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### NEWS ANALYSIS

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#### Education Bills Hit On Church-State Policies

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP)--A Baptist agency here attacked the church-state policies in both the Republican and Democratic elementary and secondary education proposals now before Congress.

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), the administration backed bill, is up for extension with a few changes. This act provides federal aid to education in a number of categories, especially to educationally deprived and poverty stricken people.

The Republican substitute, spearheaded by Rep. Albert Quie (R., Minn.), purports to be a general education aid bill through block grants to states. It seeks to play down the federal role in education and to strengthen the state Departments of Education.

The staff of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in a non-partisan, objective report on "Current Education Legislation" shared "the minority's conviction that federal authority in education should be minimized."

On the other hand, the staff report said that the aims of the substitute are not achieved in the minority proposal and that "the problems it creates are potentially substantial."

The Baptist Joint Committee staff has repeatedly expressed disappointment that the ESEA has been administered in a way that virtually provides public funds for private schools. This is being done, the staff felt, even though the precautions taken by Congress in the act provide funds only for public programs.

In spite of these reservations, the Baptist Joint Committee staff concluded that the educational and church-state values are protected better by the ESEA than by the minority's substitute bill.

According to the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee, a church-state compromise was reached by Congress when it enacted the ESEA and included the child benefit theory. By this, Congress meant that private school children are not excluded from the benefits of ESEA provided they participate through public programs under public control and supervision.

Private school interests, however, fear that the Quie substitute will deprive their children of much of the aid they now receive under ESEA. In order to allay their fears, the Baptist staff report says, "Congressman Quie assured private school interests that he had met their demands."

In fact, the staff report points out, there are fewer church-state safeguards in the Quie bill than in the ESEA. At best, the report continues, the Quie bill has numerous "contradictory considerations" which "leave us surrounded with uncertainty."

Some of these considerations it is pointed out, are (1) extension of library resources to include laboratory and other instructional equipment and audio-visual equipment, (2) freedom on the part of the states in the ways the funds are to be spent, (3) a bypass provision that sets up federal programs for private school pupils if the state refuses to do so, and (4) by requiring that the federal funds not be commingled with state funds.

The Quie substitute education bill raises all of the old issues that have stood in the way of federal aid to education, the staff report says.

These five issues are: the conflict between federal and state powers, civil rights, using the income tax for education, the urban-rural battle, and the church-state issue of aid to parochial schools.

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In the face of the serious problems raised by the minority substitute, the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee objected to its consideration on the floor of Congress without the benefit of public hearings.

The call for hearings was based on the need for information being made public, for clarifying terms and concepts, and for a clear legislative history for guidance to administrators and to courts.

Since the substitute will be taken directly to the floor of the House, the record of the debate and the intent of Congress will be brief and inadequate, the staff report said.

The debate in the House of Representatives was scheduled to begin May 22. No action in the Senate has been announced.

The Republicans in the House are marching with confidence, elated by their new found power. The Democrats are running scared, but they think they have the votes to fight down the Queie bill and to extend the ESEA for two years.

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Russian Scholar Links  
Marxism, Death of God

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By Pat Pattillo

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--Marxism and Christianity are both going through a period of disillusionment which stems from the same false assumption on the part of some of their adherents, a noted Russian Orthodox scholar said in an interview here.

Professor Nicolas Zernov, who delivered four Gheens Lectures at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said that both ideologies are proving that man cannot create a perfect society without perfect men.

Thus, he pointed out, Marxists are losing faith in their early utopian philosophy and many Christians are saying that "God is dead."

The difference, Zernov said, is that Marxism is unworkable, whereas Christianity never promised the "earthly paradise" which many Christians claim for it in terms of a humanistic gospel.

Christianity was a key factor in Svetlana Stalina's defection to the United States, he said, and the same urge for religious expression is more alive in the Soviet Union than most Americans realize.

"The pressures under Stalin were almost unbelievably hard and effective, but did not crush the spirit of the people," the professor said. "There is something in man which revolts when he is told that the only measure of his worth is his productive efficiency, that after life there is nothing."

Zernov, who fled Russia during the Bolshevik Revolution, noted that Russia has no fewer Christians per capita than any other European country, although Communist pressure has forced the churches to be less sophisticated in beliefs and practices.

"Actually, anti-Christian pressure brings about a curiosity within many Russian people," he said, "and as a result of mere investigation, many are converted." He noted that while millions of rubles are spent annually to promote atheism, Russia has more Christians than Sweden.

Ironically, in their zeal to promote Communist heroes as an alternative to Christianity, Russian leaders have made Lenin a virtual diety--in direct conflict with the materialistic philosophy of Communism, Zernov said.

"They encourage the people to believe that 'Lenin protects me' and when they dedicate a new school, they tell children to thank Lenin for it," he said. Thus, while the system goes on, faith in it has all but vanished because of the many inconsistencies which the leaders must support in order to make it work.

