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Returned Journeymen Share
Horrors of War At Seminary

By Bob Terry

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Vietnam, Israel, Jordan--three of the "hottest" spots on the face of the globe during 1967.

At The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, Missionary Journeymen who have just returned from these areas are bringing alive for their fellow students the horrors of war and its impact on the lives of individuals.

Fred Linkenhoker of Roanoke, Va., spent two years in Vietnam. Miss Jennie Mallow of Plainview, Tex., and Larry Keaton of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., spent similar periods of time in Jordan and Israel, respectively.

These three former Journeymen are joined at Southern Seminary by six other students who were among the first group to be appointed under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board program.

Linkenhoker taught English at the University of Dalat in Vietnam.

"In one of my classes," he recalled, "there was a boy whose father ran for election to a village office. The Viet Cong warned that if he won the election, his days would be numbered. The boy's father won, and two days later the VC came to the village and beheaded the man as an object lesson to the other villagers.

"Another of my students had a sister who taught school in Hue," the Journeyman continued. "Teachers are high on the Viet Cong list of people to eliminate. They want the people kept ignorant and superstitious. One day the VC came into her elementary classroom and slit her open like one would slit open a hog, right in front of the students.

"This is how the VC operate--on the basis of terror," the second year theology student emphasized. "They scare the villagers into cooperating with them."

On the other side of the globe, a different conflict was raging, the five-day June War between Israel and her Arab neighbors.

Miss Jennie Mallow was preparing to leave Jordan when the war broke. She viewed the fighting there first hand.

"There were some reports about Israelis bombing and strafing civilian areas but I don't know of this actually happening," the first year religious education student said. "Mostly the Israelis knew what targets they wanted and went after them. They were more interested in radar sights and airstrips than in civilians."

Miss Mallow continued, "The Jordanians were mostly scared. They were afraid of persecution like they experienced after the first war in 1948.

"In that war the Jordanians were driven from their homeland. That is a type of persecution which can not be overlooked," she said.

She recalled Jordanians asked again and again, "Don't you know how the Jews came in and took our land and forced us out?" Miss Mallow added, "The Jordanians can not understand why the United States recognized Israel to begin with."

The Israeli view of the war was presented by Larry Keaton. His two years were spent in a small village five miles from Tel-Aviv.

The first year theology student said, "The whole time I was there we were more or less expecting a war to start any day. It was really a relief to have the war over because tensions had been building for so long."

When asked about his personal feelings during the conflict, Keaton said, "I found myself proud of the way Israel tactically fought the war. I'd say I felt a certain loyalty to the Israelis."

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He continued, "We had been told back at the Foreign Mission Board to avoid becoming emotionally involved with the nation and to concentrate our loyalties on people as individuals. I tried, but I couldn't really do this," Keaton said.

"I don't think the war made me any less objective in my feelings toward the Jews; however."

Miss Mallow commented that while she felt no loyalty to the Egyptians or Syrians, she too felt a growing loyalty to the people with whom she worked, the Jordanians.

"When you really live with people, you become involved with all that is important to them," all the students agreed.

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Seminary Names Center
For President Naylor

FORT WORTH (BP)--The board of trustees for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, meeting in activities commemorating the seminary's 60th year and the current president's tenth year, voted to name the seminary's student center in honor of President Robert E. Naylor.

The \$1.2 million Robert E. Naylor Student Center was completed in March of 1965 and was designed to become "a seminary community center."

Naylor became acting president of the seminary in April of 1958 and president on Sept. 1 of that same year.

In other trustee action, a record \$2,357,045 budget for 1968-69 was adopted, and plans were presented for three building projects to be started, hopefully, in 1968---a children's building, a medical center, and a president's home.

In honoring the president on his tenth anniversary the trustees authorized a mission tour for Naylor and his wife to Indonesia, New Zealand, and Australia, and presented a set of golf clubs to both the president and his wife.

James E. Coggin, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church here and chairman of the trustees, made the presentations. Coggin also revealed a gift of silver candelabra and other pieces to be used in the student center made by Mrs. Bessie Fleming in honor of the Naylor's and her late husband, William Fleming, former seminary trustee chairman.

The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, H. Franklin Paschall of Nashville, paid tribute to Naylor and the seminary for the "outstanding contribution" made by both in fulfilling the task of theological education.

"We are living in a time when a lot of people have their feet firmly fixed in the air," said Paschall, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Nashville. "There is no stability.

"Yet if we have ever had a time when there was a need for something to be sure, it is now. That is, after all, the task of theological education---to give purpose and meaning to all else," Paschall said.

The presentations were made during a Monday night banquet to celebrate the two anniversaries. The theme was "Sixty and Ten," in honor of the seminary's 60th year and Naylor's tenth.

During the banquet, a trustee, a professor, and a student each gave reports on various aspects of the seminary's growth.

F. Howard Walsh, chairman of the building committee, reported on the steady growth in total assets and reviewed building construction. During the past 10 years, he said, three major buildings have received complete renovations, and numerous student housing projects have been added. Assets increased from \$11 million to almost \$19 million.

Professor William Hendricks reported that during the past 10 years, 36 faculty members had been added, the library has been increased from 144,000 to 384,164 volumes, and faculty salaries have been doubled.

Student Charles Wade reported an average student enrollment of 2,100 for the 10 years, with 4,353 graduates during the period, 222 of them receiving doctoral degrees.

The seminary, chartered on March 14, 1908 by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was an outgrowth of the theological department of Baylor University, Waco, Tex. Control of the seminary was given to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925.

Southwestern Seminary is the largest evangelical seminary in the world today, seminary officials said.

Vacation Bible Schools
Report 58,322 Converts

NASHVILLE (BP)--Vacation Bible Schools conducted in Southern Baptist churches during 1967 recorded 58,322 professions of faith and offerings of \$702,031, the SBC Sunday School Board reported here.

The number of professions showed a gain of 2,744 over 1966, and the offerings a gain of \$42,318.

The 30,601 schools (an increase of 253) had a total enrollment of 3,439,325 pupils, an increase of 50,401 over 1966.

Missouri showed the largest gain in both total schools and enrollment. An increase of 58 schools and an enrollment increase of 8,124 was reported over 1966 in Missouri.

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Texas Baptist PR
Group Elects Officers

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BROWNWOOD, Tex. (BP)--Taylor Henley, public relations director for Baptist Memorial Geriatrics Hospital in San Angelo, Tex., was elected president of the Texas Baptist Public Relations Association at its 11th annual workshop here.

Other officers were: president-elect (for 1969-70), Bob Havins, director of development and public relations, Howard Payne College, Brownwood; program vice president, Al Morgan, associate in public relations, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas; membership vice president, George Hine, public relations department, Howard Payne College, Brownwood; secretary-treasurer, Graham Ward, associate public relations director, Baylor University College of Medicine, Houston; and newsletter editor, Charles Richardson, associate in public relations, Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Dallas was selected as the 1969 meeting site. Dates were set for Feb. 24-26. Waco was named as the 1970 site.

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C O R R E C T I O N

On BP story mailed 2-23-68, headlined: "Debate Rages On Crusade Parade On Nation's Capital," please correct dates of Crusade of Americas Continental Congress in graph 5. Correct dates should be Oct. 10-13 instead of Oct. 12-14 as sent.

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