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Dyal Named Peace Corps Director For Colombia 80

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NASHVILLE (BP)--William M. Dyal Jr., director of organization for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission for the past three years, has been appointed director of the Peace Corps in Colombia.

Dyal, a former Southern Baptist missionary to several countries in Latin America, joined the Peace Corps staff effective Feb. 1, and will move to Bogota, Colombia by March 1.

He will direct the work of 700 Peace Corps volunteers in Colombia engaged in primary and university education, educational television, and wide-scale community development, and will also direct a 25-member Peace Corps administrative staff in Colombia.

Since 1963, Dyal has served on the staff of the SBC Christian Life Commission which emphasizes the application of the gospel to moral issues, family life, race relations, Christian citizenship, daily work, and international relations.

A native of Houston, Dyal and his wife served as SBC missionaries to Costa Rica and Guatemala for six years. For two years he was field representative for the SBC Foreign Mission Board in Southern South America, with responsibility for Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay. He later was associate secretary for missionary personnel with the Foreign Mission Board offices in Richmond, Va.

Last year Dyal spent three weeks in Venezuela on assignment by the Peace Corps to evaluate their total program in that country.

Peace Corps work in Colombia is expected to expand to about 1,200 volunteers by next year. With about 700 volunteers there now, it is the fifth largest Peace Corps program in the world, and the second largest in South America.

Dyal commented that his entire Christian pilgrimage had given him insight in making the decision to work with the Peace Corps.

"The years in Latin America as a missionary opened my eyes and heart to the Latin people," Dyal said. "I feel one with them.

"The exciting work with the Christian Life Commission has brought new understanding that the Gospel is concerned with the whole of life," he added. "I have sought and observed, social change in the name and spirit of Christ. In changing my place and form of witness, I agree with William Temple who said, 'There is nothing secular to God.'"

The executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission, Foy Valentine, called Dyal's resignation a "critical loss".

Valentine praised Dyal's contribution to the work of the commission and the denomination, especially his ability to communicate with clarity and conviction to the younger generation.

"We are distressed to lose him," Valentine said, "but we rejoice that he has found the will of God in putting into practice in Colombia what he has been preaching to Southern Baptists for these past years."

Dyal is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He is married to the former Edith Colvin of El Dorado, Ark. They have three children.

Earlier this year, Dyal won a nation-wide award from Association Press, publishing branch of the Y.M.C.A., for the best book on youth and Christianity. More than 100 manuscripts were submitted in the competition. The book, It's Worth Your Life, will be published in April.

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New Orleans Seminary  
Woman Named Outstanding

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Mrs. Romona Goff Bond, faculty member in the School of Church Music at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has been selected as one of the outstanding young women of America.

She is one of about 6,000 young women between the ages of 21 and 36 listed in the 1966 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America.

Mrs. Bond, a contralto soloist, is a native of Louisiana and a graduate of Louisiana College (Baptist), Pineville, La., and New Orleans Seminary.

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Brotherhood Citation  
Honors The President

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) presented its national brotherhood citation to President Lyndon B. Johnson at its 18th annual citation dinner held here.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey received the award on behalf of the President.

The citation hailed the Chief Executive for "alerting our nation and the world to the human cost of poverty and discrimination, and to the crucial necessity of extending freedom and justice to all persons."

David Lloyd Kreeger, chairman of the NCCJ Executive Committee, made the award which also praised the President "for securing the enactment of legislation which represents historic and unparalleled progress by our nation in seeking to provide equality of opportunity to all persons,

"For leadership in obtaining greater economic and educational opportunities for persons of all ages, races and creeds,--in this country and throughout the world,

"For service as spokesman for the needs of the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed,

"For his determination to establish a peaceful world in which all shall have their divinely endowed rights supported by neighbors so that all may live as brothers in freedom, justice and dignity."

In accepting the award for the President, Vice President Humphrey reaffirmed the administration's determination to continue its drive for equality of all Americans.

In 1963 Brooks Hays, former Congressman from Arkansas and special assistant to President Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson, received the NCCJ Brotherhood citation. Hays, a Baptist layman, was president of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1958-1960.

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Grand Canyon College  
Receives \$20,000 Gift

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PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP)--An anonymous gift of \$20,000 to Grand Canyon College (Baptist) here has set in motion a campaign to raise \$100,000 by May 31.

The campaign for the remaining \$80,000 needed to reach the goal was authorized by the Executive Board of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

Although the name of the donor was not announced, it apparently is to be given with the condition that the Baptist school raise the additional \$80,000 from other sources.

Said Grand Canyon College President Arthur K. Tyson in announcing the gift: "We urge all friends of privately supported, Christian education to aid Grand Canyon College as it seeks to raise the \$80,000 needed to qualify for the \$20,000 already promised."

A special offering is scheduled Feb. 19 in the 340 Baptist churches and missions in Arizona in observance of Christian Education Day, according to Charles L. McKay, executive secretary of the Arizona convention who joined Tyson in announcing the gift.

Grand Canyon College reported an enrollment of 580 last fall. The 17-year-old school is affiliated with and sponsored by the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

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~~California Board Urges  
Federal Aid Rejection~~

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FRESNO, Calif. (BP)--A resolution calling on sister state Baptist conventions and their colleges to consider carefully the ultimate results of accepting federal aid was adopted here by the Executive Board of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

The California board, which on several earlier occasions had flatly rejected federal aid for California Baptist institutions, adopted a total of five resolutions during its two day meeting here, one of them strongly opposing federal aid.

The board's resolution said that "any breach in the wall of separation between church and state is ultimately a threat to our cherished principle of religious liberty."

"Be it therefore resolved," the board said, "that we...again express our opposition both to the federal government offering tax funds to church-related institutions, and to our Baptist institutions' accepting such funds."

Other resolutions adopted by the board opposed a state lottery, favored stronger controls of pornography, called for support of a law on tests for drunken drivers, and for extension of a state program for prevention and treatment of alcoholism.

In other action, the board elected David C. Oglesby, former assistant executive secretary of the California Baptist Foundation, as business manager of the convention, a post he held for three years prior to his appointment with the Foundation.

The board also set Fresno as the convention site for the 1968 meeting, scheduled Nov. 12-14, 1968.

A declaration of war against any attempt to legalize gambling in California through a state lottery was adopted by the board in approving one of five resolutions.

Another resolution called upon Gov. Ronald Reagan and all of California's legislators to enact "more stringent and more workable controls over printed filth." The resolution charged that much of the obscene literature is directed to youth, and has "a drastic effect upon them at an impressionable age."

Still another resolution urged Gov. Reagan and the state lawmakers to leave intact legislation adopted last year which rules that any person who receives a drivers license implies his consent to take scientific tests when there is reasonable doubt about his driving under the influence of alcohol.

The final resolution asked for an extension of the state Alcoholism Control and Treatment Program, which will expire in February if not extended by the legislature. The program is aimed at the treatment and the prevention of alcoholism and was adopted two years ago by the state legislature.

In other action, the board approved state-wide participation in the Crusade of Americas, an evangelistic effort planned in 1969 to encompass North, South and Central America. The Southern Baptist Convention had previously approved participation in the crusade.