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Only Two Kinds Of  
People, Says Pastor

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By Bert Tucker

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Based on his philosophy, a limitless ministry lies within a few blocks of his church where the neighborhood is five-eighths Mexican-American and three-eighths Anglo.

Half a mile away in the most heavily populated area of Austin outside the University of Texas section begins the teeming Negro community. Seven Negro families have already moved nearby.

Baptist Temple now has three Negro teenage brothers as members and is one-third Latin American and two-thirds Anglo.

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Mrs. Olga Robles, a Latin American mother in her late twenties, who was baptized during the unique service, was converted on Christmas Day.

The entrance of Latin Americans, many of whom do not speak English, has brought about a high quality bi-lingual teaching system throughout the Sunday School and Training Union classes.

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The church came to its turning point on receiving Negroes after hiring a Negro worker, Carver said.

A few weeks after Mrs. Tom Fisher was employed, she confided a problem to the white pastor. She had long been active in a National Baptist church and encouraged her family of 13 to attend with her. But since coming to work at Baptist Temple, her children had quit going without her to church.

"Bring them here with you," Carver told her. After repeated questioning of the pastor whether there would be objection, Mrs. Fisher brought her family.

"The young people made all the difference," Carver said. "They took the children in as one of their own."

In a recent deacons' meeting, after the brothers had attended for several weeks, the question of a policy on receiving Negroes was posed.

It was recommended the church open its doors to all. A formal vote by the congregation on a Wednesday night was enthusiastic and unanimous, Carver related.

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Aiding Church Schools Said  
To Be Government Policy Now

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WASHINGTON (BP)--It is now government policy to aid church-related colleges, even though there may be incidental benefits to religion, according to a Baptist observer in the nation's capitol.

Walfred H. Peterson, director of research services for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, spoke to 60 state and local Baptist student directors from Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky meeting here.

Although he did not advocate public grants for Baptist schools, Peterson said that schools that do not take federal funds will be put at a "relative disadvantage." The reason he gave was that the schools will not find substitute resources that are adequate.

On the subject of "federal control" he reminded the group that non-participation in federal programs does not relieve them of the problem. Government already accredits and approves a wide variety of programs in which Baptist schools are involved, he said.

A prime purpose of holding the three-day meeting in Washington, according to William H. Jenkins, director of student work for Virginia Baptists, was "to get first-hand information to guide us in interpreting government policies and procedures to students."

Of special interest to the group was government policy in regard to the war in Vietnam, Jenkins said.

Sen. Albert Gore (D., Tenn.) told the Baptist student leaders that Congress shares with them a concern for peace. "We need to find a way of living together as men and women of peace," he said.

Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.) a Baptist, received the group in two discussion meetings on Capitol Hill. In addition to Sen. Gore, dialogue meetings were attended by Sen. Howard Baker (R., Tenn.) and Sen. Everett McKinley Dirksen (R., Ill.).

In a conference at the State Department, Harry W. Seamans, co-ordinator of organization liaison in the office of public services, spoke on the morality of the administration's position on the war in Vietnam.

Seamans said that "the world view of the churches was needed in the development of superior international relations."

W. Barry Garrett, director of information services for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, discussed the involvement of religious groups in the Washington political scene.

In response to a question about the Baptist Joint Committee as a lobby, Garrett said that the committee is not a lobby agency. "However," he explained, "lobbying is not an ugly word." Such activity is essential to the democratic process, he emphasized.

Garrett reported that many denominations have frequent Washington public affairs seminars for their students, but that there is very little Baptist effort in this area.

As a result, he said, the youth of other denominations are becoming keenly aware of public issues while Baptist students are being neglected.

In luncheon and dinner meetings the student leaders heard Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman, Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, deputy assistant secretary of state for Public Affairs, Rep. John H. Buchanan (R., Ala.) a former Baptist minister, and Ben Fulton, special agent with the F.B.I.

Carl M. Marcy, chief of staff of the Senate foreign relations committee, detailed the operations of a committee in the Senate.

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Baptist, Catholic Pray  
For Texas Wage Bill

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AUSTIN, Tex. (BP)--A \$1.25 an hour minimum wage bill has been introduced in the Texas House of Representatives with a Roman Catholic priest and a Baptist minister asking God's help in its success.

Presiding over the short religious ceremony in the House chief clerk's office were the two religious leaders of the Rio Grande Valley Farm Workers march to the Capitol last summer in support of a state minimum wage law.

