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Baptists Aid Reconstruction
Of Riot-Hit Negro Church

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CAMBRIDGE, Md. (BP)--Maryland Baptists have been rallying to the aid of Mt. Zion Baptist Church here, a Negro congregation which lost its building in recent riots at this Eastern Shore community.

Soon after the riots, the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cambridge, M. Brent Coleman, launched an appeal called "Baptist Handclasp," urging all Maryland Baptists to give towards rebuilding the Mt. Zion church sanctuary.

Almost simultaneously, Lewis McKinney, pastor of the Allen Memorial Baptist Church of Salisbury, Md., spoke to that church about assisting the Negro church, located about 30 miles to the North of Salisbury.

Members of Allen Memorial Baptist Church responded to their pastor's sermon entitled "Respect for the Law" with pledges totaling \$1,300. Resolutions were also passed asking all Maryland Baptists to assist in helping the Negro congregation.

The resolutions called for the government to restore law and order, and at the same time take immediate steps to remedy any situation that may be "our share of the blame for existing conditions which contribute to this lawless disorder."

First Baptist Church, Cambridge designated August 20 for a special offering to assist the Negro church.

In an editorial in the Maryland Baptist, Editor R. G. Puckett supported "Baptist Handclasp."

"Fortunately, when irresponsible and riot-inciting voices shout 'Burn, baby, burn', there are quieter but equally determined voices who not only preach love but practice it as well.

"Now is the time for the Baptists of our convention to speak convincingly of the love of Christ..." the editorial said.

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Harden Named SBC Hospital
Assistant Administrator

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)--Jimmie W. Harden, former controller, has been named assistant administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital here.

The hospital is one of two owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Convention. Announcement of Harden's appointment was made by George A. Mathews, administrator.

Harden replaces Robert C. Harrison who has been named assistant administrator, coordinator of construction.

He will be responsible for the hospital's departments of medical records, physical therapy, inhalation therapy, dietary, laundry, orthoptic clinic, and electroencephalogram (EEG).

Harden's responsibilities will be assumed by C. R. Bennett, chief accountant, who becomes controller; Samuel E. Cowan, named as data processing department manager, and Raymond B. Howard, who joins the hospital staff as manager of patient services.

Filling the newly-created position of director of plant facilities will be Howard C. Stauffer.

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Editor Advocates Economic
Pressure On Degrading Films

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GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--A Methodist editor told a Baptist conference here Christians should use economic boycotts against motion pictures that degrade humanity, but should avoid censorship.

More discrimination in the selection of motion pictures is imperative if there is to be any improvement in current films, said James Wall, editor of The Christian Advocate.

Speaking during a Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission conference on Morality and the Mass Media, Wall said that as discrimination rises, the box office will show the effect, and the product will improve.

"We are dealing with a commercial enterprise, which responds to box office pressure," said Wall.

He warned, however, that censorship of films is a dangerous practice and must be avoided. "Censorship is not the church's solution--the answer is the development of discriminating views."

Wall said that Christians must learn the difference between an authentic artistic effort and a blatantly commercial batch of vulgarity or pabulum.

The Methodist editor defended the film industry against critics who view it as all bad. "It is not fair," he explained, "to say that commercial pictures are always going to pander to the lowest common denominator. Some do...but there are film-makers who desire to produce films with integrity which also make money."

"In the past, the church's approach has been largely one that assumed the motion picture was entertainment which you could take or leave, preferably in small doses.

"But now there is a growing awareness that film as an art form is a vital force on the American scene, one that should be cultivated and encouraged," said Wall.

In supporting artistic and creative films, Wall pointed out that one important way people receive God personally is through art. "The artist," he observed, "serves as a vehicle through whom God speaks because he possesses the talent to describe to us certain aspects of our lives which we either have ignored or which we are afraid to face."

Wall concluded that the Christian critic should ask two basic questions about each movie: (1) Is it a well-made product? and (2) Does the film take an honest voyage into the human condition, or does it manipulate, exploit, and degrade life?

He singled out the James Bond movies as an example of the type that degrades humanity through its general tone of violence.

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Guyton Named Dean
At Carson-Newman

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JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. (BP)--Walter R. Guyton, director of financial aids at the University of Alabama, has been named academic dean and professor of education at Carson-Newman College (Baptist) here.