Zernov was a college student, the son of a physician, when he left Russian soil with his family in 1920. He studied in Yugoslavia, France and England, and since 1947 has been Spalding Lecturer on Eastern Orthodox Culture at Oxford University. He is currently on leave from Oxford to teach at Duke University. During his visit to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Zernov met with students in theology, church history and Christian ethics and delivered a public chapel address.

Rutledge Visits Chaplains  
In World Tension Spots

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By Sue Brooks

ATLANTA (BP)--Although the public's eye has been locked on Vietnam, other U.S. military installations throughout Europe and the Near and Far East also are in areas retching with the pains of chronic political and personal disorder, according to Arthur B. Rutledge, a prominent Southern Baptist missions leader.

Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here, visited military chaplains in such hot spots as West Berlin, Saigon and Da Nang.

He noted a parallel in many of the 20 countries he visited, saying that involvement in anti-Communist reaction was at a high pitch.

He pointed to Athens (Greece) in the midst of a coup d'etat, the demilitarized zone of Korea, pro-American Taiwan guarding even through the night against Communist infiltration, the brutal barrier between West and East Germany, the more relaxed barrier between the Crown Colony of Hong Kong and Red China, and the continuing conflict in Vietnam.

Rutledge represented the Southern Baptist Chaplains Commission which is structured within the Home Mission Board. His wife accompanied him.

This visit is made every three years usually by the commission director to assure the chaplains of the interest, appreciation and support of Southern Baptists.

The visiting executive also was available for individual and group conferences, speaking engagements and conferences, with commanding officers.

Rutledge listed the stop in Vietnam as a highlight of the trip "because of the issues that are at stake.

"I was very much impressed by the attitude of our people toward the Vietnamese and loss of life. We know what war is--take or be overtaken--but we still are concerned with helping to establish community life for the Vietnamese."

Rutledge said he particularly was impressed with the military commanders as a group, including Maj. Gen. William C. Westmoreland, commander of military forces in Vietnam. "Of course his schedule only allowed us about a five-minute conference."

He said he was surprised at the Vietnamese nonchalantly tending the farms and shops, even in the face of low-flying planes and nearby booms of gunshots. "But after all, they've been at war 20 years and have had to come to terms with their situation."

He explained that the major difference a chaplain faces in Vietnam assignment in contrast to a peace area assignment is the exposure to physical harm. "And in some areas of Vietnam, this is not so great as is suspected by the general public."

He said the tight schedules of Vietnam military men worked as an advantage and disadvantage to chaplains in their work. "Since the men are restricted to their base almost 100 per cent of the time there is little outlet for drinking, prostitution and general vice.

"The morale is high but many times the men are so tired, they spend much time in recreation or sleep."

In connection with the overall chaplaincy ministry, Rutledge said he was most impressed by two facts.

"These chaplains have a very fine opportunity of ministering to men between the ages of 18 and 30, a very critical age group," he said.

"I also was impressed by the faithfulness, diligence, dedication and competence of the group as a whole. "I realize there are a few who are not serving as effectively as possible, but on the average, you could not find a higher sense of dedication than exists in these men," he said.

Rutledge explained the chaplain's role of working in an interdenominational setting with Christian purpose foremost, Baptist second. "The government, however, does not require a chaplain to violate any religious conviction in the performance of his duties."

He said the chaplains asked that local churches pray and keep in touch with servicemen. "I think our denomination needs to become more aware of this extremely valuable ministry."

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Dehoney, Hull Named  
Baptist Hour Speakers

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FORT WORTH (BP)--Wayne Dehoney and William E. Hull both of Louisville, Ky., have been named guest speakers for "The Baptist Hour" during the summer months, the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission here has announced.

Dehoney, president of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1964-66, will be the speaker for six weeks beginning July 2. Dehoney is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Louisville, which recently changed its name from Walnut Street Baptist Church.

Hull, associate professor of New Testament interpretation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will be the speaker for seven weeks beginning Aug. 31.

Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the Radio-TV Commission, said it has been the custom in recent years to invite "outstanding Baptist preachers, teachers and missionaries to be guest speakers on 'The Baptist Hour' during June, July and August while Herschel H. Hobbs, the permanent speaker, is on vacation from the program.

Hobbs is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. He will return as "The Baptist Hour" speaker in October.

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Michigan Native Named  
Seminary News Director

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--Bob S. Terry, formerly of Ypsilanti, Mich., has been named news director of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, effective June 1.

He will direct the school's news bureau and serve as managing editor of The Tie, a monthly newsmagazine which circulates in 68 nations. He succeeds Wesley M. (Pat) Pattillo Jr., who was recently named executive assistant to the president.

