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**Texas Baptists Set Prayer  
Day For World Situation**

By Charles Richardson

DALLAS (BP)--Texas Baptist congregations will be urged to designate Sunday, Feb. 25, as a "Day of Prayer" for the nation and world and for native-Texan Lyndon B. Johnson.

Three top Texas Baptist leaders said they are mailing letters to Baptist pastors over the state, requesting them "to give as much time in your services as you feel led to give in public and private intercession."

Congregations were asked to remember "our men in battle areas" and "our youth about to be called to war."

T. A. Patterson of Dallas, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said that a copy of the letter which is being sent to pastors of some 4,450 churches and missions will be sent to President Johnson.

Others who signed the document are Gordon Clinard of San Angelo, Tex., the convention's president, and B. J. Martin of Pasadena, Tex., chairman of the Texas Baptist Executive Board.

"Aggravating responsibilities are in our President's hands, on his shoulders," said Patterson. "He needs wisdom above his own, guidance beyond that of his advisors...and the knowledge that good people whom he may never know prayerfully share his burden."

Patterson expressed the hope that churches across the state and nation, regardless of their denomination, will join in a "massive ministry of prayer directed to our mighty God."

In the letter to the pastors, the leaders urged the members to pray for the nation and "the peoples of other lands who are hurt and hopeless, bewildered and burdened, bereaved and banished."

"All need our prayers and the power and comfort and regeneration which comes from God alone," they said.

The letter also called for prayer for "our people, our men in battle areas, our youth about to be called to war, our children pulled and torn and spent by rivalries of reason and modern society."

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**Alabama Layman Dies  
Praying For Evangelism**

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BIRMINGHAM (BP)--A 71-year-old Baptist layman from Linden, Ala., died in his motel room, stricken by a heart attack while he was praying for the success of the Alabama Baptist Evangelism Conference here.

J. C. (Chris) Ray was praying with James Jenkins, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Bethel Baptist Association (Marengo County in West-Central Alabama) when he was stricken.

Ray, semi-retired, had been an agent for several years for a chain link fence firm. He had been program chairman of the Bethel Association Brotherhood for two years.

Born in Marengo County, Ray was married and had 10 children.

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### Atlanta College Elects Two To Key Positions

ATLANTA (BP)--The Trustees of Atlanta Baptist College have elected two key administrative leaders, both of them currently serving at Morehead State University, Morehead, Ky.

Kenneth E. Dawson will become vice president for academic affairs, in charge of recruiting a faculty for the proposed school. He is now dean of the School of Education at Morehead State University.

Marvin M. Cole will be director of student affairs, with major responsibilities for student recruitment at Atlanta Baptist College. He is dean of institutional operations at Morehead State.

The college has not yet selected a president. It's only staff member until the two Morehead men were elected had been Dick H. Hall Jr., pastor emeritus at First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.

Hall, however, resigned as vice president for development on Jan. 17 in protest of the vote of the Atlanta Baptist Association to approve federal funds for the school. Hall has since been elected southern regional director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, with offices in Decatur, Ga., a suburb of Atlanta.

The college hopes to open for classes in September with about 500 students. Four buildings have been completed at the 562-acre campus with freeway access.

Dawson is a Baptist deacon and Sunday School teacher who was educated at Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI), University of Virginia and University of Maryland.

He has been a professor at VPI, Maryland and the universities of North Dakota, West Virginia and Morehead. He also served from 1961-66 as executive secretary-treasurer of the American Industrial Arts Association in Washington.

Cole is a North Carolina native educated at Mars Hill Junior College, Maryland and Western Carolina College. He has taught at Western Carolina and spent three years as a special instructor in Pakistan on a U. S. government program.

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### Texas College Opposes Campus Demonstrations

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BROWNWOOD, Tex. (BP)--Howard Payne College (Baptist) trustees have endorsed a resolution calling for enrollment restrictions against young men and women who would create social unrest on the campus or in the community.

The resolution specifically prohibits hippies from attending the Baptist school, forbids the use of hallucinatory drugs or alcohol, and outlaws campus demonstrations.

The resolution had the "unanimous backing of the trustees and the school's administration, according to Howard Payne President Guy D. Newman and Board Chairman Allan R. Wisenbaker of Dallas.

The resolution states:

1. "We will permit neither hippies nor other bizarre personalities to enroll at our college; and should such develop subsequent to enrollment, they will be asked either to change their ways or withdraw;
2. "In no circumstances will any student or any other person affiliated with the college be permitted to use any kind of hallucinatory, habit forming, or harmful drugs or alcohol.
3. "We will not tolerate any individual or groups of individuals on this campus who advocate violence, demonstrations, or who participate in any movement that would, directly or indirectly, embarrass the President or the Congress of the United States, our Baptist constituency, alumni or friends.
4. "We propose to devote every energy toward creating in our classrooms, in our dormitories, on our campus... a vigorous moral and spiritual and intellectual environment."

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Dick Hall Elected  
To POAU Position

CINCINNATI, Ohio (BP)--Dick H. Hall Jr., former vice president for development of Atlanta Baptist College who resigned in protest over the school's decision to accept federal aid, has been elected southern regional director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU).

Hall, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga., was elected to the newly-created position by the executive committee of Americans United during the 20th National Conference on Church and State here. The election was retroactive to Feb. 1.

The new POAU executive will help organize local chapters of the national organization, work with young people interested in church-state affairs, and enlist financial support for the organization.

He has been national vice president of Americans United since 1960, and shared in presiding over the conference here with Louie D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta and national president of Americans United.

