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Baptist Hospital Group  
 Discusses Federal Aid

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CHICAGO (BP)--The Southern Baptist Hospital Association meeting here heard pro and con discussions on whether Baptist hospitals should accept federal aid, but they reached no firm conclusions.

Theme for the two-day Baptist meeting, held in conjunction with the 46th annual convention of the American Protestant Hospital Association, was "Financing Baptist Hospitals in Today's Economy."

Favoring federal aid, on the 'pro' side of the discussion, was W. K. McGee of the department of denominational relations for North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Opposing federal aid, taking the 'con' side of the discussion, was R. Earl O'Keefe, president of board of trustees for High Plains Baptist Hospital planned to open in the near future in Amarillo, Tex., and executive secretary of the Amarillo Area Foundation, Inc.

McGee, who favored federal aid, said that the U. S. government is making a real effort to help meet the needs of people.

"We believe," McGee said of North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, "that in the field of medical care we can work in cooperation with our government to the great advantage of the people at large.

"We believe," he added, "that there is a legitimate and safe basis upon which we can use federal funds for the advantage of all concerned."

McGee told the group that the General Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention had authorized by a vote of 99-1 the hospitals to apply for federal funds for the current Medical Center Development Program.

The development program, which includes both the hospital and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College (Baptist) in Winston-Salem, will receive about \$11½ million dollars, or slightly less than one-half of the cost.

McGee said that the hospital has had full freedom within the bounds of its general requirements, without any interference in the care provided its patients for whom the hospital receives public funds for either current operations or capital projects.

O'Keefe, however, argued that acceptance of government money for the direct benefit of Baptist hospitals would force individuals and other entities by law to contribute to the support of Baptist hospitals.

"Though the taxes be paid willingly," he said, "they may represent funds paid by people who do not believe in our cause. This is inconsistent with the Christian principles under which it is clear to me our hospitals should operate."

O'Keefe said that voluntariness, the right of free choice, individual volition are key words in expressing God's plan for man. "This is of the essence of our Christian faith.

"I am convinced the right course for us to take is to move toward the decline of all financial support by the government and continue to seek the means for paying our own way," O'Keefe said.

"We continue to support the belief that the price of liberty and freedom is eternal vigilance," he declared.

In another major speech, C. Emmanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, pointed out trends toward specialization in hospital ministries and toward huge medical complexes.

The small hospital institution can no longer expect to provide the services that are required of it in the field of health, Carlson predicted.

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In business actions, the association elected Norman Roberts, administrator of Memorial Hospital in North Little Rock, Ark., as recording secretary; and James Henry of Oklahoma Baptist Hospital, Oklahoma City, as a member of the board.

Last year the association had elected Paul Pryor, administrator of Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson, Miss., as president for a two-year term. Elected last year as president-elect was Emmett Johnson, administrator of High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo, Tex.

The association also voted to conduct a full-scale study of policies of Baptist hospitals on allowing discounts to Baptist ministers and missionaries. The association requested that the SBC Foreign Mission Board appoint a committee to work with them on hospitalization needs of furloughing missionaries and families.

The association will meet next year at Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 14-19, during the American Protestant Hospital Association.

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~~Baptists Urge Maddox~~  
Fight Against Gambling

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ATLANTA (BP)--Georgia's controversial Governor Lester Maddox, himself a Southern Baptist, faced pleas from Baptist leaders during his first few weeks in office to enforce the state's anti-gambling laws, to take a strong stand on moral issues, and to work for racial justice.

Editorials in the Christian Index, official publication of the Georgia Baptist Convention, on two successive weeks urged the new governor to fulfill campaign promises to enforce gambling laws and uphold "morality, honesty, and the highest principles of Christianity."

Gov. Maddox is an active member of the North Atlanta Baptist Church here, and teaches an adult Sunday School class.

The first editorial in the Christian Index, an open letter to Maddox, urged Gov. Maddox to "maintain toward Georgians of all races the wholesome attitudes which you expressed in your inaugural address."

Christian Index Editor Jack U. Harwell wrote to Maddox: "You can be a powerful example for tolerance, equality, and justice in these troublesome days."