Earlier in the day, a companion bill was introduced without ceremony in the Senate by Sen. Joe Bernal of San Antonio.

Bernal joined Rep. Lauro Cruz of Houston, sponsor of the House measure, in witnessing the religious ceremony.

Prayers for success of the bill were given by Antonio Gonzalez of Galveston and James Novarro, minister of a Houston Baptist church.

The two led the workers on their hot, dusty 490-mile march that ended at the Capitol steps in a Labor Day rally.

Mrs. Dorothy Hallman, chief clerk of the House, said it was the first religious ceremony on a bill in her 24 years on the job.

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Two Baptists Compile  
26 Bible Translations

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By Don McGregor

DALLAS (BP)--A Baptist state paper artist and a Baptist seminary professor have joined efforts to compile and edit what they consider to be the best of 26 translations of the New Testament in a single volume.

The new 1,248-page volume uses the King James Version as the guide, with four or five of the "best translations as selected by a Bible scholar" printed beneath each line or phrase of the King James.

Baptist Standard Staff Artist Jack Hamm might best be described as the producer of the project. Hamm is also a free-lance artist and religious cartoonist.

Curtis Vaughn, 42-year-old professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, is the editor, and shared in compiling with 14 other scholars.

Zondervan Publishing House will put the book on the market in October. Zondervan called it "a significant new work containing the complete text of the King James Version with alternate translations for clarity and understanding from the 25 other most popular English translations of the New Testament."

It all began as the brainchild of Hamm about the middle of 1962. His idea was to enlist 15 Bible scholars to handle sections with which they were particularly familiar. But they would need to be paid, so he went out in search of \$25,000.

He found seven Baptist laymen in Dallas who had faith enough to place their names on a note at the First National Bank, and an eighth man, Bank President Dewey Presley (a Baptist) who had enough faith in these men to authorize the loan.

Hamm had help on another almost impossible task--obtaining permission to use portions of the 19 or 20 copyright scripture translations.

Early in the effort, Hamm had interested Southwestern Seminary Professor William Rossell in the project, and Rossell had obtained all but three copyright permissions before his untimely death.

Vaughn succeeded Rossell on the project, obtaining the remaining copyright permissions and finding 15 persons who would make up the editorial board--those who would do the actual work of comparing the scripture translations.

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Each member of the editorial board took the King James translation line for line and examined each of the other 25 translations to determine which four or five versions best explained the actual meaning of the scripture.

When each editorial board member finished his task he mailed his work to Vaughn who edited the entire manuscript. He has spent two years on the project in addition to his seminary teaching schedule and speaking assignments.

Vaughn and Hamm said the editorial board is international in scope, and that each member is a person of conservative convictions concerning biblical interpretation. Members were recruited in New Zealand, Great Britain, Canada, and the United States.

There were three Southern Baptists on the editorial board, an American Baptist, a Conservative Baptist, a Presbyterian, an Anglican, a Lutheran, a Mennonite, and others.

Vaughn said the book will be especially valuable to Sunday School teachers, ministers and Bible teachers so that they can take a text and make several comparisons.

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Plan Buildings, Football (78)

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PINEVILLE, La. (BP)--Trustees of Louisiana College (Baptist) here voted to proceed with architects' drawings for two new buildings and approved continuation of intercollegiate football competition with the selection of a new coach.

The board also heard a progress report on the Louisiana Baptist Convention's crusade to raise a minimum of \$2 million for the two new buildings, with more than 600 churches voting so far to participate in the fund-raising program.

After hearing the progress report on the fund drive, the trustees voted to authorize Louisiana College President Earl Guinn to proceed with completion of architects' drawings, securing bids, and arranging for interim financing.

Following a survey of the Baptist school's intercollegiate football program, the trustees voted to continue the football program and left employment of coaching personnel and scheduling of games with the administration.

The board also approved appointment of seven new full-time faculty positions, promoted two associate professors to full professor, and approved grants-in-aid for two faculty members to pursue graduate study in their particular fields.

Elected new president of the board was Scott Tatum, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church in Shreveport, La.

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BAPTISTS COMPILE SCRIPTURES: S uthwestern Baptist The lo-  
gical Seminary Professor Curtis Vaughn (left) and Baptist  
Standard Staff Artist Jack Hamm (right), both of Texas,  
look over galley proofs of a unique Bible which gives  
what 15 Bible scholars believe to be the best of 26 trans-  
lations of the New Testament. Vaughn was editor of the  
compilation, and Hamm conceived the idea and produced  
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