great doctrines of the Bible in down-to-earth language . . . to help the men know what to do after they become Christians," Ingle said.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention requested Ingle, a graduate of William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, to co-edit the booklet.

Ingle, author of a previous publication on the military chaplain's role as a counselor, served in the Pacific and European Theaters during World War II.

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Seminary Honors Dobbins,  
Religious Education Pioneer

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--Gaines S. Dobbins, for 36 years a member of the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary received the school's E. Y. Mullins Denominational Service Award at Founders Day ceremonies here.

The occasion was Dr. Dobbins' return to the campus on the tenth anniversary of his retirement as dean of the seminary's school of religious education.

He also delivered the annual Founders Day address to the fall convocation audience, recalling major crises in the life of the historic seminary, which this month began its 108th year.

In his address, Dr. Dobbins said that the seminary had risen to the national prominence it now holds perhaps because of adversity, not in spite of it.

"Learn from the story of the seminary," he told 1,000 students and guests, "that hardship is the price of achievement....What hardship has done for your school it may do for you."

For the past ten years Dobbins, now 80, was distinguished professor of church administration at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. He and his wife are now living in Birmingham, Ala., where their son is a professor at Samford University.

Prior to the election of current seminary president Duke K. McCall in 1951, Dr. Dobbins was interim chief executive of Southern Baptist Seminary for more than a year.

He was the first dean of the school of religious education and had pioneered in teaching religious journalism, psychology of religion and other subjects.

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Previously honored with the Mullins award were Sydnor L. Stealey, former faculty member and later president of Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina; one-time Southern Baptist Convention president Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and the late C. Oscar Johnson, former president of the Baptist World Alliance.

The award is named for E. Y. Mullins, the fourth president of Southern Seminary, 1899-1928, and the first of four presidents under whom Dr. Dobbins served during his distinguished career with the institution.

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Photo being mailed to state Baptist papers.

Southwestern Seminary  
Renovates Men's Dorm

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FORT WORTH (BP)--Fifty-six year-old Fort Worth Hall at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here has been completely renovated--in only three months.

Air conditioning, carpeting in every room, and all new furniture--these are only a few of the new innovations for the Seminary Hill landmark.

Add to that study rooms equipped with tables and chairs, typing rooms, a power elevator, commuter rooms, and a new prayer room on the first floor, and three new lounges (each with color TV) have been created, one on each floor.

The basement area has also undergone a number of changes. A snack bar and game room has been built, and the lower basement has been converted into a center for recreation with ping pong tables and a badminton court. Adjacent to this area is a laundry room with all new washing machines and dryers.

"The reaction of the boys has been one of deep appreciation in every case," according to Trozy Barker, dean of men.

Some called it a construction miracle, or a new day in men's housing at Southwestern Seminary.

Fort Worth Hall, which now can accommodate 204 men, has also added two additional guest rooms. One is called the Antique Room and is furnished with bedroom furniture formerly used in the home of George W. Truett.

John Kohn, interior decorator from Dallas, has supervised the renovation in cooperation with Jim Leitch, maintenance department superintendent. Kohn was also the interior decorator for the new Student Center and for the remodeling of Barnard Hall, the seminary's women's dormitory.

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Clinard To Preach  
At Seminary Revival

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FORT WORTH (BP)--Gordon Clinard, pastor of First Baptist Church in San Angelo, Tex., will preach the fall revival services for the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, Oct. 4-7.

Clinard, professor of preaching at Southwestern from 1955 until February of this year, is the author of The Gospel We Proclaim, and co-author of Steps to the Sermon.

Bob Burroughs, minister of music at the First Baptist Church of San Angelo, will be the singer for the seminary revival.

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