Harwell told the Baptist Press that the governor's inaugural address hinted that he might be taking a more moderate stand on the racial problems that face the state, not so much because of what he said but because of what he did not say. "To the amazement and surprise of many present, he took a moderate position on non-discrimination," Harwell said.

In his open letter to Maddox, the Georgia editor pledged "our unceasing support of that which is right and good for the moral betterment of our people, and our unyielding opposition to that which is spiritually wrong."

The next week, the Christian Index editorially called for Gov. Maddox to "put his money where his mouth has been" on the issue of gambling in Georgia.

The editorial pointed out that the governor, during his campaign, had stated he believed the answer to the gambling problem in Georgia lies in law enforcement rather than in new laws.

The editorial also pointed out that the Atlanta Journal had published the names and addresses of 282 Georgia establishments that hold federal gambling stamps, plus 21 persons who own federal wagering or "bookie" stamps.

"Now, Gov. Maddox, you have your stated convictions on record, the law on your side, and the state patrol at your command," concluded the editorial. "We confidently count on you to back up your words with actions."

A few days later the public affairs committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention sent a letter to Gov. Maddox and other state officials appealing for them to "uphold and enforce the laws of our state, to take prompt and appropriate action to terminate this open defiance of the law."

A delegation led by Louis D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta and chairman of the Georgia Baptist public affairs committee, visited the governor with other leaders of the Georgia Council on Alcohol Problems to seek commitments from him on gambling, liquor, and other moral issues facing the state.

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Gov. Maddox told the delegation he would stand behind his campaign pledges in opposition to gambling, liquor and "other immoral forces." He said, "I will not lie to the people of Georgia. I will stand on my campaign promises."

Two days later, Gov. Maddox issued instructions to the State Commission of Revenue to provide names and addresses of those who own federal gambling stamps to the solicitors general of all districts in Georgia where stamps have been issued.

He pledged the full resources of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and other state law enforcement agencies to immediately assist local solicitors general in closing down gambling operations.

Gov. Maddox also had announced in a press conference that he and his staff would begin each day with a period of Bible reading and prayer, and that no alcoholic beverages would be served in the governor's mansion.

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Hall Names PR Man  
For Wayland College

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PLAINVIEW, Tex. (BP)--R. B. Hall, director of student recruitment and religious activities for Wayland Baptist College here, has been named the school's new public relations director.

He succeeds Charles Arrendell, who has resigned to join the editorial staff of the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, effective Feb. 1.

Wayland President Roy C. McClung also announced appointment of L. D. Brown, former reporter for 30 years with the Plainview Herald, as news director; and Plainview Herald Sports Editor Bob Hilburn as journalism teacher.

Arrendell is a former press representative of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas, and former public relations worker for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans.

Hall joined the Baptist college staff in 1964 after serving as minister of education of several Baptist churches in Texas and Oklahoma, and as associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Altus, Okla. He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist), Abilene, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

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Samford Names Harwell  
Outstanding Journalist

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MOBILE, Ala. (BP)--Samford University (Baptist) in Birmingham, Ala., has honored two of its alumni, including a Baptist editor from Georgia, for outstanding journalistic achievement.

Jack U. Harwell, editor of the Christian Index in Atlanta, Ga., and Wendell Givens of the Birmingham News, were jointly named outstanding journalism alumni of Samford for 1966.

Harwell became editor of the weekly Georgia Baptist Convention newsmagazine last November.

The awards were presented in Mobile during the annual meeting of the Alabama Press Association.

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Administrator Named  
For Georgia Aged Home

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ATLANTA (BP)--W. L. Rainwater has been elected administrator of the Peachtree on Peachtree Inn in downtown Atlanta, after several weeks as acting administrator.

The inn is a former hotel given to the Georgia Baptist Convention in November by the Beazley Foundation to be used as a home for the elderly of modest means in the Atlanta area.

Rainwater has been assistant to the executive secretary of the convention, Searcy S. Garrison, for one year.

He had previously been pastor of Lakewood Heights Baptist Church in Atlanta for 13 years.

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Rainwater is a graduate of Mercer University (Baptist), Macon, Ga., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Rainwater said that many people have expressed interest in becoming residents of the inn. "They especially like the central location. We look forward to accepting more and more residents as fast as applications can be screened and processed," he said.