Terry is a graduate of Mississippi College (Baptist) at Clinton, Miss., where he served as news writer for the school's public relations department and was departmental editor of the college newspaper, The Collegian. He has had additional training in radio and television.

He comes to the position of news director from the pastorate of Salem Baptist Church in Worthville, Ky. He previously served churches in Michigan and Mississippi.

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Baptist Radio Program  
Broadcast Into India

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FORT WORTH (BP)--Southern Baptists have begun broadcasting a 15-minute version of "MasterControl"\* in the English language into India from a 15,000-watt radio transmitter located on Male, capital of the Maldivian Islands southwest of India's southern tip.

"As far as we know, there is no Christian broadcasting allowed on the mainland of India. All radio stations are government owned, and the government has banned Christian programming," said Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here, producer of "MasterControl"\*.

India is one of the most densely populated nations in the world. Almost 500 million people live in an area one-third the size of the United States. Eighty-five percent of the population are followers of the Hindu religion.

"English is the associate official language in India," said Stevens, "and is spoken by the more educated population." He estimated a potential English listening audience in excess of 75 million.

"MasterControl"\* is a variety program with an emphasis on spiritual insights. "MasterControl"\* is broadcast each week on more than 450 radio stations throughout the United States and 12 foreign countries with a total listening audience estimated at over 40 million people.

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#### URGENT CORRECTION

On BP story mailed 5-17-67, headlined "Congressman Asks Extension of Aids to Private Schools, please make the following urgent correction in graph 9, line 1: "I am now (not "not" as sent) convinced that..." This typographical error changes the entire meaning of the sentence, and should be corrected. Thank you.

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Baptist Unity Movement  
Conference Is Cancelled

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DOVER, Del. (BP)--A Baptist Unity Conference scheduled for July 15-22 in Green Lake, Wisc., has been cancelled because of lack of interest.

The Baptist Unity Movement, which was sponsoring the conference, said in a brief announcement "that the number of registrations coming in did not warrant continued plans for it."

The announcement came from Howard R. Stewart of Dover, chairman of the Baptist Unity Movement, an unofficial organization not sponsored by any Baptist convention, but comprised of individuals interested in uniting the Baptist conventions in the United States.

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Baptists In Orient Adopt  
Purposes of Radio-TV Work

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HONG KONG (BP)--More than 100 Baptist missionaries and national co-workers attending a 10-day Orient Missions Conference here recently adopted a "general statement of purpose for the use of radio and television by Baptists in the Orient.

They defined the aim of Christian mass communications in the Orient as "pre-evangelism" and "supportive evangelism."

In an address to the conference, Missionary Ronald Hill of Thailand discussed the aims of his radio and television ministry in that country, which has a population of nearly 30 times the population of Colorado, yet an area of only twice the size. Nearly 93 per cent of the population is Buddhist.

"In a non-Christian culture such as Thailand, rather than aiming for decisive preaching of the gospel leading to a definite right-now decision, we feel that the media of radio and television are best used to prepare the way of the Lord, so to speak, to create a favorable reception for the truths of God and His gospel and to make contact with responsive people, who can then be followed up personally by other means," Hill said.

The radio and television department of the Thailand mission sponsored a "television rally" in the Baptist Student Center in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand, Hill said. More than 400 persons attended the Saturday night program after hearing about it on a Southern Baptist sponsored telecast in the Thai language.

The evening of music and testimonies was designed to serve as a "middle step" to get the Thai people into local churches by introducing them to local pastors and missionaries. Almost 249 people turned in cards expressing a desire to know more about the Gospel. Local pastors reported many visitors in their services the following Sunday who had come as a direct result of the rally, Hill said.

The Conference delegates urged immediate activation of a program of radio and television broadcasting because of the rapid population explosion in the Orient.

The delegates recognized the overall expense involved in this work, but they state that the "cost per contact" is lower for radio and television than for all other methods of mass communications. They urged financial allocations be set aside for this strategic work.

Radio and television were cited as the best means of extending the influence of the gospel in Orient Mission areas and surrounding inaccessible areas. Electronic waves are the "best means of crossing political, economic and religious barriers," the conference agreed.

Recommendations that grew out of the study sessions and discussions at the Orient Missions Conference will be studied by the various missions of the Orient before being sent to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for implementation.

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C O R R E C T I O N S

Editors, please correct copy and typographical errors in two stories mailed 5/15/67.

On story headlined: "Mission Board Appoints Nine Career Missionaries," change graph two to read "Donald T. Moore" (not "Donal"...); and change graph 13 to read "Cridersville, Ohio," (not "Criderville" as sent); and correct graph 14 to read "Campbellsville"... (not Campellsville).

On story headlined "Howard Payne College Names Blanton Dean," make it (graph 1, line 2) "...has been named dean..." (not dead as sent). No funerals are pending, except those of our proofreaders!

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