In his resignation as development officer for the proposed new Atlanta Baptist College, Hall said that he had supported the principle of separation of church and state through all of his ministry. "To be of further use to the college I would be compelled to compromise very deep convictions. This I cannot do."

Hall presided over a session in which a panel debated the question of tax exemptions for churches. Four of the five panelists advocated some form of exemption.

One of the advocates, Catholic layman William R. Schumacher of Cincinnati, also said he favored public financial assistance to parochial schools. He urged "reasonable men" to get together and work out solutions to assistance to parochial schools, observing that he felt the courts will never settle the issue.

At one point he told the group, "I gather from looking at your program you are going to be carrying on a dialogue among yourselves. You have nothing to lose by creating a little more dialogue with those with whom you differ."

Two executives of Americans United addressed the convention. Gioele Settembrini, director of church relations and youth, decried a new breed of clerics who have given up on God and are ambitious with other people's money.

He described the "new face" of clericalism as one with a big nose always in political affairs; shifty eyes, looking around for any means to get to a "justified" end; and many chins, grown fat from government handouts.

Glen Archer, executive director of POAU, lamented in his keynote address the blurring of the line separating church and state.

"A few politicians and churchmen, tipsy with the new wine of brotherhood, have involved the church and state in social welfare programs at public expense until the American public is beginning to wonder which is church and which is state."

He added, "A church, once it is caught in the eye of the church-state storm, may be destroyed forever. Its walls may not collapse, its program of activities may not be diminished; but it will be destroyed as a Church, that unique institution ordained of God to do a divine work no other institution can do."

While Archer was speaking, police were searching his hotel room after an anonymous phone call told the hotel that a bomb had been planted in Archer's room. The police, however, found no bomb, and most people at the conference knew nothing about it.

In addition to Hall and Newton, several other Southern Baptists participated. They were Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Nashville; R. G. Williams, pastor of Emanuel Baptist Church, Centerville, Ohio; and Harold G. Basden of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond.

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Plans Launched For  
Continental Congress

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SILVER SPRING, Md. (BP)--Plans were outlined here for a North American Continental Congress next fall in Washington D. C., as a launching pad for Baptist groups in North America to participate in the Crusade of the Americas evangelistic effort.

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Making the plans in joint session were an inter-racial, inter-Baptist committee from metropolitan Washington, and the steering committee of the Continental Congress.

About 250 persons from ten Baptist conventions in the United States and Canada were present for the all-day joint committee session.

The Continental Congress on Evangelism is scheduled for Oct. 10-13, 1968, at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington. About 2,500 persons from all the Baptist bodies participating in the 1969 Crusade of the Americas are expected to attend the invitational meeting.

James Windham, pastor of the First Baptist Church here and chairman of the local committee for the Continental Congress, said the Washington area committee "is fully structured and functioning." According to Windham, every Baptist body and convention in the greater Washington area is represented on the committee.

W. Wayne Dehoney, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., and the North American regional coordinator of the Crusade of the Americas, is chairman of the steering committee for the evangelism congress.

The specific format for the congress, according to Dehoney, will be a program featuring "the best in inspiration, information, motivation and technique" in evangelism. A special feature of the four-day meeting will be panel discussions and small group meetings, he said.

Speakers for the evangelism congress were not announced by the steering committee.

Chairman Dehoney told the joint committee that a "gigantic parade and rally has been proposed by the steering committee to climax the evangelism meeting."

He said that one of the "most exciting ideas" put forth for the meeting in the Capital City is that "Christians will walk out of the stained glass places of worship and march in the streets to say that 'Christ is the only hope.'" He emphasized that Baptists would not be marching "in protest and demonstration but as a witness."

"It would do me good," Dehoney continued, "as a somewhat reserved witness and pastor ...to get up enough courage to take up a sign saying 'Christ Is The Only Hope' and walk on the unprotected street and declare there what I so boldly declare in the protected pulpit."

Plans for the parade and rally on the final day of the Congress are not yet firm. There was some discussion between the local group and the steering committee as to the wisdom of Baptists promoting a parade in the Capital City.

Local committee chairman Windham explained to Baptist Press later that he could understand the feeling some people have against marches, but that the steering committee agreed at their meeting in Chicago last fall that a parade and rally would be an "essential" part of the impact of the Congress on the rest of the country and all of the Americas.

"The reason for this congress is to make an impact," he stressed. "It is supposed to be a helpful and constructive impact and not just a noise," he added.

Rallies and parades are planned for all the continental and hemispheric meetings of the Crusade of the Americas. The crusade planning committee has expressed the hope that such meetings will be held in every capital city in the western hemisphere.

During the day representatives from the various Baptist bodies reported on their plans for promoting the Crusade of the Americas. Plans for evangelism clinics, community rallies and state conferences are projected for the 1969 emphasis by nearly all the Baptist groups across the continent.

Dehoney announced that 18 million church members in 100,000 churches in 27 countries of the western hemisphere are now involved in plans for the crusade.

He described the effort as "the largest evangelistic enterprise ever attempted in the history of Christianity."

In addition to the Southern Baptist Convention, other Baptist groups represented at the planning meeting were:

Baptist Federation of Canada, Baptist General Conference, General Association of General Baptists, Michigan State Convention (American Baptist), North American Baptist General Conference, the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention of America, Ohio Baptist Convention (American Baptist), and the Seventh Day Baptist Convention.

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**GOLF MUSEUM CURATOR URGES SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK:** Burr Patchell, a hosiery mill representative who is also curator of a golf museum, is waging a nation-wide campaign to get the President to set aside a special week to honor Sunday School teachers throughout the nation. Patchell of Raleigh, N. C., says he feels that he owes a debt to Sunday School teachers for giving proper direction to his life. (BP)