Trustees earlier approved renovation of the outside of the inn to give more of a residential look. The kitchen is being modernized and other improvements are underway.

The Georgia Baptist Convention also has operated a home for the aged at Waycross, Ga., for about 11 years.

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~~1/27/67~~ Pastor's Wife Listed  
As "Outstanding Woman"

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By Anita Ashley King

KONA, Hawaii (BP)--Mrs. O. W. Efurd Jr., wife of a Southern Baptist pastoral-missionary in Kona, Hawaii, has been selected among the "Outstanding Young Women of America."

Mrs. Efurd, the former Grace Agena, is a native of Hawaii. She was chosen by a board of advisory editors as one of 6,000 young women between the ages of 21 and 35 who have made significant contributions in civic, religious, professional, and political activities.

After attending Baptist schools on the mainland, Mrs. Efurd came back to Hawaii three years ago with her husband, who was appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to serve as pastor of the Kona Baptist Mission in Hawaii.

They have been meeting in the Konawaena High School library, but plan to begin construction of a church building within a few weeks.

The 31-year old Mrs. Efurd is a teacher in the 50-member Sunday School of the Kona mission, where she also is pianist and shares with her husband in the youth and adult work.

"Our lives are not really our own, but we are here to serve people; it's part of a missionary's work," she commented.

But church work is only one facet of Mrs. Efurd's activities. She teaches pre-kindergarten children at the Honaunau school and works with the mothers club, an organized parents' group.

She is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, where she received a master of religious education degree.

The Efurds have two children--Stephen Lee, 5, and Laura Lynn, 2.

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~~1/27/67~~ Dean Rusk Gets Baptist  
Degree, Urges Dialogue

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By Bert O. Tucker

ABILENE, Tex. (BP)--An invitation to engage in a "dialogue between generations" was extended by Secretary of State Dean Rusk to students in a chapel audience at Hardin-Simmons University here.

The address of the nation's top diplomat heralded the Baptist school's highest event in its 75th anniversary celebration. Dignitaries from across the state and nation were in the chapel crowded with the students.

Rusk, awarded an honorary doctoral degree in climaxing ceremonies, gave the young people a broad look at "the shape of the world and how it looks to the secretary of state."

"The world must glean from the past the guidelines for a durable peace today," he said. "There will be no opportunity to draw lessons from World War III and start over again. There won't be enough left.

"Half the American people can now no longer remember World War II. And fewer than that can remember the events that led up to World War II.

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"And so we are once again in need of a dialogue between generations and I should like to invite the young people here today to help us to engage in that dialogue. You young people must help us who are older to find out what it is that we must forget."

He outlined the foundations and the responsibilities of the United States and cited examples of actions in Vietnam, the Congo, Turkey, Greece and other conflicts.

He remarked to the students, "It may be that conversation between us in these years ahead can be of some help to you. But it is a dialogue which should be sober and searching and touched with mutual respect."

His appearance at the Baptist school here followed by one day his visit to the Texas capitol where he was heckled by university students carrying signs protesting Vietnam policy and distributing anti-war leaflets.

In an interview as he arrived, Rusk said:

"The reason why four presidents have felt that the security of Southeast Asia is very important and vital to the United States is that we've learned that on more than one occasion aggression feeds on itself to start a momentum of aggression which leads into a much larger conflict.

"We were faced with the problem of organizing a durable peace after World War II. That is the number one question facing mankind today."

Elwin L. Skiles, Hardin-Simmons president, hailed the secretary's visit as the high point in the Baptist school's diamond jubilee year, which ends on Founder's Day in April.

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~~British Bible Scholar~~ 72  
Named Visiting Prof

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WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)--J. Roy Porter, professor of theology at the University of Exeter, England, will teach two courses as a visiting professor of Old Testament Interpretation at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here during the spring term this year.

Professor Porter will lecture on the Books of Judges and Joshua. An authority, on these books, Porter's latest book on Judges will be released by London publishers A. and C. Black this spring. Currently he is at work on a new commentary on the Book of Joshua.

He has served as chaplain in Oriel College, Oxford, England, and has participated in the translation panel for the New English Bible in both the Greek and Hebrew sections. He has written extensively for scholarly publications and recently was made a canon in Chichester Cathedral.

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