Guyton will succeed Joseph N. Ernest Jr., who is the new vice president of William Carey College (Baptist), Hattiesburg, Miss.

Guyton is a graduate of Livingston State College, Livingston, Ala.; and earned the doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Alabama. His wife, Glenda, holds a masters degree from the University of Oklahoma, and is currently assistant to the dean of women at the University of Alabama.

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Solons Ask New Effort
To Fight World Hunger

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By Beth Hayworth

WASHINGTON (BP)--A bold new program to help underdeveloped countries fight hunger and stave off potential famine has been introduced in Congress by a bi-partisan group of Senators.

The Senators are calling for the establishment "before it is too late" of an International Agricultural Service Corps dedicated to career service of international development as part of an all-out war against hunger.

Sen. George S. McGovern, (D., S.D.), chief sponsor of the bill, reminded the Senate of the famine predicted for many parts of the world during the 1970's. If this is to be averted, he said, large numbers of personnel will be needed and we must begin now to train them.

The proposed program would provide graduates in agriculture and social sciences additional education and training to help developing nations increase their own food production.

The agricultural career workers would assist in establishing agricultural colleges, extension programs and other agencies to promote food production and productivity.

Sen. McGovern told the Senate that of the 100,000 agriculture specialists in the United States, less than 1 per cent are directly involved in overseas projects. He challenged Congress to enact the proposed legislation to help change this ratio to assist "a world growing more hungry year after year."

The South Dakota Senator quoted from a report of the President's Advisory Committee Panel which said:

"The scale, severity and duration of the world food problem are so great that a massive, long-range, innovative effort unprecedented in human history will be required to master it."

The report concluded that a strategy for attacking the world food problem would encompass the entire foreign economic assistance effort of the United States and other developed countries as well as voluntary and international organizations.

Sen. McGovern said that the United States has clearly demonstrated that we have the technology to make a major contribution. But unless we take major steps now, he warned, we will not have the trained manpower for the stepped-up program needed.

"We cannot wait," he urged. Now is the time to educate and recruit professionals "before the widening gap between food and population hits the world with a staggering blow."

A student enrolling in agriculture in a university this fall would graduate with a bachelor's degree in 1971, already into the decade predicted for unprecedented famine, the Senator stressed. It takes time, he urged, to educate and prepare agricultural specialists.

Universities that have not been active in programs of international agriculture will need time to gear up for international work, he continued. Professors will need to be hired, curriculums developed, research done, library holdings expanded, and many other preparations made, he said.

"We dare not wait any longer. Famine does not mark time, but marches forward. We, too must be marching forward," he challenged.

In addition to establishing a Career Corps of International Agricultural Workers, the proposed legislation is intended "to initiate an awareness and concern" among this country's youth, farm leaders and professional agriculturists for the plight of hungry people of the world.

Specifically, federal grants would be made to institutions of higher learning in the United States for education materials and personnel to stimulate interest in and prepare undergraduates for careers in international agriculture.

Two hundred scholarships would be given each academic year to students who agree to serve not less than two years in international development programs.

Further, the bill would authorize an Extension Service Workers Corps to be administered through state extension services in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture. Funds would be allotted to colleges and universities to establish a rotating staff of extension personnel to serve overseas for two-year periods.

A member of Sen. McGovern's staff said they did not expect action on the measure during the present session of Congress. The proposals are now being considered by the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee, the Department of Agriculture and the State Department's Agency for International Development (AID).

The bill was introduced now, the staff member said, "to stimulate discussion this fall, hoping for action next year."

Joining Sen. McGovern in sponsoring the legislation are the following Senators: Frank Carlson (R., Kan.), Frank Church (D., Idaho), Vance Hartke (D., Ind.), Mark O. Hatfield (R., Ore.), Henry Jackson (D., Wash.), Eugene McCarthy (D., Minn.), Warren G. Magnuson, (D., Wash.), Lee Metcalf (D., Mont.), Walter F. Mondale (D., Minn.), Wayne Morse (D., Ore.), Frank E. Moss (D., Utah), Karl E. Mundt (R., S. D.) and James B. Pearson (R., Kan.).